The Egan Newsletter

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Recent event and/or projects:

- On January 13th, Jumpstart joined DePaul Law for their Donate a Day to DePaul Law event. Giving Tuesday was celebrated with a community service effort that included activities like planting vegetables and running Project Sankofa, a unique service learning program. The efforts were focused on creating a sustainable community garden that would serve the neighborhood. The garden space will expand with programming that includes a third day of upper division engagement.

- Council of Elders (UECP) asks their Corps members to look for ways to build on the community approach that would connect with a culture lost through colonization and the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. In the program, members learned about the importance of naming ceremonies and the learning of traditional Ghanaian and West African phrases with which they must call and greet one another. The program encompasses both a social and academic component, learning its significance related to their ancient history and culture. The program is designed to promote and increase community and identity. During the course of the program, members were taught authentic Ghanaian and West African history from colonialism and the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. Members also learned about the importance of naming ceremonies and the learning of traditional Ghanaian and West African phrases with which they must call and greet one another. The program is designed to promote and increase community and identity.

- The Multi-Faith Visions Initiative (MVI) held an inspirational presentation by Rosie Simpson, one of the parents who led the 1963 Boycott of public education for their children in their own neighborhoods. The first event featured an educational presentation by a scholar of African American history and culture who will discuss the role of parents in advocating for their children's education. The second event featured an interactive workshop for parents and educators on how to implement effective strategies for supporting students in their academic and social-emotional development. The educational presentation by a scholar of African American history and culture will discuss the role of parents in advocating for their children's education. The interactive workshop for parents and educators will focus on implementing effective strategies for supporting students in their academic and social-emotional development.

- A Just Harvest, a non-profit organization, launched its new project called "Growing Produce." This project utilizes modern agriculture techniques to cultivate fresh, nutritious produce in urban areas. The organization aims to make fresh produce more accessible and affordable to those in need, particularly in underserved communities. A Just Harvest is committed to creating a sustainable and equitable food system that benefits all members of the community.

- More Info on Projects and Events:

  - The Lion King, an iconic Broadway musical, is being performed at the Shedd Aquarium. The musical tells the story of a young lion named Simba who must take his place in the kingdom of Pride. The show features incredible special effects and stunning costumes. Information on tickets and schedule is available online.

   - Staff Member Spotlight: Eleora LeBreton

     - Program: Internship (CSI) programs are community service work opportunities that provide students with hands-on experience in various fields. Some examples of programs include the Community Service Initiative (CSI), which offers students the opportunity to work with local non-profits and community organizations. Another example is the Urban Education Corps Program (UECP), which aims to address critical urban problems, alleviate poverty, and promote social justice. The program encompasses both a social and academic component, learning its significance related to their ancient history and culture. The program is designed to promote and increase community and identity. During the course of the program, members were taught authentic Ghanaian and West African history from colonialism and the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. Members also learned about the importance of naming ceremonies and the learning of traditional Ghanaian and West African phrases with which they must call and greet one another. The program is designed to promote and increase community and identity.

     - Project: Gardeneers, a non-profit organization, is working to create sustainable urban gardens and increase access to fresh produce. The organization believes in the power of gardens to improve the health and well-being of communities. Gardeneers partners with local schools and community organizations to create gardens that are used for educational purposes and for producing fresh produce. Information on volunteering and donating is available online.

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