COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Outreach & Engagement is here to provide information on community engagement from inception to documentation.

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1. MAKE A DIFFERENCE
   Community engagement allows faculty and students to witness the impact their work and ideas might have on those beyond the classroom.

2. FOLLOW YOUR BLISS
   Create projects that speak to intellectual passions and service interests in ways traditional classes may not.

3. ATTRACT DRIVEN STUDENTS
   Target students pursuing graduate-level programs and some undergrad degrees who have unique life experiences and a commitment to their own learning.

4. STAND OUT
   Participate in collaborative, responsive, active learning that "does something" both in the classroom and in the world.

5. AVOID TEACHING IN A VACUUM
   Community partnerships provide rich contexts for teaching and learning and allow application of discipline-specific knowledge beyond the classroom.

6. IMPROVE TOWN-GOWN RELATIONS
   Working with community partners cannot help but blur the boundaries between campus and community.

7. PUBLISH IN NEW WAYS
   Community engagement is measured not only in hours, but is also celebrated for new knowledge created.

8. BECOME AN ONLINE TEACHING EXPERT
   In partnership with CIT, Outreach & Engagement offers training and customization of online tools and spaces for faculty interested in teaching online.

9. DIVERSIFY YOUR CV
   Community engagement might make a nice addition to your tenure and promotion materials.

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