Pirates Give: Fall Day of Service

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The ECU Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) and the Pirates Give committee is dedicated to cultivating a culture of service at ECU so that we can live out ECU’s motto of "servire" (to serve). We strive to inspire, empower, and influence positive change by serving others in Greenville and Pitt County. Each semester we offer two days of service. In the fall, we host Fall Day of Service and Make a Difference Day. In the spring, we recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service. Additionally, to finish off the school year, we have Earth Day of Service. Each day of service begins with a kick-off event and ends with a reflection ceremony; service takes place for about two hours in between. Students serve at local non-profit agencies and community partner sites. CLCE staff take care of lining up the service sites and students register using OrgSync. This is a great opportunity for students to volunteer in our community for the first time and to learn more about their community, outside of campus.

On August 25, 2018 the Pirates Give committee hosted Fall Day of Service. Students lined up to check-in for the kickoff at 9:30 AM that morning and received a snack bag to take with them to their service sites. Students then traveled to their community partner site to serve. About sixty students served at six different locations in our community, including: ENC Stop Human Trafficking NOW, FROGGS Shade Garden, Food Bank of Eastern NC, Greenville Community Garden, Habitat ReStore, and Ronald McDonald House. Students returned at 1:30 for a short reflection ceremony to help them better understand and reflect on the social issues related to their service sites. Students also received a Pirates Give t-shirt for participating in the first day of service!
Our next day of service is Make a Difference Day on October 27, 2018 from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM with the kick-off event being held in the Grand Room of the Health Sciences Student Center. Interested students and student groups can learn more by visiting the Pirates Give portal in OrgSync. Students interested in taking service to the next step can apply to join the Pirates Give Leadership Team. Applications can be found on OrgSync under "forms" on the Pirates Give portal. Any questions related to Pirates Give and our days of service can be directed to Alex Dennis (dennisa15@ecu.edu), Assistant Director in the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement.