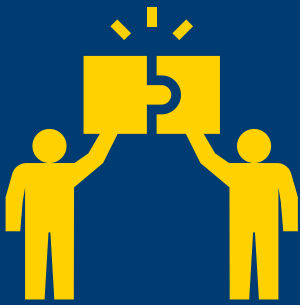


# CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



## MISSION & VALUES

The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) fosters collaborative leadership among students, faculty, staff, and community partners to discover transformative solutions and create equitable social change in the Rochester community and beyond. The University's Meliora Values are prevalent in all that we do.

## FACULTY & STUDENT

Our efforts involved **42 faculty members** and more than **1,000 students and recent graduates**.\*



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We provided **1,350 hours** of training to support the learning, development, and effective community engagement of our program participants.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTPUTS

Participants logged over **30,000 hours of engagement** in benefit of the community. Their efforts benefited more than **9,500 individuals** and generated more than **\$1 million** in cash and in-kind resources for the community.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

We managed **124 community partnerships** to develop mutually beneficial community engagement activities for students.\*

## FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Total expenditures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year were **over \$1.1 million**. Nearly 50% of the expenses stemmed from external sources (grants, contracts, and cost-sharing arrangements).



## 2023-2024 Program Highlights

### COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING

CCE contributes to the College's tradition of innovative and experiential learning opportunities for students, both curricular and co-curricular. Highlights included:

- **426 students** enrolled in **35 community-engaged courses**
- **24 faculty** directly supported by course operations and course development grants
- **4 graduating seniors and 1 underclassman** awarded the Certificate of Achievement



### ROCHESTER YOUTH YEAR

The Rochester Youth Year fellowship is an AmeriCorps VISTA program that engages and empowers recent graduates to strengthen the capacity of community organizations in an effort to alleviate poverty for youth and families in Rochester. 2023-2024 highlights included:

- **10 VISTA members** completed the year of service
- Contributed **over 20,000 hours of service**
- Completed **over 1,000 hours of training**
- Service benefited **over 4,000 community members**
- Generated **over \$900,000 worth of resources** for the community

\*includes duplicate involvement with multiple programs

## URBAN FELLOWS

Urban Fellows is a unique summer program that emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and fosters an appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life.

2023 highlights included:

- Recruitment efforts yielded **20 student applications from 4 diverse universities**
- **12 students** completed the program
- Students served at **12 different community organizations**
- Students' service **benefited over 5,000 different community members**



## LEARNING AND EXPLORING AT PLAY (LEAP)

LEAP engages UR undergraduate students in helping students in kindergarten through fourth grade to develop the language, literacy, math, and social skills necessary to succeed in school. LEAP is a free enrichment program for children from lower-income families.

2023-2024 highlights included:

- **20 partner children**
- **2,736 total hours of service** completed by undergraduate tutors and team leaders
- **19 undergraduate tutors and team leaders**
- Smooth transition to our new partner school, Allendale Columbia School



## TRANSITION OPPORTUNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER (TOUR)

TOUR is an inclusive college experience at UR for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) ages 18-21. TOUR is made possible by a partnership between CCE and the Monroe One Educational Services. 2023-2024 highlights included:

- **11 students** with IDD attended UR through TOUR
- **10 UR instructors** hosted TOUR students during the academic year



## COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

CCE convenes the Committee for Political Engagement, a non-partisan, student-led group that encourages members of the campus community to be informed and active participants in the democratic process.

2023-2024 highlights included:

- Prioritization of promoting the use of **TurboVote and voter registration on campus**
- Promoted **early voter registration** occurring at the Staybridge Hotel
- Hosted events to heighten students' awareness of political issues, current affairs, and civic engagement including: a **How To Vote by Mail workshop** with guests from the Monroe County Board of Elections, a joint **Voter Registration and Constitution Day** celebration event, a **Thanksgiving dinner political discussion** and a **Pretzel Day event incentivizing voter registration**



## WILSON DAY OF ENGAGEMENT

Wilson Day is an annual day of community engagement for new and incoming University of Rochester students. 2023-2024 highlights included:

- **628 students** attended Wilson Day of Engagement in fall 2023
- **57 diverse community organizations** registered and benefited from student volunteers
- Students spent **1,950 hours** total volunteering in the community
- More Wilson Day events occurred throughout the year, including several **Breaking the Bubble** community conversations and the **King For a Day** event celebrating Martin Luther King day



## BREAKING THE BUBBLE

Breaking the Bubble is a community conversation series spotlighting issues pertinent to both the University and the Rochester community. The series is approved to count toward the civic engagement component of the University's Medallion leadership program. 2023-2024 events included:

- "Building Community Through Rochester's Westside Market" featuring the managers of Westside Farmers Market
- "Cycling as Transportation in Rochester" featuring representatives from UR's Transportation Department and Reconnect Rochester, a nonprofit that champions for sustainable and accessible public transportation in Rochester

