Alternative Break

This Spring semester, the CCE offered four trips for students.

**Charlotte, NC**

Students worked with Habitat for Humanity and learnt about sustainable & affordable housing. They were able to reinforce the framework of two houses, as well as attend the Women Build Symposium where guest panelists discussed affordable housing.

Alternative Breakers supported Kentucky Refugee Ministries with education classes, as well as, garden beautification.

**Louisville, KY**
WASHBURN, TN
Students got to learn about permaculture and passive solar design. They also worked on an organic garden and explored spirituality, sustainability, and community.

HENDERSONVILLE, NC
The April Weekend participants worked with MountainTrue and Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy on land conservation issues. They also visited a local farmer's market, learnt about invasive species, and went on very educational hikes.

PUERTO RICO
Students will travel to Las Marias and work with Plentitud Iniciativas Ecoeducativas on projects related to: permaculture, environmental sustainability, culture/history.

GREECE
Participants will work with endangered sea turtles, check for new nests, clean beaches, and educate tourists on endangered animals.
Juniors and senior Bonner Leaders got a chance to travel across the Atlantic during their Alternative Spring Break to Ho, Ghana. They worked with Cross Cultural Solutions, and were able to serve and learn from the community all while gaining an international perspective.

Senior capstone

Graduating seniors presented their senior capstones on May 5th. Their presentations were the culmination of their entire Bonner experience at the College of the Charleston. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, with plenty of Bonner Love!
This Spring, the CCE has continued its partnerships with the Lowcountry Food Bank, Keep Charleston Beautiful, and Neighborhood House/Charleston Farmer's Market. We have also created a new partnership with the MUSC Urban Farm.
Spring into Service
Get involved with the Center for Civic Engagement!

Charleston Friends of the Library
March 14th - April 29th
Charleston Friends of the Library will have donation boxes set up around campus for you to donate your books!

One80 Place
March 18th || 7:30am - 12:30pm
We will help beautify the outdoor areas of One80 Place with mulch, flowers and trees, so clients have a nice place to enjoy the Charleston spring weather.

Keep Charleston Beautiful
March 19th, 26th & April 9th || 10am - 1pm
Volunteers go to specific neighborhoods, streets, parks and marshes to help keep Charleston beautiful!

Lowcountry Food Bank
March 25th & April 15th || 12:30pm - 3:30pm
The Lowcountry Food Bank helps feed children, adults, seniors and families in need along coastal South Carolina.

MUSC Urban Farm
March 29th & April 12th || 1:30pm - 3:30pm
We will be working with College’s Farm and Garden Club to learn about urban agriculture and MUSC’s Urban Garden. Volunteers will be doing a variety of tasks from mulching, planting, building beds, to harvest crops, and pest prevention.

Neighborhood House
April 9th || 1pm - 3pm
We will be collecting farmer’s market goods in a gleaning and supplying them to Neighborhood House.

Voter Registration Drive
April 11th - 15th
Register to vote! We will have a table set up in Cougar Mall, so stop by and use your voice.

S.C.O.R.E.
April 16th || 9:30am - 11:30am
Volunteers will help build an oyster reef with the South Carolina Oyster Restoration and Enhancement program.

So go ahead and put some Spring in your step!

Contact us for more details:
volunteer@cofc.edu

This year’s Spring Into Service included our Recurring Service Opportunities, as well as One-Time Events with One80 Place, S.C.O.R.E., MUSC Urban Farm. We also hosted a book drive for the Charleston Friends of the Library and a Voter Registration Drive.
This semester, Volunteer Corps worked with Pet Helpers, Dance Marathon, SCORE and the Cooper River Bridge Run. They also hosted a celebration at Sky Zone.
Volunteer Appreciation Week!

In order to show our appreciation for our many volunteers, we had a Volunteer Spotlight Series. Bonner Leaders, Alternative Breakers, Volunteer Corps members, and avid Active Citizens alike were all interviewed and they shared some of their favourite memories on our social media.
We also had a Volunteer Appreciation drop-in with delicious treats, warm drinks, and a photo booth! We appreciate all of your hard work, and we will see you all next semester!
Thank you to all of our volunteers! Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Come see us in the fall!