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VOLUNTEERS

SERVICE HOURS

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PREVIOUS SERVICE EVENTS



FAHRENS PARK CLEAN UP

272 SERVICE HOURS

VOLUNTEERS



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THANK YOU BOBCATS FOR PARTICIPATING IN:

HALLOWEEN STREET BASH AT JOE HERB PARK WITH CITY OF MERCED PARKS AND REC.



ON 10/22/22

HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AT MERCED SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

ON 10/28/22



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ON 10/29/22





LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

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UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS



11/ 19/ 2022 9am - Noon In-Person registration at the CEC - KL 190 from 9 am - 4 pm starting Friday Nov. 4 until spots are filled (Transportation will be provided)

Words to the Wise

12/02/2022 2 PM - 5 PM GRAN 150

CREATE A HOL<mark>IDAY CARD F</mark>OR A FRIEND AT PARK ME<mark>RCED SEN</mark>IOR LIVING

> REGISTRATION COMING SOON! HTTPS://CEC.UCMERCED.EDU



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CATLIFE

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LEADING RCO ON CATLIFE

SERVICE HOURS:

KAPPA DELTA CHI

32 Reported Hours

TOTAL APPROVED CATLIFE HOURS: 2141

RCO'S REPRESENTED AT THE SERVICE

EVENTS: Public Health Society Phi Delta Epsilon CAB Kappa Delta Chi CollegeCorps Alpha Phi Omega UCM Cheer Sigma Theta Psi Fraternity Sorority Council



LEADING INDIVIDUAL ON CATLIFE SERVICE HOURS: ANGEL TECUAHUTZIN MUNIZ 1872 Reported Hours

CATLIFE CHALLENGE!

Ends on Nov. 30 at 11:59 PM 1st place individual - \$50 1st place RCO - Pizza Party Don't forget to add your service hours to CATLIFE!





THE COLLEGE COLESCO CORPS CORNER

OUR COLLEGECORPS AT UC MERCED PROGRAM AIMS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY BY ADDRESSING 3 FOCUS AREAS: FOOD INSECURITY, EDUCATION AND CLIMATE ACTION.OUR FELLOWS COMMIT TO SERVE 450 SERVICE HOURS, FROM AUGUST 2022 TO JUNE 2023, AT THEIR ASSIGNED HOST SITE. EACH MONTH WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING ONE OF OUR AMAZING HOST SITES AND THE IMPACTFUL WORK THEY DO IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU RESTORATIVE JUSTICE LEAGUE

Restorative justice league aims to aid the youth and dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline. The Restorative Justice League does this by addressing pre-established socio-economic and racial disparities.

PROGRAM AIMS TO:

- REPAIR HARM
- BUILD SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- INSURE YOUTH/ADULT ACCOUNTABILITY
- INCREASE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SAFETY
- DECREASE SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION
- ADDRESS COMMUNITY CRIMINALIZATION



*CaliforniansForAll College

OUR FELLOWS WORK ONE ON ONE, IN DIFFERENT COMMITTEES SO THAT STUDENTS CAN HAVE THEIR NEEDS MET ACCORDINGLY. WHETHER IT BE TO HELP STUDENTS WITH THEIR HOMEWORK, TALK ABOUT THEIR MENTAL/PHYSICAL HEALTH, OR TALK THROUGH FUTURE COLLEGE AND CAREER ENDEAVORS, OUR FELLOWS ARE THERE PROVIDING YOUTH TO YOUTH GUIDANCE AND ADVICE.

THANK YOU:

HOST SITE SUPERVISOR - ANDRE GRIGGS <u>RJL COLLEGECORPS FELLOWS -</u> KIMBERLY BARILLAS, TRACY VALLE, YASARI TRUJILLO-CISNEROS, STEPHANIE MONTIEL, KIMBERLY GARCIA GONZALEZ BLACK ALLIANCE SUPERVISOR: DR. MARIA MARTIN <u>BLACK ALLIANCE COLLEGECORPS FELLOWS -</u> CIERRA DANIELS, OYINKANSOLA AMAO, JOHN DUPREE, ADELINE NIBITANGA & SAMANTAH VELAZQUEZ

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BOBCAT SPOTLIGHT: JUSTIN NAIDU

In recognition for exceptional service and dedication in community engagement, the CEC is proud to highlight <u>Justin Naidu</u> and the work he has done to impact his community. He was recently published in the Stanford University Heath Policy webpage and we had the pleasure of interviewing him on his experience in community service.

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEAN TO YOU?

I BELIEVE THAT THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL AND HEALTH EQUITY AND TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE BY ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. COLLABORATION IS A KEY COMPONENT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS A TWO-WAY EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE THAT INCORPORATES THE PERSPECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE INSTITUTION.

YOU RECENTLY GOT PUBLISHED IN THE STANFORD HEALTH POLICY WEBPAGE. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE PROGRAM AND WHAT YOU LEARNED DURING YOUR TIME IN PALO ALTO?

I WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF NINE FROM AN APPLICANT POOL OF 600 TO TAKE PART IN THE STANFORD ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY AND DIVERSITY (AHEAD) RESEARCH PROGRAM. THE AHEAD PROGRAM OFFERS COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED BACKGROUNDS GUIDANCE AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN POPULATION HEALTH RESEARCH. THE AHEAD PROGRAM PROVIDED TRAINING IN R PROGRAMMING, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, RESEARCH DESIGN, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APPROACHES. THESE COURSES WERE TAUGHT BY STANFORD'S WONDERFUL PUBLIC HEALTH FACULTY MEMBERS. IN ADDITION TO THE CURRICULUM, I CONTRIBUTED TO A STUDY THAT EXAMINED THE KEY FACILITATORS AND BARRIERS TO CANCER CARE AMONG LATINX COMMUNITIES OF THE BAY AREA DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND WHAT WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PASS ACROSS?

FOR STUDENTS AT UC MERCED WHO WISH TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, MY BEST PIECE OF ADVICE IS TO ABSOLUTELY KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OPPORTUNITIES SHARED BY THE CEC. EVERY SEMESTER, THEY HAVE A TON OF DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED WITH! COMMUNITY RESEARCH & SERVICE (CRS) IS A MINOR OFFERED BY UC MERCED THAT GIVES STUDENTS MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND COMMUNITIES. I GAINED A GREAT DEAL OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH WHILE MINORING IN THIS. FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO RECOMMEND STUDENTS TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND WHILE WORKING ON COMMUNITY-ENGAGED INITIATIVES. YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED BY HOW MANY THINGS YOU AND THE COMMUNITY YOU'RE WORKING WITH HAVE IN COMMON!

NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

WANT US TO HIGHLIGHT A STUDENT, STAFF AND/OR FACULTY THAT EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER? SUBMIT THEIR NAME BY EMAILING US AT COMMUNITYSERVICE@UCMERCED.EDU.



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