

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

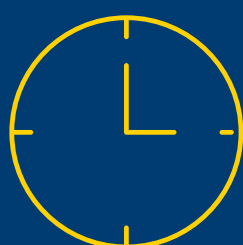


MISSION & VALUES

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) fosters collaborative leadership among students, faculty, staff, and community partners to discover transformative solutions and create equitable social change in the Rochester community and beyond. The University's Meliora Values are prevalent in all that we do.

FACULTY & STUDENT

Our efforts involved **41 faculty members** and nearly **1,000 students and recent graduates**.*



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We provided **205 hours** of training to support the learning, development, and effective community engagement of our program participants.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

Participants logged over **45,000 hours of engagement** in benefit of the community. Their efforts benefitted more than **16,000 individuals** and generated over **\$771,000** in cash and in-kind resources for the community.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

We managed **126 community partnerships** to develop mutually beneficial community engagement activities for students.*

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Total expenditures for the 2020-2021 fiscal year were over **\$1.1 million**. Nearly 66% of the expenses stemmed from external sources (grants, contracts, and cost-sharing arrangements).



2020-2021 Program Highlights



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING (C-EL)

CCE contributes to the College's tradition of innovative and experiential learning opportunities for students, both curricular and co-curricular. C-EL's 2020-2021 highlights included:

- **237 students** enrolled in community-engaged courses
- **20 courses and 14 faculty** funded by course operations grants
- **31 students** completed community-engagement seminar courses
- **12 graduating seniors** awarded the Certificate of Achievement

URBAN FELLOWS

Urban Fellows is a unique summer program that emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and fosters an appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life.

2020-2021 highlights included:

- The program celebrated its **20th anniversary** with a crowdfunding campaign and **raised more than \$8,500 in donations**
- Recruitment efforts yielded a **record-breaking 83 student applications**
- **16 students** completed the program, primarily in a virtual format
- Students served at **15 different community organizations**
- Students' service **benefitted over 5,000 different community members**



*includes duplicate involvement with multiple programs



ROCHESTER YOUTH YEAR

The Rochester Youth Year fellowship is an AmeriCorps VISTA program that engages and empowers recent graduates to strengthen the capacity of community organizations in an effort to alleviate poverty for youth and families in Rochester. 2020-2021 highlights included:

- **18 VISTA members** completed the year of service primarily in virtual format
- Mobilized **over 750 volunteers**, contributing to **nearly 14,000 hours of service**
- Helped to implement **antiracism programs for Girl Scouts of Western New York**
- **Helped City Roots Community Land Trust acquire 8 new properties** designed to tie together green urban spaces and affordable housing

LEARNING AND EXPLORING AT PLAY (LEAP)

LEAP engages UR undergraduate students in helping students in kindergarten through fourth grade to develop the language, literacy, math, and social skills necessary to succeed in school. LEAP is a free enrichment program for children from lower-income families.



2020-2021 highlights included:

- **29 partner children** maintained a 73% attendance rate for LEAP's 16 sessions
- **3,449 total hours of service** completed by undergraduate tutors and team leaders
- **25 playboxes of school supplies** were sent out to partner children



TRANSITION OPPORTUNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER (TOUR)

TOUR is an inclusive college experience at UR for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) ages 18-21. TOUR is made possible by a partnership between CCE and the Monroe Board of Cooperative Educational Services, District #1. 2020-2021 highlights included:

- **12 students** with IDD attended UR through TOUR
- **14 UR courses** were audited by TOUR students during the academic year

COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

CCE convenes the Committee for Political Engagement, a non-partisan, student-led group that encourages members of the campus community to be informed and active participants in the democratic process.

2020-2021 highlights included:

- Helped to institutionalize **voter registration on campus** by incorporating **TurboVote** as a standing section of all students' BlackBoard home pages
- Hosted events to heighten students' awareness of political issues, current affairs, and civic engagement including: **Debate Watch** parties, a **ROC the Vote** workshop, a screening of "**And She Could Be Next**", a **Art of Sanctions** virtual panel, and a **Meet the Candidates** virtual event



WILSON DAY OF ENGAGEMENT

Wilson Day is traditionally an annual day of community engagement for new and incoming University of Rochester students. In 2020-2021, events spanned the academic year. Highlights included:

- **265 students** attended the **15 signature events** CCE created for fall 2020
- For spring 2021, **developed a series of five Wilson Workshops:** Rochester 101, the 19th Ward and PLEX Neighborhoods, Redlining and Gentrification, Community Engagement 101, and Community Engagement for Leaders



BREAKING THE BUBBLE

Breaking the Bubble is a community conversation series spotlighting issues pertinent to both the University and the Rochester community. The series is approved to count toward the civic engagement component of the University's Medallion leadership program. 2020-2021 events included:

- "Promoting Voting Rights: From the 19th Amendment to the 2020 Election"
- "Becoming Better Neighbors: What Works, What Can Be Improved"
- "From Words to Action with Lentory Johnson"
- "Breaking the Bubble: Pursuing Black Liberation in Rochester"
- "In the Spirit of Mandela: Advancing Human Rights in the United States"

