CO-CURRICULAR SERVICE

Academic community engagement is emphasized at NKU, and includes service learning, internships, co-ops, capstone projects, practicum placements, applied research with community partners, and such discipline-specific placements as student teaching.

But at NKU, we believe in creating an ecosystem of engagement, so that a student has a variety of community engagement projects. Those include volunteering for nonprofits as part of their co-curricular (or non-academic) life. Much of this is accomplished through student organizations. There are 214 registered student organizations representing 8,500 students.

Some organizations have a standing relationship with a local or national nonprofit. One connects annually to raising funds for Alzheimer’s research, another for breast cancer treatment, and yet another for cancer research.

To build new relations, the Student Engagement office at NKU hosts an annual “speed dating” event for nonprofits to meet with student organizations and build partnerships.

A tracking system, NorseSync, allows students to report their service and to create a service resume. Students log nearly 8,000 hours of service per year.

SPRING INTO SERVICE

The Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement hosts this annual morning of service, during which about 100 NKU students fan out to service sites in and around our “hometown” of Highland Heights. Students prepare community gardens, clear walking trails, paint park benches, and more.

OUR GREEKS

Sororities and fraternities are campus leaders in co-curricular engagement, volunteering and raising funds for nonprofits. In 2015-2016, they contributed $127,800. Greek participation is a growth area for NKU, with 1,200 student members, up from 752 in 2011. This represents 12 percent of the NKU student population.

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