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

| Describe your DukeEngage independent project (activities, schedule, collaborators). |  |
| If your project changed from your original plan, please explain these changes. |  |
| Describe community partner deliverables and your learning outcomes. |  |
| Please complete a **mini-SWOT analysis** on your DukeEngage independent project. | **Strengths:**  | **Weaknesses:** | **Opportunities:** | **Threats:** |
| Please discuss the project challenges you encountered and how you dealt with them. |  |
| Please share your lessons learned and how you might apply this learning to future service you are planning. |  |
### 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).

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<th>Why are you interested in service at Duke or in Durham?</th>
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<td>What skills or experiences do you have to offer to a community partner?</td>
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<td>What skills or experience would you like to gain through your service?</td>
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<td>What have you done so far to prepare for your re-entry to Duke and your service continuation?</td>
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<td>How might cultural, ethnic or linguistic differences affect your service and how might you address this? (if applicable)</td>
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**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](http://community.duke.edu)

2. **Service-Learning Program**
   - Contact: Kimmie Garner, Assistant Director
   - E-mail: kimberly.garner@duke.edu
   - Phone: (919) 668-4134
   - Website: [http://servicelearning.duke.edu/](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](http://community.duke.edu/index.php)

4. **Center for Leadership Development and Social Action**
   - Contact: Anna Lehnen, Associate Director, Student Engagement
   - E-mail: anna.lehnen@duke.edu
   - Phone: (919) 668-4764

**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.)