



# VT Engage

At VT Engage, our vision is to inspire active citizens and strengthen communities.

As Virginia Tech's service-learning and civic engagement center, our mission is to collaborate with communities, students, and faculty to cultivate sustainable, mutually beneficial partnerships through engaged service, learning, and reflection.

## Active Citizens Continuum

*Member > Volunteer > Conscientious Citizen > Active Citizen*

Our programs are designed to help our students explore what *Ut Prosim* means to them and to develop along Breakaway's Active Citizens Continuum, which explores how individuals see their roles in society.

Our goal is to move students from a "member" role, where they are not concerned with their role in sole problems, to an "active citizen" role, where community becomes a priority in their values and life choices.

## Aspirations for Student Learning & Our Core Values

### Authentic community partnership

Partner with communities and organizations to identify opportunities for collaborative problem solving that align with everyone's mission.

#### The Campus Kitchen at Virginia Tech



### Awareness of self & civic identity

Promote programs and opportunities that encourage participants to think about how their perspectives, biases, and values influence the work that they do.

#### SERVE Living Learning Community



### Development of active citizens

Strive to create opportunities for students to engage with individuals, organizations, and communities to develop and enhance the practice of active citizenship.

#### Student Leadership Team (STEP UP)



### Responsible action grounded in scholarship

Facilitate the exchange of ideas and celebrate advances in scholarship and practice that come from bringing together the expertise of the academy and our partners.

#### Faculty Fellows



## Highlights from our history

A \$1 million gift from alumnus Kevin Crofton becomes endowment that awards need-based scholarships.

2016

VT Engage moves to Student Affairs.

2014

A new name, VT Engage: The Community Learning Collaborative, emerges following an evaluation of our history, vision, and philosophy.

2011

The Center for Student Engagement & Community Partnerships is established under Outreach & International Affairs, uniting the Service-Learning Center, the original VT-ENGAGE program, and other service endeavors.

2008

A coalition of faculty, students, and community partners, launch an initiative to formalize service-learning at Tech.

1994

2015

The Campus Kitchen at Virginia Tech launches.

2013

The John E. Dooley Student Engagement Grant program is established to fund students interested in implementing or expanding community-based civic engagement projects.

2009

SERVE Living Learning Community is formed.

2007

VT-ENGAGE launched to honor 4/16 victims. The initiative is designed to engage the VT community in service, with a goal of completing a total of 300,000 hours by April 16, 2008.



## Program list

### Co-curricular initiatives

- Alternative spring breaks
- Campus Kitchen at Virginia Tech
- Dominican Republic service immersion trip
  - Get on the bus
- John E. Dooley Student Engagement Grants
  - Peru service immersion trip
  - Poster showcase
  - Recurring trips
- SERVE Living Learning Community
- Student leadership team (STEP UP)
  - Weekend immersion trips

### Faculty & community-based initiatives

- Consultation with service-learning courses
  - Co-curricular international programs
    - Faculty Fellows
    - Mobilize NRV
  - Pathways minor: Community Systems & Engagement\*
    - SPIA 1024: Community Service Learning
    - SPIA 2024: Community Systems Thinking
- \* In process of being approved*