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Service Learning

Service learning combines service to the community while approaching of what you are learning in a college course and makes course material more hands-on. Service learning is a wonderful opportunity to explore different career options, experience field interests, creates new relationships with others and develops your personality. A service learning program I participated in was Field Experience as being a student teacher. Being apart of this program gave me the opportunity to provide knowledge gain in supervised practices, evaluate and experience teacher and students reaction and gave me more drive to becoming a future educator.

During my thirty hour field experience at Valley Vista High School, I evaluated student and teacher interaction, how a well-managed classroom compared to a not so well-managed classroom and different teaching techniques. I was placed in two different classrooms, both classrooms were very different from each other; due to one being an honors upperclassmen class and the other one is a typical sophomore class. In the honors class, the students were a little more mature and advance students so the classroom ran smoothly. The teacher can start making jokes and get off topic, but once he is done the students get back to work. However, in the sophomore class students are disruptive and the teacher constantly reminds them to act their age. From each

of my mentor teachers I learned different teaching techniques or lesson plans that will help me in the future.

Service Learning is a great way to explore different career options and to learn more about yourself. Being apart of a service learning program, allowed me to experience my career path by gaining knowledge of my career option, evaluating teachers and student interaction, and learning more lessons plans and techniques for the future.

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Having been assigned a service learning project was extremely beneficial to myself as well as the community. The town of Waddell located thirty miles northwest of Phoenix has a population of roughly 11,000 people. Being a rural area surrounded by farmland, the people of Waddell use an irrigation system to water their lands. After declaring a major in Wildlife Management, it seemed ideal to choose a service learning project outdoors. My goal for this project was to not only enhance my personal development but also connect with the community and improve my civic skills.

The Waddell community depends solely on the irrigation system to water their lands. An irrigation system is when a controlled amount of water supply flows through canals to water the land. Living in Arizona, irrigation is crucial to the farmlands and residents who do not have water sprinkling systems due to the lack of rainfall. If the irrigation ditches are clogged, it prevents the water from flowing to the yards in need and overflows into the road. Rocks, dirt, debris, and plants constantly ends up in the canals.

For my service learning project, I opt for clearing out these canals in hopes to assist the community and the water flow. By doing so, I used a shovel, clippers, rake and chainsaw to dig out the canals and cut back the plants that were hanging down preventing the water to flower. This is not an easy job and can be extremely time consuming, however, the aftermath made it

worth it. Seeing how fast and clear the water flow was into the residents yards and neighboring farms was so rewarding. The farmers were able to water their crops without any blockage and the residents were able to fill their yards with water confidently knowing they were getting their money's worth.

The service learning project was helpful to the community and myself. It opened my eyes to what my surrounding neighbors go through to water their lands. We take for granted how easy water sprinkling systems are. I learned how beneficial irrigation systems are to the farmers and rural areas. If the canals are backed up, the community loses time, money and their lands suffer the consequences. I was happy to enhance personal development and also connect with the community and improve my civic skills. The people of Waddell were so kind and appreciative of the work I put into the canals, I will be sure to volunteer there again.

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Service learning Reflection

During my participation in the service learning project, I saw the world in a different perspective. In this world, people unite for a change or they simply do not. Another situation is that the principle of having faith is to embrace hope and a better life. A community can change the lives of others, or it can also unite by changing society's expectations. During this project, I learned that communities unite to help others, regardless of who the individual is.

To begin with, volunteering for Living United for a Change in Arizona quite surprised me. The day LUCHA met at the state capitol, the community met with their given legislators to talk about issues that need distinct solutions. For example, volunteers and I met with Representative Lorenzo Sierra, to talk about some issues that the minority community is facing currently. He eventually agreed to speak up for us, regardless of the obstacles he will face. Many of those individuals participating cared about the future of Arizona, especially those who are minorities. Also, we talked about two bills that were proposed by lucha. One was about Criminal Justice Reform and the other one was the Working Healthy Family Act. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend service at the Rock Church to complete my last hour of community service; however, It

was a fun experience helping with Christian club at Agua Fria High School, since they were on a pottery session with Aly, the youth coordinator, last Tuesday.

For the most part, volunteering for Lucha and the Rock Youth has impacted me in several aspects. If society does not unite for a good cause, what will society profit from? Even though there are many obstacles for society to achieve a change, unity is the principle in overcoming the hardships of a modernist-society standards. In a faith based organization, people welcome the individuals with open arms, and are willing to help the individuals in time of crisis. Overall, the Service Learning Project empowered me to be more involved in the community. Also, I got to meet different people, which is always the idealistic opportunity about life. If an opportunity is given at no cost, be wise and take the chance!

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Final Reflection

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room on Earth” Muhammad Ali.

Service learning provides students with opportunities to develop skills. These skills range from basic communication to career preparation. During my hours of service learning with both non-profit organizations I was able to help my community while also adding to my career growth.

When first asked to do the service learning project I was a little taken back. I thought to myself how could I possibly go out and do volunteer work, while also working a full time job and caring for three of my children. Reflecting back after now completing my hours I am very please, honored and accomplished with my work and effort. My hours were split between two non-profit organizations March of Dimes and American Heart Association. I was able to help with the March of babies of 2019, as well as put together many packages that would be given out to children for any AHA upcoming events. Given the opportunity to help out my community is a very accomplishing feeling. The work opportunity also allows me to have some volunteer work in medical organizations that my help with my future career of becoming a registered nurse.

Furthermore I do believe that having students do service learning hours as part of a requirement in college is a great idea. The opportunity allows for us to help out in our

community and grow as a person, while also helping with our career preparation. Viewing the service learning project as a great opportunity to learn and grow and be a positive role model in our community is a way to feel empowerment into getting out there and fulfilling the assignment.

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Service Learning Paper and Presentation

The most interesting thing that stood out the most was being able to volunteer at the Phoenix Children's Museum. Which is has a ton of obstacles, imagination, and fun that you are able to see from a child's perspective. Playing helps kids in there own way of being able to learn, make choices, and find new things on their own. A free space where they are able to make there own decisions, and to have a more connected bond with parents, and interact with other toddlers. With field trips, food areas, monthly themes where adults can interact themselves. Having different levels and sectional areas gives them so many options to choose from when trying to decide what to interact with. Being able to volunteer would be a great opportunity and would love to be able to see and show kids on how to think on their own, and make their decisions would be a great experience to see.

From what I had saw from photos and some feedback from this location it seems like families love coming here to be able to interact with their kids more. Having a blown out "grocery store" so they can experience in, or a jungle/climbing area for them as well, and a painting/arts and crafts were they can get dirty and messy. There are so many other things, and again this is something i would still look into in the future to be able to help, teach, and interact with both parents and kids.

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Service Learning Project

Let me start off by saying, I really enjoyed my time volunteering at St. Mary's food bank. It was great giving by to my community and felt really good knowing that I was making a difference in a child's life. I was even able to connect with my fellow volunteers and have some good conversation with them as well. Once my work schedule switches back to 4 days out of the week I would love to dedicate a part of my weekday off to volunteering at the food bank again. That being said, there were a couple of things I learned while volunteering.

The first thing I learned was that there was a high demand for the lunches that were given to children whose families could not afford to make lunches of their own. During my time at the food bank, we had an assembly line set up where each person either aided in making sandwiches or adding condiments/ snacks to each lunch sack. We volunteers made hundreds of lunches that were sent out across the valley to charitable organizations such as the YMCA. I am very happy that we were able to feed so many kids, and it really felt like we were making a difference.

The second thing I learned was that there is a high demand for volunteers at the food bank. I first noticed this when signing up for the time slot I was going to volunteer in. There were many open positions that I had not been taking yet and when I arrived, there were only a

few volunteers that made it. I think that there is definitely a need for volunteers, and I want to take my friends and sisters with me the next time I volunteer so we have enough people there.

In the end, I found the service learning experience a very fulfilling one. Not only was I able to give back to my community, I enjoyed my time doing so. I learned that many kids rely on the food bank and it's volunteers in order to receive a healthy meal. I also learned that there is definitely a need for more volunteers in my community. In the future I hope to continue volunteering and hope to get a couple more volunteers in there to help our community.

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Service-Learning Paper

This semester I completed Service hours at Collier Elementary School in Avondale. I have worked at this school for the past 5 years and unfortunately, this will be my last year here. I got to complete my Service hours inside of the Behavior Support Program and I can't count how many lessons I have learned during this time.

I'll start with the fact that this job really taught me how to build relationships with people. Building relationships is one of the cornerstones of this program and it is incorporated into everything that we do. Working with the students in this program, you have to be able to build and maintain relationships with them. Building a relationship with the students shows them how much we actually care about them and that we aren't going to just walk away from them. I can honestly say that I am going to seriously miss getting to spend time with the kids in this program and getting to help them every day.

Working in this program also really revealed the passion that I have for special education and specifically students with behavior needs. I have seen a large range of behaviors and some of them can be really shocking, especially when a younger student displays behavior that is similar to a much older student. However, that does not take away my desire to work with them and help them work through their problems with words instead of their fists. I can't wait for the day that I am able to teach in a program like this full time.

The last thing that I learned from working in this program is how important self-care is. This job can be so stressful and take up so much time that it's easy to fall behind in classwork and let yourself get caught up in any other thing that could be going on around you. I need to remember to take care of myself first because I'm not going to be of good use to anyone if I am constantly burned out.

I can't thank this job enough for everything that it has taught me over the years, and I am excited to apply all of these lessons outside of this program throughout the future. Ultimately, we learn something from every interaction we have and I think that even with all of the crazy, stressful, negative events that have happened, they are all significantly overshadowed by the laughter and the smiles that I will remember long after I have left this place.

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When I saw that we would be required to volunteer at an agency, I was excited but had questions. I was worried about how I would find time with my busy schedule, and how that project was at all related to writing. With the first question answered and my parental obligations sorted, I volunteered at The Sierra Club. It was amongst the little chats I had with the women at the Grand Canyon Chapter that I figured out how writing and language are related to hands-on learning.

From my time with the women running the Grand Canyon Chapter, I have learned that in order to convince people to care about issues that you believe are important you have to be able to relate to them. What better way, then to know their lexicon. You have to learn the people's language, and what inspires them. Thinking about how language can unite people can come into play when writing grants for funding, writing newsletters to gain voters' support, and bringing knowledge to communities.

After I volunteered not only did I learn how important language is in the field of sustainability, but how even the smallest task, like applying stamps to thank you letters for supporters, plays a role in an active system. Much like in an essay where the correct punctuation and grammar aid the clarity of the writing, there are many hands at work at The Sierra Club making it possible for the agency to succeed.

Knowing how to appeal to a person's logic, as well as emotions requires doing research, just like in writing. The Service Learning project gave me a good look into what a career in sustainability can look like, and the importance of communication in that field. I have learned to expand my language base by spending time with people. Furthermore, that even the small tasks have importance.