



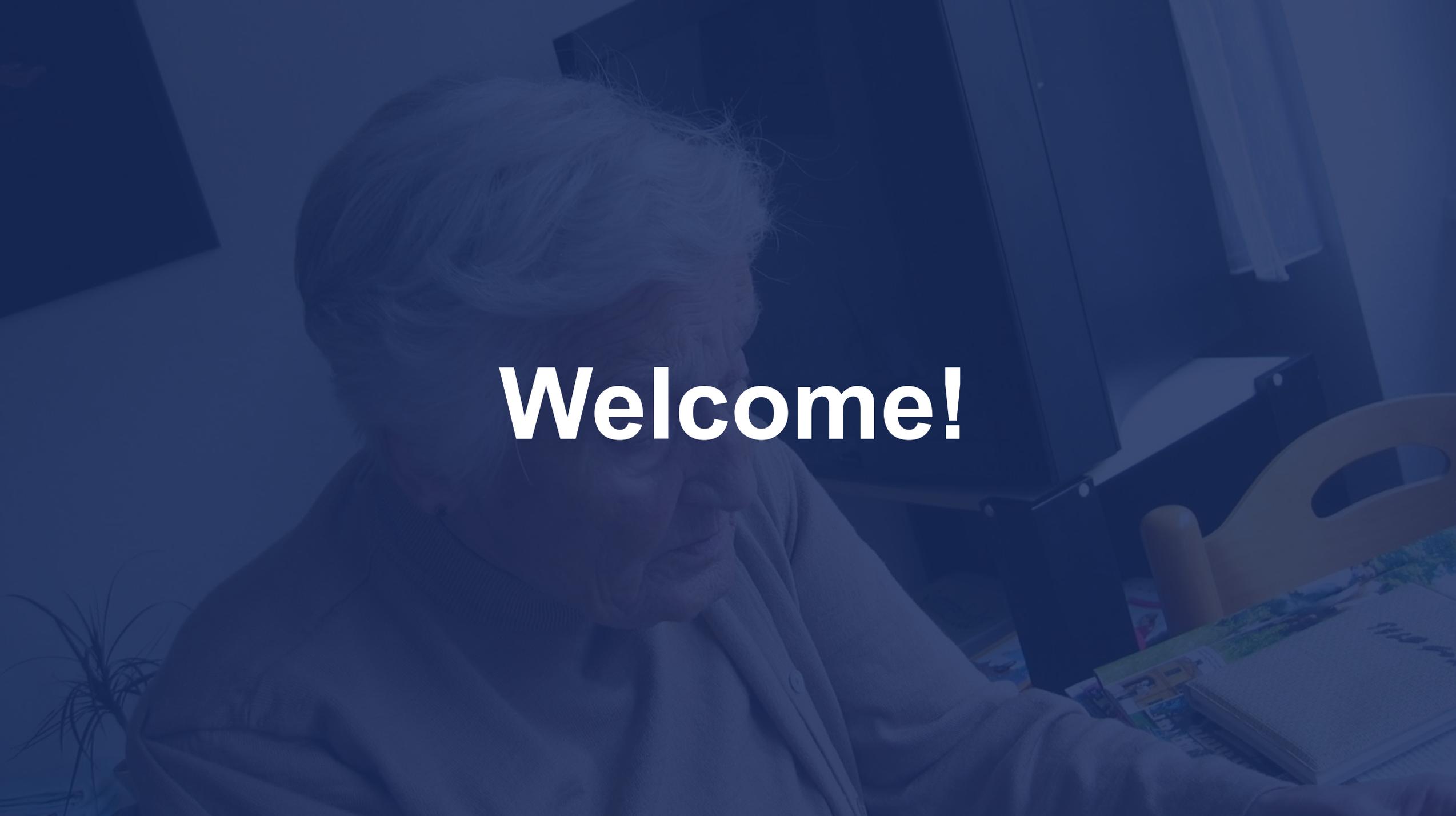
Information Session

Summer 2021

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A photograph of an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, wearing a light-colored cardigan. She is seated at a desk, looking down at an open book. The desk also holds a stack of papers and a small potted plant. The background shows a window with blinds and a dark cabinet. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Welcome!

CORE VALUES

IMPACT: We CU scholars are actively engaged in meeting community needs

EXPERIENCE: We CU scholars gain valuable hands-on experiences that build their skillsets and resumes

COMMUNITY: We CU scholars are connected with other like-minded students, supported by a strong community, and inspired by peers

A person is sitting at a wooden desk, looking at a laptop. The laptop screen shows a woman wearing a headset, suggesting a video call or a recording session. On the desk, there is a white coffee cup on a saucer, a small potted plant, and a camera with a lens cap. The person's hand is visible near the camera. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

4 Program Basics



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2. Trainings
and reflection

3. Mini grants
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What hours can I count towards recognition?

- Volunteer hours (unpaid) spent working on projects that address a social issue or community need
- Hours both for projects found through We CU or any other service you are doing
- Must track 40 hours (or more) in Givepulse

Sewing masks for our community



- Stefanie Kim taught 37 We CU Volunteers how to sew masks
- Using her mother's sewing machine, Kim sewed 400 masks herself.
- Partnered with **Carle and Krannert Center for the Performing Arts** to donate masks to **Family Advocacy, Urbana Neighborhood Connections, Crisis Nursery**, and directly to low-income families in CU.

Reducing isolation among seniors



- Volunteers worked with **Circle of Friends** to create a range of programs for isolated seniors and their caregivers
- We CU Scholars made activity packets and created exercise videos.
- Students wrote letters to isolated older adults living in nursing homes with **Letters Against Isolation**.

Supporting local businesses



- 3 We CU Scholars worked with **Champaign Center Partnership** to develop surveys for businesses
- 6 We CU Scholars worked with **Urbana Business Association** to create business listings, translate materials into Spanish and design a new website.

Not engagement

Students may not count:

- Paid work/internships, even if the work is for a non-profit
- Religious instruction
- Partisan political activity
- Tutoring, babysitting, etc. siblings/friends



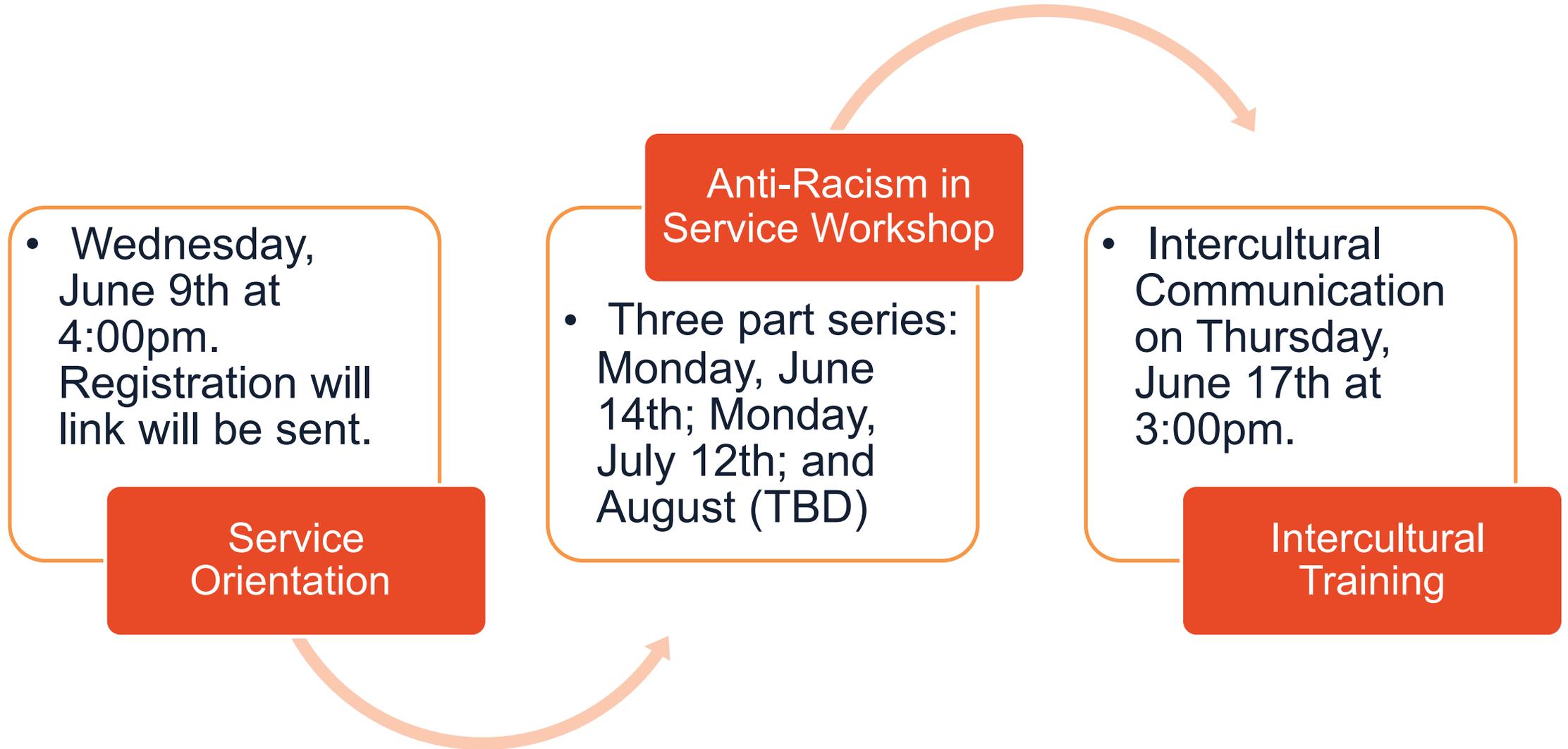
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We CU Learning Experiences and Trainings



We CU support

We CU Scholars can reach out to their team leader or a We CU Team member to:

- Reflect on the service done so far
- Get support for your current project
- Seek new opportunities (self-identified)
- Apply for a mini grant
- Ask questions about the program



We CU Team Office Hours

- Student support leaders will check in using short surveys and offer reflection opportunities
- Office Hours will be held by the We CU graduate student team members weekly
 - Offered on Zoom





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Eligible for mini grants

The mini grants program is intended to offset your costs associated with a service project, including:

- Printing and mailing supplies and postage
- Materials for projects that you will *not keep*: cloth for masks, plastic for 3-D printers, art supplies, etc.
- Training to improve a volunteer skillset
- Dissemination costs (e.g. conference and meeting fees)



Not eligible for mini grants

Mini grants will not cover:

- Student time
- Supplies that become personal property (e.g. printers, computers)



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2 kinds of service opportunities

1. Through We CU using Givepulse

2. Your own self-identified opportunities (e.g. locally, or with an RSO or student group)

Option 1: GivePulse

- Use the We CU GivePulse page to search for local CU opportunities
- Select opportunities that match your interests and skills
- Work in small teams or individually to complete projects



Optional: Serve as a We CU project leader

When selecting a project in GivePulse, you may choose to apply to be the team leader with the following responsibilities:

- Attend team leader training and support meetings
- Create a communication system for the students working on the project (e.g. Slack, GroupMe, Microsoft Teams)
- Email questions on behalf of group to the We CU Team and/or community partner
- Coordinate group meetings as needed through Doodle polls



Option 2: Self-identified opportunities

- Identify service opportunities with organizations in your home community or through an RSO
- Self-identified opportunities must be approved by the We CU team. We will provide a link in the weekly newsletter to a short form.
- Eg: Volunteering at Salt and Light or with your local library



Join We CU Today!



Program requirements

- Participate in an information session
- Join Givepulse** between June 7th and 28th
- Complete **trainings**
- Track 40 hours of service** in GivePulse by August 13th
- Complete **final reflection**



Registering on GivePulse

Enrollment Period June 7 - 28



<https://illinois.givepulse.com/group/392390-We-CU>



We CU

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 Private

You are attempting to view a private group.

Please log in or create an account to continue

Login

Create Account

Follow the GivePulse Link

Click on "Create Account"

➔ Sign up with NetID

Log in using your University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign username and password.

or

f Sign up with Facebook

G Sign up with Google

➔ Single Sign On (SSO)

or

First Name

Last Name

Zip or Postal Code

Email

Password

By checking Agree to Terms of Service, you agree to our [Terms](#) and that you have read our [Data Use Policy](#).

Click on “Sign up with NetID”

You will be prompted to complete 2-Factor Authentication

*Make sure to check “Agree to Terms of Service”

We CU evaluation

- Consent form is visible upon first login to GivePulse
- Please consider helping us evaluate the We CU program to ensure its continued support and improvement
- Your participation is voluntary and involves <20-minute pre- and post-surveys on GivePulse
- Participants will receive a professionally-designed summary of the results to share with potential employers. If you decide not to participate, you can go straight to GivePulse to view volunteer opportunities.



"Events" = Volunteer Opportunities



We CU

Manage 12

Welcome to the We CU GivePulse home page!

Add Impact



Emily Stone
Administrator

Contact



Katie Shumway
Administrator

Contact

Click on "Events" to find volunteer opportunities

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About

We CU Community Engaged Scholars: Addressing CU Community Needs during COVID-19

Summer 2020

Program Summary

Community engagement has more importance now than ever as organizations across our community are facing unprecedented challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The We CU 10-week summer scholars program empowers students to respond to these challenges. Scholars will be matched with community-based projects that can be completed remotely, track their service hours and activities, and receive training and support online. Participating students may apply for mini grants to offset costs associated with service activities. Students who complete at least 40 hours of service during the 10-week summer program will be recognized for this achievement with a We CU honor ceremony and certificate of completion.

We CU is a joint project of the Center for Social and Behavioral Science (CSBS), College of Education, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute (IHSI), School of Social Work, and Siebel Center for Design.

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A few people you will meet...





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Central Illinois Neuropsychological Services ...

Project Description: #3. Literature Review of the neurological effects of COVID-19.
Specific Skills: Ability to utilize journal articles th...

0 Remaining



Wed, Jan 27, 2021
Ends Fri, May 14, 2021

(Private - Group Only)

Click on events like this to register for events with community partners



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Self-Identified Service Projects

Please use this event to track any service hours completed on service opportunities not offered directly through We CU.

Many Remaining

Open Opportunity

(Private - Group Only)

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Click on this event to track service hours for independent projects



Self-Identified Service Projects



Open Opportunity

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About

Please use this event to track any service hours completed on service opportunities not offered directly through We CU.

Positions 960 Remaining

Causes

COVID-19 Arts & Culture Children & Youth Community Early Childhood Education Financial Assistance Food Insecurity, Hunger General Advocacy General Education Human Rights Leadership Development Legal Services Marginalized Populations Older Adults Opportunity Youth Poverty & Basic Needs Race & Ethnicity Research Social Justice Special Needs

Sustainable Development Goals



GivePulse

40 Positions Filled | 244 Impacts | 1,015 Hours

Register

Add Impact



Erin Budesheim

Administrator

Contact

Share With Friends



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Location: 901 W. University Avenue,



Click here to register as a volunteer for this event



Self-Identified Service Projects

Open Opportunity

When you click "Register," this page will appear to complete your registration

Who is registering? ▲



(You)

Erin Budesheim

Email: erinfb2@illinois.edu

Registration Status: Not Registered

Confirmation Date: --

Select one if you are part of a group? ▲

- N/A
- Select from my groups
- Browse groups
- Create new group on GivePulse

We CU - (Urbana, IL) - Organizer = Emily Stone

Just start typing. After 2 characters it will auto-complete. If your group exists, select it from the popup

Don't see your group or team listed? [Contact us](#) or [Create it now](#)

Liability waivers and release forms for you

* I agree to the Platform Liability Release Form

*Remember to agree to the Platform Liability Release Form

To indicate that you are part of a group (We CU), click "Browse groups," and type in "We CU"

Continue >

Event Registration page part 2

Complete for yourself

Please answer the next four questions if you are interested in becoming the team leader for this project. If you are not interested, indicate no on the first question.

Project team leaders have the following responsibilities:

- Create a communication system for the group of students working on the project (e.g. using Slack, GroupMe, Microsoft Teams)
- Email questions on behalf of the group to the We CU Team and/or community partner
- Coordinate group meetings as needed through Doodle polls

Which platforms are you comfortable using for communications? (select all that apply)

- Email
- Slack
- Microsoft Teams
- GroupMe
- Zoom calls
- Phone calls
- Other

Are you interested in being a team leader on this project?

Being a team leader requires prompt attention and responses to communications from the We CU team, community partners, and student volunteers on your project.

Which days of the week will you be able to respond to messages within 5 hours? (select all that apply)

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

Liability waivers and release forms for you

* I agree to the Platform Liability Release Form

Continue >

Answer the following questions if you are interested to become the team leader for this service opportunity

*Remember to agree to the Platform Liability Release Form

Click "Continue" to finish your registration



Self-Identified Service Projects

Open Opportunity

Hi Erin,

Thanks for registering! Please contact the organizer if you have further questions.

Registration Shared With:

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Share This Event!

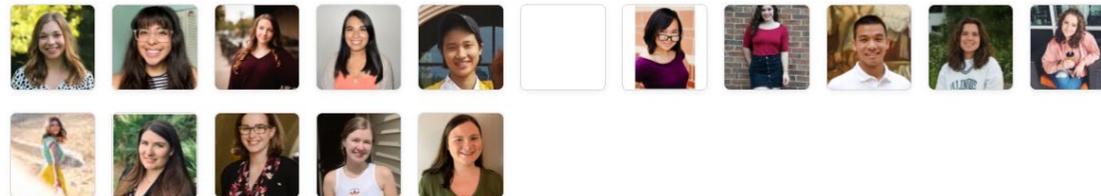
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Click to copy the link to your clipboard

Tweet Share Email

A few people you will meet...

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If you need to cancel your registration, you can do that here



Cancel Registration

Find more opportunities

View details

This is your registration confirmation!

You will also get a confirmation in your Illinois email

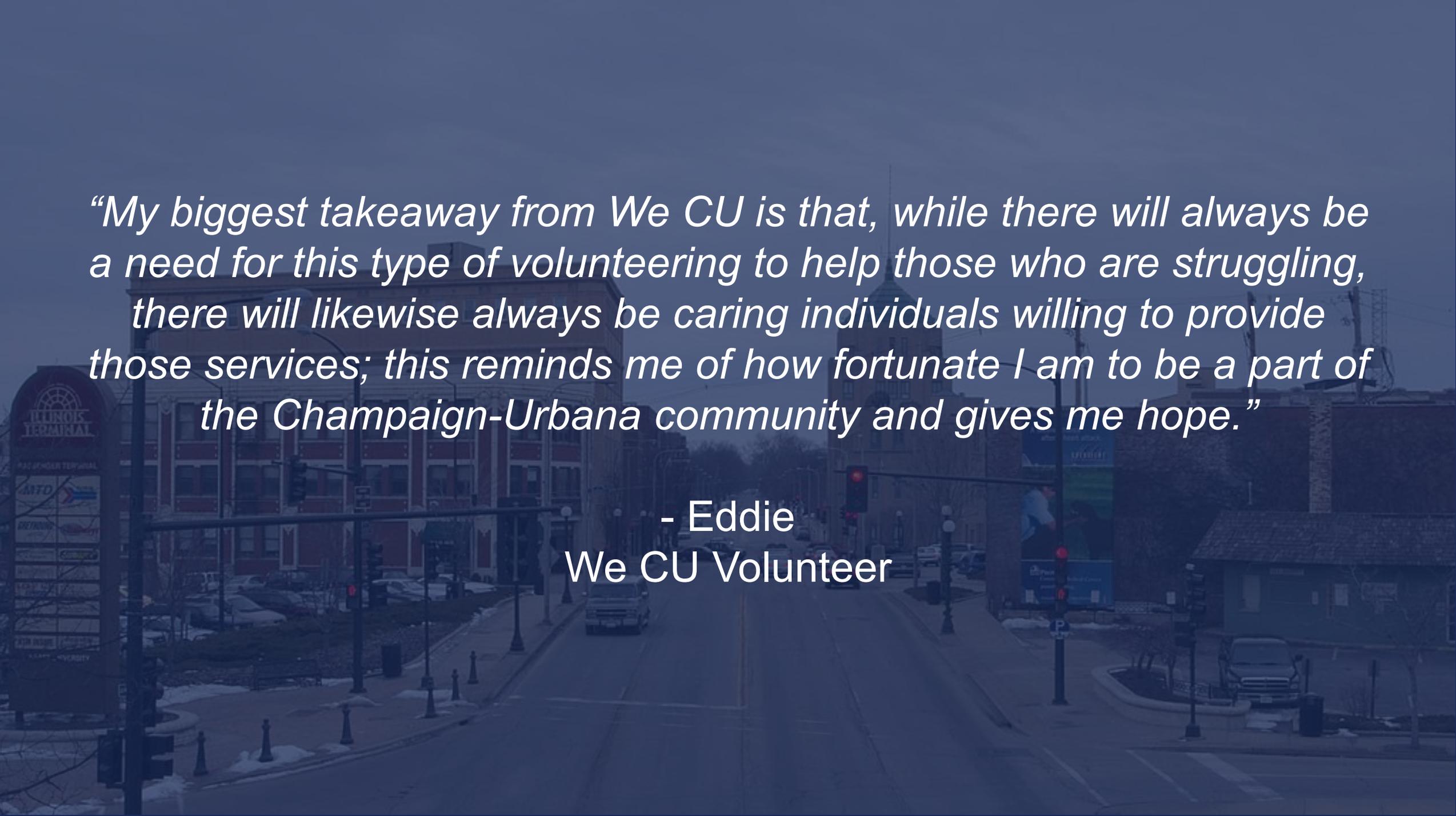
"Impacts" = Hours

Tracking service hours on GivePulse will be covered as part of the Volunteer Training scheduled for the first week of June.

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How do I begin?

- On **Monday, June 7th**, you will receive an email with a GivePulse [link](#) to join the **We CU group**
 - You will also receive the PDF of these slides and recording
 - Givepulse enrollment runs June 7-28 but join as soon as possible for the largest selection of projects.
 - If you are watching the recording of this session and you did not register for an information session, can find the Givepulse instructions at **go.illinois.edu/WeCUinfo**



“My biggest takeaway from We CU is that, while there will always be a need for this type of volunteering to help those who are struggling, there will likewise always be caring individuals willing to provide those services; this reminds me of how fortunate I am to be a part of the Champaign-Urbana community and gives me hope.”

- Eddie
We CU Volunteer

Be a part of the We CU scholar community and share your experiences

Follow us on:



- To create an interactive group of We CU scholars
- Get more information on past scholar stories and upcoming service opportunities, We CU trainings and other activities

Contact:
we-cu@illinois.edu

Any
Questions

FAQs

What do students receive as We CU Scholars?

- University support and distinct recognition for community service
- Eligibility for the mini grants program to offset costs associated with service activities
- Honor and certificate for their achievements during a ceremony at the end of the academic year
- Addition of We CU program and individual service activities to their resume/CV



What kinds of projects will scholars work on?

- A variety of new or existing community-based projects related to COVID-19 may qualify for the program
- Projects may address disease-related issues (e.g. students organizing to create masks)
- Projects may address issues related to the economy/isolation/remote work (e.g. phone calls to isolated seniors, managing social media content for an organization to improve messaging, translating materials into other languages)

Can scholars choose their own projects?

Yes! You can select a project in 3 ways:

1. Choose an opportunity on GivePulse
2. Identify your own opportunities with help from our staff
3. Run or take a training for the other We CU Scholars



Is there a formal application process for We CU?

No!

Once you have:

- Attended an information session
- Complete the We CU Promise
- Committed yourself to 20 hours of service this summer
- Registered a profile on GivePulse...

You are a We CU Scholar!



What if I already have a GivePulse account?

You can easily merge your GivePulse accounts!



Erin Budesheim

Merge Your Accounts

- Basic Info
- Additional Info
- Contact Info
- Emergency
- Education & Fellowship
- Boards & Commissions
- Research
- Causes & Skills
- Settings
- Requested Data
- Notifications
- Link to Facebook
- Change Password
- Merge Accounts**

Merge Accounts

If you have multiple GivePulse accounts, you can merge them by entering the email of other accounts here.

Steps

1. Make sure this is your main account
2. Enter the email of your other account
3. You will receive an email to that other account with instructions and next steps

What we merge

1. Activity
2. Memberships
3. Registrations
4. Comments
5. activities
6. Posts

Enter email address of account to merge over

Send Merge Accounts Email

* If you do not know (or have access) to the other account's email address, please contact us here.

On your profile,
you can click
“Merge
Accounts”

By entering the
email account
associated with
your other
GivePulse
accounts, you can
merge your
accounts under one
profile

Does We CU have costs that I will have to pay?

No!

The mini grants program is intended to pay for any costs associated with your service project (e.g. background checks, mailing costs, supplies etc.)



Which for-profit businesses count?

Hours spent volunteering with a locally owned small business may be counted for recognition

- *Locally-owned* = either local to Champaign County, or to the county where you are currently living in Illinois
- *Small business* = an independently owned and operated company that is limited in size and in revenue depending on the industry



How do I apply for the mini-grants programs?

- You will receive a link to submit your mini grant request via email
- The mini grant form requires the following information:
 - ✓ Project description
 - ✓ Materials or costs needed with a short justification about why these are needed for the project
 - ✓ The cost (itemized with links or receipts to validate)

Do I have to volunteer a certain number of hours each week?

No!

- Depending on the timeline for a community partner's project, you may work more hours one week vs. another week
- As long as you remain engaged and complete 20 hours by the end of the semester



Can I reach out to organizations in my community?

Yes!

- If you want to work with organizations in your home community, we encourage you to do so
- Must align with goals of the We CU Program (community engagement, COVID-19)
- We can work with you to develop an email to establish a relationship with a community organization
- You will track these hours as “Track Service Hours Here”



How many opportunities can I sign up for?

Starting June 7, please only sign up for one opportunity at a time

- This will help ensure all students will have the opportunity to serve our community partners
- We want to fully serve our community partners, so we suggest you complete a project before signing up for more opportunities
- New opportunities will be added throughout the semester, so don't worry about not having enough!



Can students who have graduated or are outside UIUC participate?

Unfortunately, no.

- This program is only for currently enrolled UIUC undergraduate and graduate students
- You are welcome to work with others (friends, peers, families, etc.), but only UIUC students can track hours as part of We CU and receive recognition



How will I know when more opportunities become available?

- You will receive weekly emails from the We CU team with updates
- Updates will include new volunteer opportunities, trainings that are available, winners of mini-grants, additional materials to support you throughout the program, etc.
- You are also encouraged to check the GivePulse page periodically to see if new events have been added or find additional volunteer events

What if all the opportunities fill up before I can register?

Don't worry!

- We hope that this will not happen, but remember new events are going to be added throughout the semester
- The We CU team will be working with community partners throughout the semester to cultivate opportunities to meet the needs of community organizations and We CU scholars
- Consider working on a self-identified project

What if I have time conflicts with opportunities or office hours?

Communicate with the We CU team!

- Some remote service opportunities may need you at certain times of the day—if you have time constraints, we can help you communicate that with community partners
- Many opportunities will not require you to work at certain hours, but rather may have deadlines for the project completion



What do you mean by research can count for service hours?

- Research projects may count as self-identified projects
- Must be related to COVID-19, community engagement, etc.
- Academic research projects and academic connections are cultivated by you, the student
- The We CU team will not match you with research labs/professors



Will I complete projects in a group or individually?

Both!

- Some projects created by community partners may require you to work with a group of other volunteers, whereas others may have you working individually
- If you identify a service project outside those found on GivePulse, you may do that individually or work with a group of other students
- How projects will be completed depends primarily on the needs of the organizations

