



Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs

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Mission

The Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs aims to educate members of the Lehman community on the importance of responsible citizenship through New Student Orientation, community development programs, service efforts, and an awareness of global issues impacting local communities.



"I Volunteer" Campaign, Fall 2014

Our Programs

Community Service-Learning

New Student Programs

CUNY Service Corps

Lehman L.I.F.E.

Pay it Forward Program



Welcome from the Director

Greetings,

At the Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs we believe that Community Service-Learning is an integral part of student success at Lehman College. Our amazing students, staff, and faculty partners promote positive social change and global citizenship by providing training and reflective experiential opportunities with diverse grassroots leaders and community partners all over the world. Research across the country supports Community Service-Learning as an innovative learning strategy, which facilitates meaningful connections to people and academics, leading to a higher success rate and persistence to graduation.

There are multiple opportunities to engage community partners, nonprofits, educators, students, and staff in service programs that promote social justice and civic responsibility. Please take the opportunity to learn more about our programs listed in this brochure. I encourage you to make a difference in the lives of our students by partnering with us for a service program, attending a fundraiser or making a personal donation to the Lehman L.I.F.E. fundraising campaign. Anyone can contribute to change!

Sincerely,

Amanda J. Dubois-Mwake
Director



Lehman L.I.F.E.
Pine Ridge,
South Dakota 2014



"Volunteering is my passion!"
Neralda Zuniga, Class of 2016



Community Service-Learning

Community Service-Learning promotes positive social change by providing reflective experiential opportunities with diverse community partners. Community Service-Learning is a method of teaching where students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized community service. There are three major components to Community Service-Learning:

Education	Service	Reflection
This form of learning emphasizes critical thinking and a heightened sense of awareness of community and societal issues, allowing for practical application of knowledge through service.	Students engage in community-based learning activities that meet an identified community need, usually designed in close partnership with a community organization.	Students have structured opportunities to reflect on their experience and how the service connects to course content, personal values and civic responsibility.

Source: Corporation for National and Community Service

Faculty & Community Partners Collaborations

We work with a number of organizations and grassroots leaders to support the mission of their programs. Faculty members work with community-based organizations to create a service experience that relates to the course of study. Academic and community partners interested in learning more about Community Service-Learning can contact our office at (347) 577-4020.



Pre-Volunteer and Reflection Workshops

Students participating in service opportunities are encouraged to attend our Pre-Volunteer and Reflection Workshops. During a Pre-Volunteer Workshop students receive a brief introduction to the Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs and the service programs available. At a Reflection Workshop students discuss their volunteer experiences and draw connections between the service activities and the community needs.



Short-Term Service Programs

Many students are balancing school, work, and family responsibilities, so we've made community service more accessible. Short-term service programs allow students to volunteer on a one-time basis. This may include serving meals at a soup kitchen, planting trees in a park, or participating in a walk to raise awareness about an important issue.

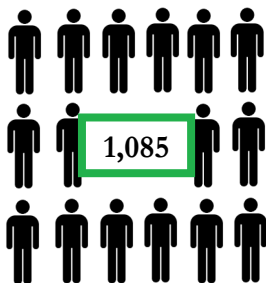


Ongoing Service Programs

For students who are interested in ongoing programs, where they can volunteer for a semester or academic school year, we offer a variety of opportunities with community partners. Students can visit our office to learn about these programs.

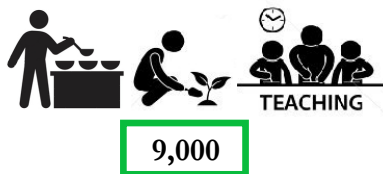


Lehman College supports the community!



Number of current
volunteers with

Community Engagement!



Average number of service
hours performed annually!



Amount of money saved
in community funding!

(Data Based on Academic Year: 2013—2014)

Volunteers Wanted!



To sign up for service programs, members of the Lehman community can visit our website. There you can review the list of ongoing and short-term service programs and complete our Register to Volunteer form.

[www.lehman.edu/student-affairs/
community-engagement](http://www.lehman.edu/student-affairs/community-engagement)



New Student Programs



Orientation Check-in



New Student Orientation

Orientation is held before each semester to help facilitate first year and transfer students transition into Lehman College. New Student Orientation provides opportunities to learn more about campus services and programs. During orientation students meet their peers, register for classes and ask questions about any aspect of the college.



Weeks of Welcome

Every Fall semester during the first six weeks of classes our office hosts Weeks of Welcome, a collaborative effort between the Division of Student Affairs and campus departments, to unite and welcome new and returning students. During Weeks of Welcome there are a variety of events including the Fall Semester Kick-Off, Community Engagement Fair, SGA Club Fair and many more fun activities. Weeks of Welcome is a great way for students to meet new people and learn about all the various resources available on campus.

Weeks of Welcome,
Fall 2014





CUNY Service Corps

The CUNY Service Corps gives students the chance to play a role in improving New York City's future — while gaining real-work experience and getting paid. By providing on-the-ground support to a wide range of nonprofit and civic endeavors, the CUNY Service Corps both increases the availability of valuable services to New Yorkers and enables CUNY students to become more engaged in their communities.

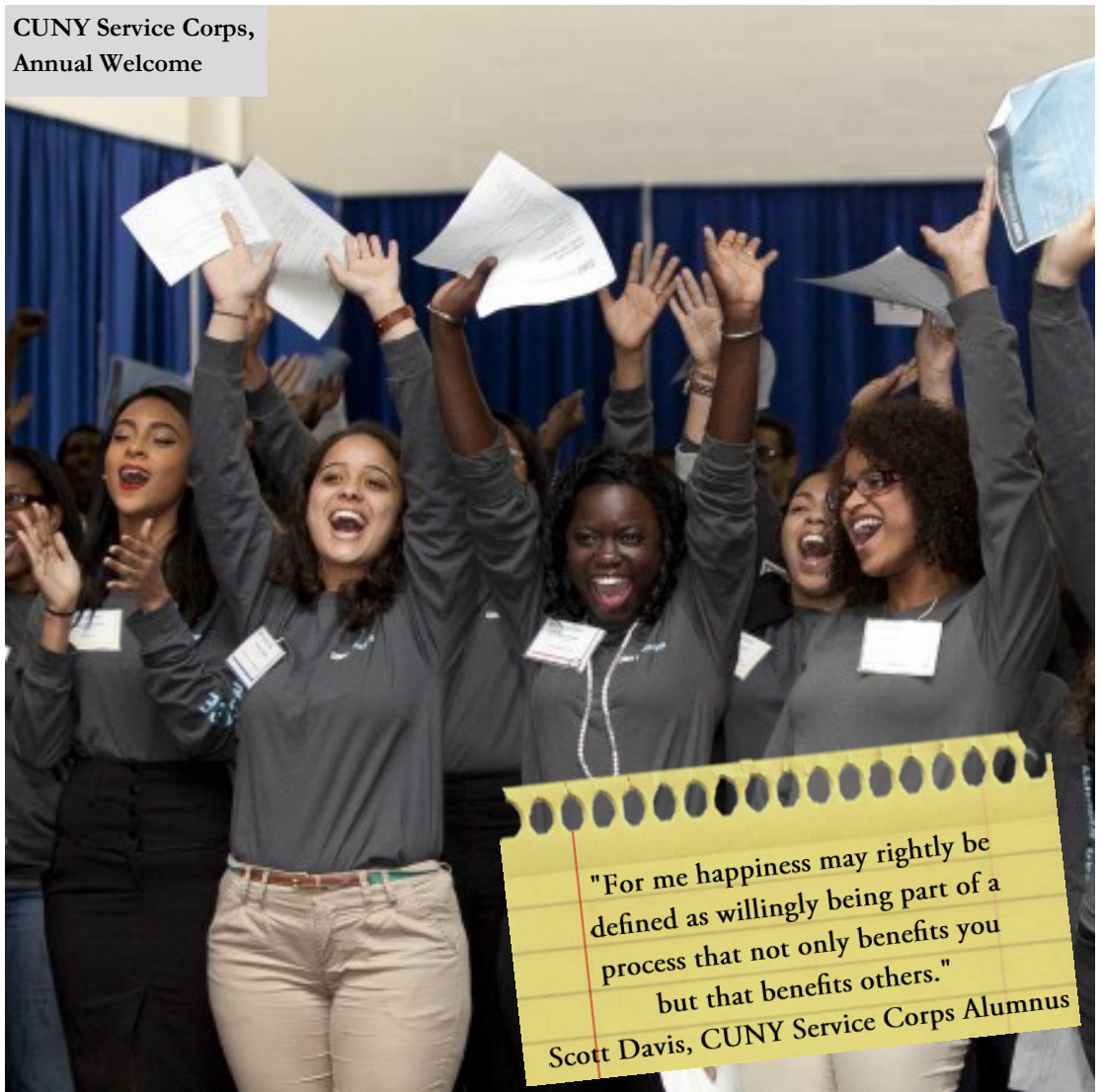
The program is organized around themes that represent both opportunity and need:

- ◆ **A Healthier City:** Corps members address important community and public health issues
- ◆ **A More Resilient and Greener City:** Corps members support projects related to improving the city's built and green infrastructure
- ◆ **A Better Educated City:** Corps members offer valuable academic supports to students of all ages
- ◆ **An Economically Stronger City:** Corps members focus on small business development, local budgeting, fundraising for nonprofits and community issues

Becoming a member:

- ◆ Full time undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply
- ◆ Students apply online in January & February to serve the following academic year
- ◆ All Service Corps members will undergo a training program before their placements begin
- ◆ Service Corps placements will last twenty-four weeks over two semesters; students will work 12 hours per week

CUNY Service Corps,
Annual Welcome

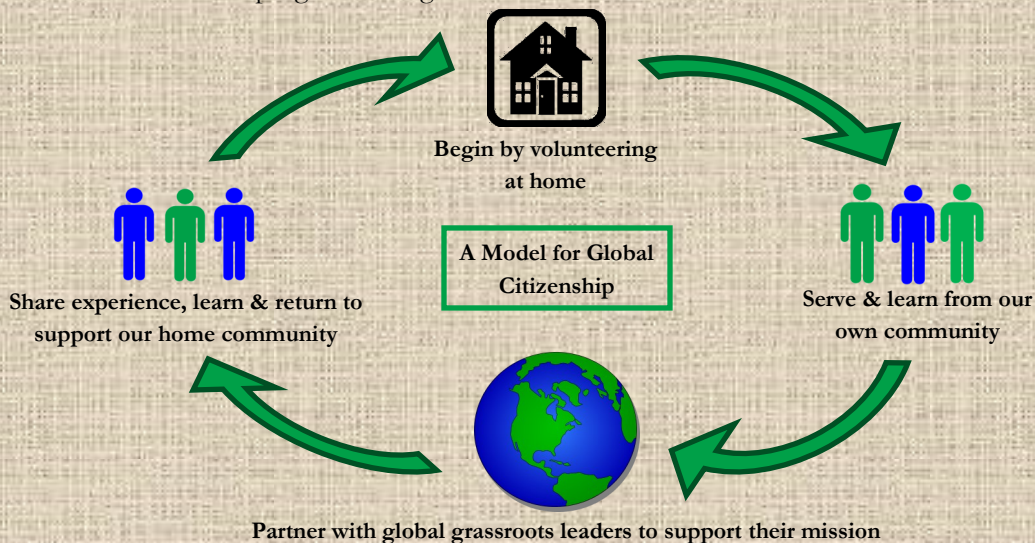


"For me happiness may rightly be defined as willingly being part of a process that not only benefits you but that benefits others."
Scott Davis, CUNY Service Corps Alumnus



Lehman L.I.F.E.

Lehman L.I.F.E. (Leaders Involved For Everyone) supports service opportunities for students by creating awareness of need in communities around the world and fostering action through volunteer work. The main goal is to increase awareness of issues affecting humanity from our campus to the global society. Students apply for admission into the program during the Fall Semester.



*Developed by Amanda J. Dubois-Mwake,
Director of the Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs*



Lehman L.I.F.E.

Selected students volunteer 25 hours locally and travel nationally or internationally to partner with nonprofit organizations and their leaders to assist in local community development. During their trip, students reflect each night on their experiences and how their lives and the lives of others have changed throughout their time volunteering. The expectation is that the cycle will continue as students bring their experiences back here to the Bronx and greater New York City area.

Lehman L.I.F.E.
South Africa 2012





Support our Lehman L.I.F.E. Students: Annual Global Citizenship Gala

Lehman L.I.F.E. students must raise 100% of their program fees, to do this students learn grassroots fundraising techniques and attend weekly community development training, all while balancing their academic and personal lives. To better support our Lehman L.I.F.E. students the Annual Global Citizenship Gala was created. Held every May, the gala helps fund the service trips of students as well as support the communities where they serve.



Annual Global Citizenship Gala, May 2014

(Starting from Left) Honoree Lenny Caro, Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Amanda Dubois-Mwake, Paul Chapman, and Honoree Suyapa Greenberg, ABC Carpet & Home



Recognition & Awards

Community Engagement Recognition Day is an annual ceremony that recognizes students' commitment to community engagement and global citizenship. We celebrate students that have completed service in the community and across the globe. We also recognize outstanding commitment to civic engagement by a student group and outstanding commitment to service by an Orientation Workshop Leader. The award for Excellence in Civic Engagement is presented to a student and a community partner.

Make a World of Difference with the Pay it Forward Program

The Pay it Forward Program allows students to reflect on service-learning experiences. Students attend a Pre-Volunteer Workshop, Reflection Workshop and participate in three service programs. Students keep track of their progress with the Pay it Forward Pass. Students that complete the program are recognized at our Community Engagement Recognition Day.

Start Now! Volunteers can remove this card to get started in the program.



THE PAY IT FORWARD PASS

Participate in 5 Service Programs in the academic year &

- Be entered to win a RAFFLE PRIZE at the end of the year!
- Receive a SPECIAL AWARD at Community Engagement Recognition Day!
- Get Inducted to President's Service Corps w/ 25 Additional Hours!



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THE PAY IT FORWARD PASS

Participate in 1 Pre-Volunteer Workshop, 3 Service Programs, & 1 Reflection Workshop in the academic year

- Be entered to win a RAFFLE PRIZE at the end of the year!
- Receive a SPECIAL AWARD at Civic Engagement Day!
- Get Inducted to President's Service Corps w/ 25 Additional Hours!

Each box **MUST** be signed off by a STAFF MEMBER of the Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs. *Only one program may be a "Crafts of Caring" project.

Visit our website to sign up for volunteer opportunities:
<http://www.lehman.edu/student-affairs/community-service.php>

Pre-
Volunteer
Workshop

Service #1

Service #2

Service #3

Reflection
Workshop