Dash for Trash was held on Saturday, October 22 this year, and it was a huge success! There were 115 participants who collected almost 15,000 pounds of trash! Everyone had a great time giving back to the community while learning a little bit about litter control in Charleston.

Some interesting topics that were discussed during reflection included the broken window effect, how cigarettes are not biodegradable and contribute the most to litter, the cruise industry, and some of the initiatives that the College of Charleston is making to be eco-friendly.

Check out the pictures from Dash for Trash on our Facebook:

Thank you to all of you who came out to support Keep Charleston Beautiful, and we hope that you will continue to support us every year!

Bingo and Beyond (BAB) has been a huge success this past month! College of Charleston student participants as well as seniors at the Ansonborough House have reportedly had tremendous amounts of fun. We have done activities from planting and decorating pots to learning the cha–cha slide.

Tina, CofC sophomore and BAB participant, says that she loves talking with the seniors of the Ansonborough House, “they know so much about so much!” Another BAB participant and freshman at CofC, Lynn, said that her favorite activity was the line-dancing session on October 25: “Some of the seniors were dancing better than me!”

BAB is still looking to expand so if you wish to get involved email Eliza Blades at emblades@cofc.edu. Our next dates are November 15 and 29 – check your calendars!
On October 7-9, three of our Bonner Leader students went to Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ to attend Bonner Congress. The Bonner Congress, when together, represents more than 2,500 students and connects over 70 college campuses through the Bonner Scholar and Bonner Leader Programs. For three days, Junior Leni Phan and Sophomores Camella Scott and Eliza Blades (pictured below) attended workshops and training events to make the most of Bonner’s “big ideas.”

At the College of Charleston chapter, each senior student chose an issue topic that they are passionate about. The rest of the Bonners divided among themselves to address their issue on a domestic as well as an international level. This year’s topics include: the Water Crisis, Human Trafficking, Animal and Wildlife Welfare, Community Building, and Outreach to the Elderly.

The workshops were led by representatives from organizations such as Amigos de las Américas, Teach on the Beach, Volunteers for China, L’Arche Communities in Washington, D.C., and the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network.

“Bonner Congress was an amazing experience! It gave me the opportunity to discuss my plans and thoughts with students who shared my same interests and love for service.” - Eliza Blades

Bonner Congress