





We work toward our vision that students will be engaged, lifelong leaders committed to positive change in the world.

The Leadership and Service Center is the premier space on campus offering a unique and collaborative environment for students to explore their own leadership development. Our mission is to equip students to positively impact their communities through involvement in student organizations, leadership development, service and civic engagement.





The Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic had an unprecedented global impact. Nonessential businesses closed, sporting events were cancelled, and many hospitals were overwhelmed with the rising number of COVID-19 patients. At the University of South Carolina (UofSC), President Caslen, in consultation with senior administrators and public health officials, cancelled classes the week after spring break and then instituted remote learning for students through the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester. This decision was made to protect the health, safety and welfare of the campus community. Virtual learning, physical distancing, and face coverings became key parts of an everchanging "new normal".

Despite the societal changes presented by COVID-19, UofSC students continued to serve their communities and adhere to the Carolinian Creed by demonstrating concern for others, their feelings, and their need for the conditions which support their work and development. UofSC and Clemson University students participated in a friendly competition to see which institution could produce the highest number of videos thanking essential

workers. UofSC faculty, staff, and alumni from across the country collectively mailed dozens of nonperishable items to campus to help students experiencing food insecurity. Pi Beta Phi Fraternity For Women delivered 4,232 books to underserved elementary schools in the Midlands. UofSC Class of 2020 graduate Lyric Swinton and incoming Student Government Vice President Hannah White raised \$3,575.22 during a 24-hour fundraising event that benefited the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for Students. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, UofSC students across the country maintained academic excellence while actively seeking opportunities to help others.

The 2019-2020 Community Service Annual Report is a testament to UofSC students' ongoing commitment to addressing community priorities and leading through service. The Leadership and Service Center staff will continue to collaborate with students during these uncertain times to ensure meaningful community-engaged work continues.

Forever to Thee
The Leadership and Service Center Staff

## **MEASURING SUCCESS**

The Community Service Annual Report not only represents community service initiatives from the LSC, it showcases community service from across campus. Self-reported data is collected from students, organizations, departments, colleges, and programs to represent UofSC's commitment to service. During 2019-2020, UofSC volunteers were involved in hands-on community service, philanthropic fundraising, communitybased research, service-learning and advocacy initiatives. FOUNTIC IMPaci \*Estimate based on 2019 value of national volunteer time at \$25.43 per hour (http://pointsoflight.org/ tools/volunteercalculator), as determined by the Independent Sector. Report statistics based on voluntary submissions from **UofSC** campus partners for the period of July 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.



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Education is a very important social issue that I've been able to address through my involvement with CECEY (Community Engaged Campus Experience for Youth). CECEY is a program through the Leadership and Service Center that is designed to introduce Title I elementary school students to college life and to increase their interest in pursuing higher education. Title I schools typically have many students of lowsocioeconomic backgrounds. I am very passionate about this issue because I also come from a lowincome family and have attended Title I schools. I was not provided the maximum level of education or opportunities as my peers from various other schools. It is my goal to not only educate students about college, but to inspire them to be successful despite the odds stacked against them.

> Daishanna Pearson Senior, Public Health



My favorite memory of service from this past year is from the alternative break I led in the fall. Our theme was environmentalism and as such we participated in a river cleanup with a local non-profit. The first leg of our clean-up was on the Waccamaw River in kayaks, hauling things out of the water or dragging them behind the kayaks. During this, we saw several alligators and were able to have tons of fun while cleaning up and learning from the guides!

McKenzee Chestnut Senior, Environmental Sciences



My favorite part about working in the Gamecock Pantry is just seeing all the different people from the Gamecock Community coming in. Seeing the joy and amazement on their faces when they hear about how long the Pantry has been available and seeing all the great foods that we have warms my heart. Knowing that working in the Pantry is helping someone have a meal or grab a snack that they may not have gotten is truly my favorite part.

Marvin Mitchell
Junior, Marketing and Management



Through this partnership, the environmental programs at Forest Heights have been able to flourish. No task was too dirty or small. The planting plots were built, help was there to harvest sweet potatoes, smiles on faces were priceless as USC volunteers found those sweet potatoes under the vines in the ground. Help with the Habitat Garden maintenance, along with helping to establish a Hummingbird Habitat over the past three years. It has been my pleasure to meet the most talented and committed young folks. The USC Leadership and Service Center deserves applause and recognition for their community service.

#### **Barbara Dire**

Science Lab Instructor
Forest Heights Elementary School

Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity always looks forward to the Service Saturdays coordinated by the Leadership and Service Center. The USC students that join us in building homes are always incredibly excited to get involved and our organization loves being able to connect with students who are passionate about our mission of affordable housing.

#### **April Epting**

Volunteer Coordinator Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity For at least 3 years now, the USC students have visited with the residents here at Pruitt Health of Blythewood. They have provided bingo games, carnivals, and craft projects primarily. The interaction with our seniors is priceless and they look forward when they see the groups from USC listed on the calendar because they know it's going to be fun. The organizational [LSC] staff who head up the community service opportunities have been prompt and helpful through emails and even thank you/holiday cards which you rarely receive anymore. I look forward to resuming services as soon as the restrictions are lifted related to COVID-19.

#### Amanda C. Gambrell, CTRS

Recreation Director
Pruitt Health of Blythewood

Friends of Harbison State Forest benefits greatly from the work efforts of student volunteers in the Service Saturday Program. With the help of students, we have maintained miles of trail, repaired damaged trails, and constructed new trails for the enjoyment of the many visitors of the forest. The work is always performed with enthusiasm and exuberance.

#### **Harry Mathis**

Volunteer Coordinator
Friends of Harbison State Forest

...Without question the single most productive force in shaping the arboretum has been the thousands of civic-minded student and faculty volunteers who have taken precious time out of their schedules to complete critical tasks, from laying mulch and weeding to testing groundwater and helping to establish new natural areas. Given the arboretum's limited staff and resources, these unheralded individuals have functioned as the lifeblood of the preserve, bringing not only their time and energy, but, crucially, a spirit of cooperation and wonder at the natural beauty contained within this pocket of urban wildness. The Covid-19 crisis has deprived the arboretum and its staff of the revivifying presence of the wider university community, but we are anxiously anticipating the time when we can again safely collaborate with the student body and the university's service organizations. "

#### Trey Franklin III

Director of the W. Gordon Belser Arboretum W. Gordon Belser Arboretum



## DANICA LEAPHART

## **Excellence in Service-Learning Student Award**

Recognizes students who have demonstrated significant academic growth and made meaningful contributions to their community partner agency.

## SOPHIA "SOPHIE" BERTRAND





## SALVATION ARMY OF THE MIDLANDS

## **Excellence in Service-Learning Community Partner Award**

Recognizes community agencies that have worked to support the University of South Carolina's service-learning and community engagement efforts.

### PRUITTHEALTH BLYTHEWOOD





## **Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow**

Recognizes a student who has demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

## REYLAN COOK

#### Willie L. Harriford Outstanding Service Award

Recognizes a student who actively seeks opportunities to address and serve the needs of the African American community as well as the Columbia community in its entirety like Willie L. Harriford did for the Richland County community.

## URIAH CHAPMAN





## ALEXIS VETACK

## Strom Thurmond/Steve Cannon Carolina Cares Award

Recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to the Carolina and surrounding area through community service.

# **BROOKE KOVACH**





#### Rosemary Broadway Memorial Scholarship

Recognizes a student who lives off-campus and is actively involved in community service.

## SARAH EUSTIS

## Outstanding Student Volunteer Award

Recognizes a student who has made an outstanding contribution to the community and university through service.

## BRANDI EVANS





## Outstanding Undergraduate Community Service Award

Recognizes a College of Nursing student who has displayed evidence of sustained community service either within a group or individually.

## KHAILA MARIE BURCHELL

## Martin Luther King Social Justice Award

Recognizes individuals who have exemplified the philosophies of Dr. King through random or ongoing acts of community service, social justice or racial reconciliation.

## **KYANNA SAMUEL**





ALPHA GAMMA DELTA



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.





DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.



## **Excellence in Community Engagement Award**

Recognizes fraternities and sororities that display an ongoing commitment to service, philanthropy and campus/community partnerships.



GAMMA PHI BETA



KAPPA DELTA CHI SORORITY, INC.





PI BETA PHI





CAM TRINGALI
BASEBALL



ANNA VEST SOFTBALL





BRIANA RECKLING WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD



## **Southeastern Conference Community Service Team**

Recognizes student-athletes from each school who give back to their community through superior service efforts.



WILL RIGGS
MEN'S SWIMMING
& DIVING



MEGAN JONES
WOMEN'S SWIMMING
& DIVING





BEAU PELLETIER MEN'S TENNIS





SILVIA
CHINELLATO
WOMEN'S TENNIS



NATHAN NELSON MEN'S BASKETBALL





MADELYNNE HERLOCKER EQUESTRIAN



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JACK PARROT MEN'S GOLF



COURTNEY KOEHLER VOLLEYBALL

RYAN GAREIS WOMEN'S SOCCER





## **Educational Foundation Outstanding Service Award**

Recognizes a faculty member who has an exemplary record of public service outside the university, and/or service within the university on the campus-wide level.

# DR. MINUETTE FLOYD

# LEADUATION WITHON INCTION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning provides students with the opportunity to pursue Graduation with Leadership Distinction in five pathways: Community Service, Diversity and Social Advocacy, Global Learning, Professional and Civic Engagement and Research. The Community Service pathway emphasizes the transformative experience that occurs when students gain real-world experience by working directly with others in service leadership. This year, the following students earned Graduation with Leadership Distinction in Community Service:

Madison Bessonny Jillian Catalano Ella (Reid) Davis Mariam Dawoud Julia Derrick Abigail Donato Brandi Evans Madison Gillespie Kirsten Hartz Allison Heefner Kathleen Hill Amanda Leslie Nicholas Magro Dorian Modly Molly Morgan Ajay Patel Ansley Santos

Alexis Bambach

Marinna Smith
Troi' (Alexis) Williams
Rachael Wolfram
Jackson Yow



## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the participating offices, programs, and organizations whose service is included in this year's Annual Report:

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

Incorporated

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Xi Delta

Alternative Breaks

Association of Transfer Students

**Best Buddies** 

Beta Beta Beta

Black Medical Student Association

Brothers of Nubian Descent

Capstone Scholars

Center for Integrative and

Experiential Learning

Central South Carolina Habitat for

Humanity Campus Chapter

Chi Omega Fraternity

Chi Psi Fraternity

Circle K International

College of Nursing

Communities in Harmony

Community Engaged Campus

Experience for Youth (CECEY)

Community Service Ambassadors

Dance Marathon

Delta Delta Sorority

Delta Phi Omega Sorority Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Zeta Sorority

Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Foundation for Interntional Medical

Relief of Children

Fraternity and Sorority Life

Gamecock Pantry

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

Give a Dog a Bone

Habitat for Humanity Campus

Chapter

Impact Weekly

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Delta Sorority

Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity

National Association of Black

Journalists

National Society of Collegiate

Scholars

Neuroscience Club

Omega Phi Alpha National Service

Sorority

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Phi Kappa Tau

Phi Mu

Pi Beta Phi

Pi Kappa Alpha

Pillars Serves

Project VIDA

Public Health Society

Rotaract Club

SAVVY

Service Saturday

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Nu

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sustainable Carolina

Tau Sigma

Teaching Fellows Association

Theta Chi

Theta Delta Chi

Theta Tau

Together We Rise

Waverly Afterschool Program

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Tau Alpha



## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the participating nonprofit organizations who hosted UofSC student volunteers throughout the year:

153 Project Columbia

AC Moore Elementary School

Agape Hospice

Atria Forest Lake

Babcock Center

Birthright of Columbia

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands

and Kershaw County

Bright Horizons at USC

C.M. Tucker Jr. Nursing Care Center

Carolina Wildlife Center

Central South Carolina Habitat for

Humanity

City Year Inc

Columbia Bethlehem Community

Center

Communities In Schools of the

Midlands

Crescent Hospice

Environmentally Endangered Lands

Program (Merritt Island, FL)

EZE Farms

**Ezekiel Ministries** 

Food Recovery Network

Forest Heights Elementary School

Habersham House (Savannah, GA)

Hannah House

Harvest Hope Food Bank

Herbert A. Wood Elementary School

Homeless No More

Hyatt Park Elementary School

Keep the Midlands Beautiful

Krispy Kreme

Leeza's Care Connection

Logan Elementary School

Love for the Elderly

Meals on Wheels

Midlands Reading Consortium

National Multiple Sclerosis

Foundation

Oliver Gospel Mission

Palmetto Animal Assisted Life

Services (PAALS)

Palmetto Conservation Corps

Panera Bread

Pawmetto Lifeline

Peace Corps

PETSinc

Prisma Health

PruittHealth Blythewood

Randolph Cemetery

Reading Partners South Carolina

Richland School District One -

Volunteer Services

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Salvation Army (Savannah, GA)

For more information on how to contribute to future reports, contact the Leadership and Service Center at (803) 777-7130 or lsc@sc.edu.

Salvation Army of the Midlands

Sams House at Pine Island (Merritt Island, FL)

Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

South Carolina Autism Society

Special Olympics South Carolina

Sustainable Carolina

Sustainable Midlands

The Cooperative Ministry

The People's Pantry

Transitions Homeless Center

W. Gordon Belser Arboretum

Washington St. United Methodist

Church

Webber Elementary School

Whole Foods





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