VALLEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM
2016 COMMUNITY SERVICE
HIGHLIGHT
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STUDENT REFECTIONS
Hear the students talk about service in their own words

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
COMMUNITY SERVICE HIGHLIGHT: WHERE WE SERVED

Broadway High School & J. Frank Hillyard Middle Schools:
- Plains Area Daycare - The mission statement of Plains Area Daycare Center is to provide quality and affordable childcare for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children, birth though 12 years of age, in northern Rockingham County with a special emphasis on providing scholarship assistance to low income families. Valley Scholars painted the inside of the classrooms and cleaned out the shed for organization!

Stonewall Jackson High School & North Fork Middle Schools:
- Humane Society - Mission: To promote respect, compassion, education and advocacy resulting in a humane and sustainable environment for all animals.

Page and Luray High Schools and Middle Schools:
- Luray Elementary School & Shenandoah Elementary School & Montvue Health Care Center - At the elementary schools, Students worked with elementary school students, school projects and clean up to assist students, faculty and staff. At Montvue Health Care Center students played games, talked and had lunch with the residents.

Harrisonburg High School & Skyline Middle Schools:
- Hope Distributed - Through three distinct branches of operation, a Food Pantry, a Clothes Closet, and Home to Home, Hope Distributed is dedicated to supply food, clothing, and furniture to individuals and families that are struggling financially, have been displaced, or who have experienced a unexpected change in their life circumstances.

Waynesboro High School, Fort Defiance & Steward Middle Schools:
- Oak Grove Manor - Students visited with residents, played bingo and cards, listened to music, read stories, and brought their band instruments for an impromptu recital.

Robert E. Lee High School & Shelburne Middle Schools:
- Staunton Augusta SPCA - Students helped with landscaping improvements and visiting with animals.
"We chose this project because we wanted to help somebody in need. Some of the individuals we spent time with didn’t have any family or even hope. We had the opportunity to talk, play music, and make bird feeders." -- Kristin Rhodenizer, Fort Defiance High School

"Doing Community Service definitely taught me to help out more because there are some people in this world who are in need and the community also needs help too." - Citlalli Arteaga-Vazquez

"One thing I learned about myself is how much I love doing community service. Before we went I thought it was going to be boring, however, I realized that giving back to the town that treats me so well feels really good, and something I want to do more of. - Ana Juarez, Stonewall Jackson High School
"After the project, weeks later, many people asked me, 'How do you or how can you apply this to learning?' I said, 'You can't. There's no way. There's only one way it can be applied and that is love. You have to love yourself and love others to be able to offer time and respect.'" - Jasmine Carranza, Hillyard Middle School.

"This community service taught us to always help someone without expecting anything back. Since we helped paint rooms the daycare doesn't have to worry about paying someone to paint their walls for them. The satisfaction of knowing that I did something good for the community is good enough for me."
- Abraham Aponte, Hillyard Middle School
"Giving back to the community is the best thing a person can do. So many people do so many things for us and most of the time we don’t even realize it. Even if it is not everyday that we do community service any time and any amount of time counts. Giving back and just allowing people to know that you are there is what really matters." - Ayam Ali, Harrisonburg High School

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