

## Follow-up Experiences for DukeEngage Program Alumni in North Carolina and Beyond

Organization: Student U

**Organization Mission:** The mission of Student U is to empower students in the Durham Public Schools to own their education by developing the academic skills and personal well-being necessary to succeed in college and beyond.

As a result of structural racism, poverty and other systemic injustices, first generation college-bound students face significant personal and institutional obstacles to educational success. This situation prevents our community from reaching its full potential. We believe our students are powerful, and this power will help us realize a Durham where all students can succeed.

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**Brief Description of Possible Project(s) for a Brodhead Service Program:** 

Capturing the Joy of Summer Academy. Work with communications specialist to create a long video or short documentary capturing the essence of Summer Academy to be used for recruitment of teachers and students. Record classes and clubs, service days, college tours, field trips, Brilliance Bash, Olympic Day, Career Day, and other major events. Conduct interviews with students, teachers, and full-time staff about their experience with Student U and Summer Academy. The goal is to represent our community as empowered, leaders, and brilliant.

Telling the Story of Our Community. Work with communications specialist to create a documentary style video or short film that tells the story of a few students' journeys (at least one graduating HS student and one graduating college student); from before Student U to now. Our students and their families are the stars of Student U so this film should focus on student voice and their own story and supporting it with interviews from family members, peers, staff, and other community members. The goal would be to show how our students are traditional and non-traditional leaders and how that will have a ripple effect to achieve our vision of a Durham Where All Children Can Succeed.

Ideal Dates of Service (Brodhead Fellows commit to a minimum of five weeks of full-time service):

June - July 2018