Independent Project Capstone Activity

Re-entry Action Plan for Service

Independent project participants are required to complete a capstone activity upon concluding their projects. One option for the capstone activity is the DukeEngage Re-entry Action Plan for Service. Students who return to campus with an interest in continued service related to the theme of their project should consider the Re-entry Action Plan for Service capstone. Students may design follow-up work on campus or with a partner in the Durham community.

The Duke University Community Service Center (CSC) has information on a wide variety of opportunities for community involvement. Most positions require a weekly commitment of 1-5 hours. Community partner organizations provide their own training and some require additional steps before scheduling volunteers. The CSC maintains a searchable database of opportunities and community partners you can become involved with at: [http://community.duke.edu/](http://community.duke.edu/).

Among signature programs run by the CSC, the America Reads/ America Counts tutoring program for elementary and middle school students within the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership Program is the most popular. It allows students to volunteer on a short- or long-term basis. Alternatively, you may choose to engage in service through any of the service-learning courses provided through the Program in Education. Available courses can be found at: [http://servicelearning.duke.edu/](http://servicelearning.duke.edu/).

Finally, together with your independent project mentor, you may choose to identify other service opportunities. Please note, your service plan should be pre-approved by DukeEngage before submitting your Capstone.

If you choose the Re-entry Action Plan for Service to fulfill your DukeEngage independent project capstone requirement, please submit your paper via email to DukeEngage (thomas.n.phillips@duke.edu) and to your project mentor prior to the deadline.

### DukeEngage Project Overview

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### Transitioning Back to Campus – Implementing a Plan

**Please provide a broad overview of the type of service you would like to be involved with at Duke or in the Durham community (ex: youth development, ESL instruction, refugee resettlement).**

**Why are you interested in service at Duke or in Durham?**

**What skills or experiences do you have to offer to a community partner?**

**What skills or experience would you like to gain through your service?**

**What have you done so far to prepare for your re-entry to Duke and your service continuation?**

**How might cultural, ethnic or linguistic differences affect your service and how might you address this? (if applicable)**

**How do you intend to support your service plan? Resources:**

1. **Duke University Community Service Center**
   - Contact: Domonique Redmond, Assistant Director for Programs
   - E-mail: dredmond@duke.edu
   - Phone: (919) 684-4377
   - Website: http://community.duke.edu

2. **Service-Learning Program**
   - Contact: Dane Emmerling, Assistant Director
   - E-mail: dane.emmerling@duke.edu
   - Phone: (919) 668-4134
   - Website: http://servicelearning.duke.edu/

3. **Duke Office of Durham and Regional Affairs (DARA)**
   - Contact: Channa Pickett, Senior Program Coordinator
   - E-mail: channa.pickett@duke.edu
   - Phone: (919) 684-6296
   - Website: http://community.duke.edu/index.php

4. **Center for Leadership Development and Social Action**
   - Contact: Katie Colleran, Associate Director
   - E-mail: katie.colleran@duke.edu
   - Phone: (919) 668-4764
   - Website: http://studentaffairs.duke.edu/ucae/about-us/teams/leadership-development-and-social-action

**Other service opportunity**: Provide a brief overview of the service opportunity you have identified. Make an appointment with your DukeEngage advisor to discuss your service plan.

Please include the following information:

Duke University or Durham liaison:

Community partner:

Nature of the service work:

- [ ] Identify a service opportunity through DOCE-Durham Programs
- [ ] Participate in America Reads/ America Counts
- [ ] Enroll in a Service-Learning Course
- [ ] Other (If you intend to create an “Other” service opportunity, please provide more information in the section below.)