



Congratulations to all CCS high schools' student community service teams and project advisors for addressing important school and/or community needs. We encourage all students to continue "service above self" efforts throughout your lives to make the world a better place for everyone.
Best wishes.

**15th Annual
Student Service Above Self
High School Fair**

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Valley Dale Ballroom

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AGENDA

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
Project Exhibits - Balcony

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Luncheon Program – Ballroom
Commendations
Recognitions
Student Presentations
Scholarship Awards

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Columbus Rotary's annual Student Service Above Self High School Fair recognizes community service projects conducted by Columbus City Schools' students that reinforce Rotary's vision of effecting positive and enduring change in the lives of others.

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Founded in 1912 as the 38th club of Rotary International, Columbus Rotary has more than 300 members committed to:

- Conducting service programs in Columbus and around the world
- Fostering peace and goodwill
- Creating opportunities for professional networking and personal friendships

2018 projects

Beechcroft High School

Freshmen Fusion – Addressing multiple challenges of entering high school by “veteran students” working with freshmen to: form mentoring relationships; support success and character building through structured classroom visits; connect at social events to increase student engagement; and, promote positive school climate.

International Fair – Increasing understanding of ESL students, encouraging healthy ESL-non-ESL student relationships and interactions, and supporting the value of education by organizing and conducting a school-wide International Fair featuring displays of history, food, and various artifacts from the many countries represented at Beechcroft.

Briggs High School

Briggs Crew – Aiding Freshmen in making a successful transition to high school and having a positive year by linking upper-class students with small groups of 9th graders and stressing the importance of diligent school attendance, positive behavior, and academic success.

Ready to RoC (Read or Calculate) – Continuing to address Lindberg ES 3rd graders’ need for extra support by having trained Briggs students at Lindberg weekly to help build skills and confidence in reading and math, and adding help for struggling 5th graders.

What’s Your Inspiration – Observing that many fellow students seem to lack motivation and ambition, art class students created a variety of drawings with the theme “what inspires you?,” assembled them into collages, and posted them around the school to stimulate reflection and discussion.

Centennial High School

All Stars Shine – Continuing to support Special Olympics at its Winter State Aquatic Meet by the NHS including fellow students with multiple disabilities in volunteering at the Meet along with doing in-school projects designed to increase MD students’ interaction with other students for the benefit of all.

AXE Find Your Magic Initiative – Focusing on negative and outdated stereotypes about masculinity to reach young men and women with messages of confidence and individuality by working with John Legend and Carlos Andres Gomez to write and perform an original rap, poem and customized version of “Dare to Dream” in support of positive relationships.

The Green Team – Recognizing that environmental consciousness and action can be deepened by addressing massive school paper use, the team collected discarded paper daily from classrooms and the lunchroom and make sure it was put in proper recycling containers.

Columbus Africentric Early College

Helping the Hungry – Starting with three sophomores who recruited other students, the team served meals at food pantries and homeless shelters along with supporting other volunteers by stocking and organizing—all with the added mission of helping patrons feel respected.

Columbus Alternative High School

CAHS Against Sexual Violence – Continuing the CAHS ASV club to educate students about sexual violence and surrounding topics through regular meetings with speakers, open dialogue, and student-created informational posters placed around the school – all to empower students to speak out, resist, and foster safety.

Fusion – Partnering with east-side churches and others to design and provide a variety of positive, free activities for young people in the neighborhood that encourage productive use of time and energy so both the young people and neighborhood benefit in multiple ways.

She Can Make A Difference – Addressing stigma and other issues women and girls face due to skin color and body size through weekly meetings in multiple 5th grade classes to discuss self-love, empowerment and diversity, culminating in a retreat that provided opportunities for girls to interact with female role models in education, politics, STEM, arts, and more.

2018 projects

Columbus Downtown High School

Community Service Leaders – Creating learning games and holiday cards for children in foster care, raising money to make washcloth bunnies for children in homeless shelters, conducting a canned food drive for a local church, and working in the Linden Garden that provides education, food, and beautification.

Court's Preemie Foundation – Supporting preemie babies and parents through creation and operation of a Foundation devoted to helping families obtain items needed for preemie baby care and to educate families about the significant issue of infant mortality with guidance/input from physicians and other professionals.

NTHS Strive for Life – Capitalizing on National Technical Honor Society students' talents to help young people feel cared for during a difficult time by creating supportive cards for children in foster care, putting caring cards on water bottles for families at Ronald McDonald House, and baking cookies while interacting with families at RMH.

Columbus Global Academy

Building Better Readers – Increasing the reading fluency of CGA ESL students through a collaboration with a Maize ES teacher in which CGA students read to Maize kindergarten students to build their skills and provide a role-model experience for the students.

Helping Hands – Striving to help others as CGA students have been helped, a fund-raiser resulted in donating hats and gloves to Star House; and the team organized a CGA Clothing Closet for easier and better access to clothing, shoes, hats, etc. by fellow students in need.

Reading Manipulatives – Remembering the challenges of learning English when arriving in America, the team supported their teacher's work with new students by creating reading manipulatives like spelling flip charts and ABC flash cards for use by current and future students as they learn English and increase their confidence.

Columbus North International School

CNIS Clean Up Crew – Promoting school pride and safety while earning meaningful internship hours by reducing the amount of trash and food in various areas of the building along with supporting staff and custodians in this area.

Pull 4 The House – Supporting Ronald McDonald House's resident families by collecting and donating pop tabs to assist RMH in paying its electric bill, thus easing spending on non-service activities.

Weinland Park/Hubbard Helpers – Helping elementary school students increase reading and math skills and learn Chinese through mentoring activities.

Columbus Scioto 6-12

Choice Food Pantry – Providing a cost-free labor pool of volunteers to support as many south-side families as possible who need help obtaining essential food, while also gaining valuable experience for post-graduation logistics jobs that will enable self-sufficiency.

Clean Crew – Assisting a Columbus Schools' partner, the Columbus Fair Auto Auction, by helping CFAA make its facility as clean and appealing as possible before each auction, while also improving employment skills like communication, organization, confidence, pride in work, and more.

South Side Roots Cafe – Helping the Roots Café provide assistance to people in need by preparing food, cleaning the kitchen, stocking shelves, setting tables and more, while also developing job skills such as responsibility, punctuality, pride in work, and more.

2018 scholarships

Service Above Self High School Scholarships

Columbus City Schools' officials identified a senior in each high school who demonstrated the most significant volunteer service during their high school career. Those nominees were invited to apply for a Rotary scholarship. After interviews by Rotarians, these students have been awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

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| Alejandra Aguirre | Independence High School Judy Ann McGlaughlin Memorial Scholarship |
| Emily Boyer | Centennial High School Thomas J. Fitzpatrick Memorial Scholarship |
| Kiara Cobb | Columbus North International School J. Robinson McCormick Family Scholarship |
| Allayah Hughes | Eastmoor Academy Marjorie Otten Smith Memorial Scholarship |
| James Johnson, IV | Briggs High School Wal-Mart Community Service Scholarship |
| Jayla Lather | Marion-Franklin High School J. Robinson McCormick Family Scholarship |
| Kaile McDaniel | Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School Columbus Rotary Education Fund Scholarship |
| Hamidou Ndiaye | Walnut Ridge High School Columbus Rotary Education Fund Scholarship |
| Malcolm Neale | West High School Columbus Rotary Education Fund Scholarship |
| Jaida Russell | Columbus Africentric Early College Columbus Rotary Education Fund Scholarship |
| Brittany Stewart | Columbus Alternative High School Wal-Mart Community Service Scholarship |
| Bailey Williams | Mifflin High School J. Robinson McCormick Family Scholarship |

2018 middle school recognition

The Student Service Above Self Middle School Fair was held on March 20, 2018 with 26 Columbus City middle schools participating. Three middle school community service projects were selected to represent the middle schools by exhibiting at the High School Service Above Self Fair.

Columbus Gifted Academy

Operation Safe Space – Creating safe spaces at school for LGBT+ students by educating teachers and students, being available for helping students having a hard time with their sexuality or gender, promoting a CGA Day for Gender Justice, and other methods created to increase sensitivity and respect.

Hilltonia Middle School

It Can Happen to Anyone – Educating students about the opioid epidemic and its impact on the neighborhood and helping students impacted by opioids feel less alone through presentations by Ohio Health and Columbus Public Health, an interactive art display, and sharing a student-created song and video with the entire school.

Ridgeview Middle School

Project Boost – Boosting students' self-confidence and self-esteem through service by collecting toys for the Franklin County Children's Services Holiday Wish Program, creating a "Raider Nook" for students to acquire school supplies, and conducting a school-wide spirit week.



*Congratulations
to all participants
for making a difference
in our community.*

2018 projects

East High School

A Give Back in a Pack – Helping individuals and families at the YWCA Family Shelter, and those transitioning from shelter living, by assembling and donating backpacks filled with toiletries, food and other necessities.

Quilts of Love/Blessing Blankets – Supporting homeless youth and foster children by raising money from a variety of sources, buying materials, and meeting weekly to make blankets for distribution to various agencies that assist these young people in need.

Tiger Pride – Combatting hunger and poverty by organizing and shelving Mid-Ohio Foodbank donations to Southside Community Ministries at St. Paul's Church along with expanding students' understanding of these issues and their contacts with people helping others.

Eastmoor Academy

Civic Engagement – Using athletics as a format for leadership, civic engagement, building positive relationships with Columbus Police, and more, through creation and implementation of multiple activities by the Girls Basketball team including "boot camp" with the police basketball team and speaker/involvement training with community leaders.

Macroawareness of Microaggressions – Exposing the hidden meanings and use of microaggressions by staff and students to reduce their use and avoid reinforcing negative stereotypes and biases that cause issues with self-esteem and interpersonal relationships.

Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School

Interact Club – Providing good will and support for marginalized people by: collecting supplies for hurricane-affected people in Puerto Rico; making ornaments for assisted living residents; playing Bingo with residents and staff at Westminster Thurber after delivering cards and flowers; supporting inmates at the Ohio Reformatory for Women; and more.

South Side Roots Café – Understanding that the Café is located in a food desert that negatively impacts many people, students volunteered regularly at the Café and its kitchen to assist the staff and other volunteers along with raising money to fund a community meal.

The Paragon Project – Partnering with UMADAOP in writing, recording and releasing two albums that address social justice issues that impact young people along with performing at the Kentucky Derby, the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Awards, local venues, on the radio, and social media.

Independence High School

Food for South East Columbus – Contributing to food security for Independence neighbors by assisting mostly retired volunteers at the Brice United Methodist Food Pantry in unloading trucks, shelving the food, bagging groceries and helping clients get packages to their cars.

Immigrant Voices – Providing an opportunity for people to meet or understand students who come from other countries by students writing their story, video-taping students sharing their stories, and distributing the tapes to area churches willing to assist with this understanding.

Reading Buddies.2018 – Improving the reading level of students at Liberty Elementary School by collaborating with Liberty teachers to create meaningful reading experiences with their students on a regular schedule.

2018 projects

Linden-McKinley STEM Academy

Giving Time and Saving Lives – Recognizing the value of giving blood to save lives by experiencing the impact of gun-violence, the team partnered with the Red Cross to learn about blood donations and then recruited staff and students to participate in blood drives.

Listening & Being Heard – CARE Coalition Listening Sessions – Enabling fellow students to become more resilient to trauma-causing life experiences beyond their control by participating in training from the Columbus CARE Coalition and then implementing a “peer-to-peer” model to assist in resilience-building.

Panther Partners – Using the Character Counts themes as a basis for seniors mentoring 8th-grade students to address self-management, self-care, good school habits/behavior, and the need for positive role models through regular meetings designed for productive “bonding.”

Marion-Franklin High School

Adopt A Grandparent/Seniors to Seniors/Pen Pals – Creating cross-generational relationships and fostering concern for elders by partnering with a nursing home in which students talk with residents, play games with them, and conduct a spring tea.

Community Food Bank Volunteers of Marion-Franklin/Marion Gives Back – Developing an on-going partnership with Lutheran Social Services Network of Hope in which the core group of students recruit others and, together, work with LSSNH's food bank and perform multiple duties to assist the staff and those they serve.

Tab for Ronald – Supporting the Ronald McDonald House in paying its utilities bills, thus easing its spending on non-service activities, by 9th-grade students organizing, publicizing and conducting a pop tab collection from students, staff, neighbors and others and then donating the tabs to RMH.

Mifflin High School

Community Enhancement Through Collaboration – Showing appreciation for everything “received” to this point in life by giving time and talent to assist Ronald McDonald House, Lifecare Alliance, YOUnited Me, American Red Cross, elementary schools and the Ethiopian community in Columbus.

Mifflin Mentors – Recognizing the need and value of mentoring 5th-graders, Mifflin Mentors is partnering with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Columbus Mentoring Alliance to train and connect student mentors to help with positive character traits, goal-setting, respect, honoring parents and other areas.

Reading Buddies at Innis Elementary School – Focusing on early literacy intervention vital for academic success, the readers received orientation from and with Innis teachers and then read one-on-one and in small groups weekly with Innis 3rd-graders to build reading skills, promote love for reading, and be a positive role model.

Northland High School

Parkmoor Reading Buddies – Understanding that developing good reading skills is especially challenging for special needs students at Northland and pre-K Parkmoor students, Northland students prepare for and then read with Parkmoor students regularly to build skills and confidence for all students involved in this project.

Spanish Verb Word Wall – Addressing the lack of vocabulary retention by students, a Spanish-fluent student was recruited to assist the teacher by using her artistic ability to create compelling visual verb charts for posting in the classroom that decrease using direct translation that has been proven to be a detrimental barrier to language acquisition.

2018 projects

South High School

Pull for the Tab – Supporting Ronald McDonald House's resident families by collecting pop tabs from students, families, churches and other community organizations and donating the tabs to assist RMH in paying its utilities bills, thus easing its spending on non-service activities.

South High School Clean Up Crew – Cleaning entrances, doorways, hallways and the stadium for creating and maintaining a clean and safe environment for students, staff, and visitors.

South High Empowerment Group – Mentoring by older female students to help struggling 8th and 9th-grade girls who have difficulty with academics and to serve as positive role models.

Walnut Ridge High School

Be The One to Stop Violence (Because I Said I Would) – Providing opportunities to raise awareness and show concern about violence in the school and community by organizing a march and assembly to honor the Florida school-shooting victims and call for an end to violence.

Peace on the Ridge (Making Ridge Better) – Using construction class related skills to build picnic tables, a theater practice room stage, and a variety of activity centers near the cafeteria to enhance the environment and reduce the boredom that can lead to student conflicts - in addition to donating birdhouses to Livingston Ave. clean-up volunteers from Leawood Gardens.

West High School

Free Store Assistance – Making a difference in the Hilltop area by recruiting and organizing students to assist the West Side Free Store through helping staff and other volunteers sort materials, display them systematically, and support the client check-out process.

Project Eat – Volunteering at two close-by elementary schools for their fresh produce giveaways and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Center's pantry to combat the food desert issue by cleaning and stocking pantries, helping clients “shop” and, at Our Lady, assisting with basic English skills as an add-on.

Reading Buddies – Placing high school students, after orientation, in West Broad classrooms to assist in building reading skills and a love of reading with the immediate goal of students passing the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee exam.

Whetstone High School

AP Biology-Honduras Health Clinic – Addressing malnutrition and access to health care by collecting donations of multi-vitamins, Band-Aids, Tums, and Tylenol-type products from students and staff, and working with a church organization that will travel to Honduras to donate collected items to a health clinic.

Gay Straight Alliance – Educating students, staff and administration about the GSA and issues/concerns of the LGBTQ community in addition to creating a safe haven for LGBTQ+ students and supporters and having dialogue about acceptance and inclusion in the school and the community.

KEY Club and National Honor Society – Helping people in need locally and internationally by collecting donations for the Clintonville-Beechwood Resource Center during and after the holidays and by packing bags of food with nutritional supplements for distribution to the Basotho people of Lesotho, Africa.