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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



# 2020-2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

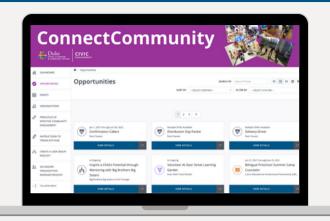
## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This past academic year was shaped by forces beyond Duke's campus, including a pandemic, political violence and social movements. While marked with loss and strife, the year also brought forth bright spots revealing new ways we can show up for one another on campus and in our communities. This Year in Review highlights the work of the past academic year, reflecting upon Duke Civic Engagement's ongoing collaborations, partnerships and shared work across campus and with community organizations.

While many exciting updates are included, of particular interest is the launch of ConnectCommunity, a platform for local nonprofits to share service and partnership opportunities with Duke students, faculty and staff. As we consider ways to better collaborate and connect people to resources, we look forward to the ways this platform can further facilitate connections to do good work well together. The year ahead will be different than any year before, we welcome the opportunity to be back on campus and working alongside one another again.

Jeslie Parkins

## **NEW INITIATIVES**



## ConnectCommunity

In February, Duke Civic Engagement launched the new <u>ConnectCommunity</u> platform to connect students, staff and faculty with community-identified engagement opportunities. The platform features volunteer opportunities with nearly 50 local organizations (and growing!) and can be filtered by interests.

### **Community Engaged Scholarship Collaborative**

The newly-launched <u>Community-Engaged Scholarship Collaborative</u> aims to cultivate a community of practice among faculty, students, staff and community partners to learn, share and actively apply best practices for community-engaged scholarship. This spring, 15 individuals were selected as Fellows and nine community-engaged projects received small grants through the Collaborative.

## **CONTINUING INITIATIVES**

## **Racial Equity Learning Arc**

Duke Civic Engagement hosted the third year of the <u>Racial Equity Learning Arc</u>, a six-session program facilitated by <u>The Equity Paradigm</u> and co-sponsored by the <u>Duke Human Rights Center at FHI</u>, which drew 40 staff and faculty from units across the university.

### **Annual Volunteer Fair**

In September, Duke Civic Engagement hosted

the 43rd annual (but first ever virtual) Volunteer Fair with over 30 local community partners. Check out the <u>recorded videos</u> from community partners.

## **Duke Partnership for Service**

Duke Civic Engagement continues to advise <u>Duke Partnership for Service</u>, an umbrella student organization dedicated to supporting a student body that is committed to ethical service, meaningful engagement and social justice.



## **NETWORKS**

### **Faculty Advisory Board**

The Faculty Advisory Board consists of representatives from schools and departments across campus and advises on key priorities. The board met four times throughout the academic year and focused on the development of the Community-Engaged Scholarship Collaborative to advance the practice of engaged scholarship at Duke.

## **University Council on Civic Engagement**

The University Council on Civic Engagement, composed of over 40 representatives from units and departments across campus, met eight times throughout the academic year to learn about and discuss timely topics.

## **COLLABORATIONS**

Duke Civic Engagement collaborated with colleagues within Duke and across the country to offer unique virtual programming.

• <u>Journeys Toward Justice</u>: A multi-college collaboration featuring changemakers across the country, offered in partnership with the <u>Pauli Murray Center for History</u> and Social Justice



- <u>Just Space</u>: A Duke Student Affairs initiative exploring the intersections of places, spaces and social justice at Duke and in Durham
- Anti-Racism Workshop Series: A 3-session series for students, facilitated by we are (working to extend anti-racist education) and co-sponsored by <u>Duke Service-Learning</u>, <u>NC LiteracyCorps</u>, <u>DHRC@FHI</u>, <u>Hart Leadership Program</u> and <u>Duke's TRHT Center</u>
- Social Impact Fellowships: A <u>Duke Career Center</u> initiative offering funding for community-based summer internships
- <u>Shaping Our Future</u>: An online deliberative democracy event organized by Stanford University with 35+ institutional partners, done in partnership with <u>Kenan</u> Institute for Ethics

## COMMUNICATIONS

#### **New Website**

As part of the Office of Durham and Community Affairs, Duke Civic Engagement has a new web presence at <u>community.duke.edu</u>. Explore partnerships, resources and opportunities through Civic Engagement and other Durham and Community Affairs units.

#### **Newsletters**

In addition to the biweekly <u>Amplify</u> newsletter for members of the Duke community, Duke Civic Engagement now offers a monthly message to community partners to share resources and opportunities for connection with Duke faculty, staff and students.



## **AWARDS**

Each year, Duke Civic Engagement recognizes one Duke student and one Duke employee for outstanding commitment to community engagement. In an especially challenging year, these individuals worked collaboratively with local organizers and nonprofits to build capacity and to strive for a more equitable community. Read more.

### Lars Lyon Volunteer Service Award

### Hannah McKnight (T'22)

Collaboration with Bull City Votes to provide transportation to the polls

## **Duke Employee Community Service Award**

#### Scott "Esko" Brummel (Duke Science and Society)

Collaboration with Farmer Foodshare through Root Causes to provide food deliveries to over 300 adult and pediatric patients and their households

BY
Racial Equity
Learning Arc
Participants

NUMBERS

40 30+

Community Partner Representatives at the Volunteer Fair 200+ 15,000+

Foundations of Engagement Workshop Participants Zoom hours spent building relationships, developing programs, and learning from members of our community

## **CONNECT WITH US**

In the coming year, we look forward to continuing our collaborations with partners across Duke and Durham. Reach out to us to explore ways we can work together!

- Workshops and trainings for communityengaged initiatives
- Community-identified engagement opportunities
- Co-sponsorship of events or programs
- Consultation and networking
- Identification of resources
- Professional development opportunities





