



# Critical Service-Learning Initiatives and Community Engagements



## Purpose

This project engages local and national stakeholders in discussions on critical service-learning and community engagement initiatives. It promotes sustainable ways for public schools, universities, and communities to collaborate in centering student learning and pedagogical practices. The project sponsored a national service learning conference, advisory board meetings, research roundtables, and local philanthropy programs. Together, these events highlight the value of addressing student achievement and community needs across K-16 contexts.

## Impact

A unique professional development partnership among the Columbus Education Association, Columbus City Schools, NEA, and Ohio State.

Through an Ohio State graduate course, we have trained over 80 CCS K-12 teachers across content areas to create and implement unique service-learning initiatives in classrooms and communities.

Over 6,000 students have participated in service learning experiences, many of whom have presented at national conferences, spoke to local audiences, developed grant writing skills, and engaged in student philanthropy.

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## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Education and  
Human Ecology  
Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
Columbus City Schools  
Columbus Education Association  
National Education Association  
NEA Foundation

## Community Partners Involved

Saint Stephen's Community House  
Grange Insurance Audubon Center  
Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Neighborhood House  
Greater Linden Development  
Corporation  
See Kids Dream/Penny Harvest  
Columbus Zoo  
Church of the Good Shepherd United  
Methodist Church  
Northside Community Center