Day in the Life
Community Service-Learning

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What is Day in the Life?

Day in the Life (DITL), a Community Service-Learning initiative administered by the Curry School of Education. DITL supports teaching and service-learning by connecting UVA/Curry students with local public schools.

Our community partner sites are located in Charlottesville City schools (CCS), Albemarle County schools (ACPS) and area community agencies.
• 2002: UVA’s Community Relations Office started the Day in the Life Program following an outcry from local residents that UVa neglected opportunities to influence positive racial relations and support local youth development. Appeals for help were expressed frequently during a year-long series of conversations in a prominent local African American church.

• Initially conceived as a mentoring program, UVa students were matched one-on-one with local youth and, together, they explored “a day in the life” of a University student by participating in academic, cultural, athletic, and social events together. At the end of the program’s first year, 44 UVa students mentored and tutored 45 local youth at three community sites.

• 2004 Bob Covert, associate professor of education, who taught “Multicultural Education,” was the first faculty to include the service-learning opportunity in his classes. By adding the service-learning component, the number of UVa students participating grew substantially in the program’s third year, rising to 207 students who provided more than 2,030 hours of service to 217 local youth at ten Charlottesville sites.

• January 2014 – June 2016, the DITL was moved to the Curry School of Education, under the leadership of Cheryl Gittens, Ed.D.

• **DITL today is partners with the following Curry classes**
  
  - EDIS 2010/2880 Teaching as a Profession/Field Experience
  - EDHS 1120 Change the World: Foundations of Community Engagement*
  - EDHS 2895 Minding the Mind: Youth and Social Innovation
  - EDHS 3200 Introduction to Counseling Student Athletes
  - EDLF 3240 Multicultural Education

• **During Fall 2016**
  - 279 UVA students participants
  - 20+ sites
  - 2960+ total hours of service

**Discover. Create. Change.**
Transportation

- **Transportation is each student’s personal responsibility**
- Most sites are within close proximity to UVA; however, only one is truly within walking distance. The others will require riding a bus or use of a car (car-pooling).
- If you have a car, and are willing to transport your classmates, reach out and offer to car-pool.
- If you do not drive, communicate with your classmates & friends, see if you can coordinate your site location & volunteer time with others who have transportation.
- DITL does collect transportation information when each student registers in our database, so if you are looking for a car-pool we may be able to assist.

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<td>UVA Courses begin</td>
<td>Wednesday, January 18</td>
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<td>DITL Registration Opens</td>
<td>Wednesday, January 25@ 9:00 AM (<a href="http://www.curry.virginia.edu/ditl">www.curry.virginia.edu/ditl</a>)</td>
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<td>DITL Students start to volunteer @ their registered sites.</td>
<td>Week of Monday, January 30</td>
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<td>Add/Drop/Withdrawal</td>
<td>ADD: Wednesday, February 1 DROP: Thursday, February 2</td>
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<td>DITL Registration CLOSES:</td>
<td>Monday, February 13 (9:00 AM)</td>
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<td>UVA Spring Break (volunteering optional)</td>
<td>Monday, March 6 – Friday, March 10</td>
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<td>ACPS &amp; CCS: Spring Break (no students)</td>
<td>Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 7</td>
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<td>DITL Attendance Sheets will be picked up from each site.</td>
<td>Wednesday, May 3</td>
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