Summer is an opportunity for our office to reflect on the past year and learn lessons which guide our efforts for civic engagement at Duke. Looking back at the 2018-2019 academic year, it has been a period filled with collaborations, shared learning and explorations of how to do good work well. We are looking forward to the ways in which civic engagement will continue to take shape as our office transitions to Durham and Community Affairs as of July 1. This transition will allow for deeper connections within civic engagement and more opportunities to do this work together – we hope you will continue to join us in these efforts!

CAMPUS NETWORKS

University Council on Civic Engagement
The 35+ members of the UCCE, representing offices and programs from across campus, convened four times throughout the year to discuss best practices for building and sustaining partnerships.

Faculty Advisory Board
The 16 members of the Faculty Advisory Board, representing Duke’s 12 schools, met four times throughout the year to define and envision an ongoing engaged scholarship program for Duke faculty.

Local Schools Network
In November, staff and faculty from across campus gathered for a dialogue with Dr. Pascal Mubenga, superintendent of Durham Public Schools, about the new strategic plan and his vision for Duke’s partnerships with local schools.

RACIAL EQUITY LEARNING ARC

Guided by the priorities set forth in the Civic Action Plan, the DOCE expanded its programming around racial equity in 2018-2019. The office partnered with the Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute to work with The Equity Paradigm to offer the first Racial Equity Learning Arc to the Duke community. The 6-session series built a shared language and understanding of systemic, institutional, interpersonal and internalized racism. The Learning Arc will be offered again in 2019-2020.
The Foundations of Engagement workshops, originally developed by the DOCE, Duke Service-Learning and the Social Science Research Institute, expanded in content and reach in the 2018-2019 academic year. The growing cross-campus collaboration yielded 5 new modules to prompt participants to think more deeply about their community-based experiences. The workshops have now reached over 1,200 students, including service-learning classes, America Reads/America Counts, DukeEngage, Duke Student Government, Duke Partnership for Service, and an alternative fall break.

In April, the DOCE partnered with Duke Service-Learning, the Forum for Scholars and Publics and the Duke Faculty Write Program to host a 3-part Engaged Scholarship Lunch Series spotlighting faculty from across campus who collaborate with people beyond the academy in their scholarly endeavors. Featured faculty included Jesse McCoy and Theresa Newman from Duke Law Clinics; Liliana Paredes and Orin Starn from Romance Studies and Cultural Anthropology; and Liz Shapiro-Garza and Catherine Kastleman from the Superfund Research Center. The series was the culmination of a year-long dialogue initiated by Jennifer Ahern-Dodson, Assistant Professor of the Practice in the Thompson Writing Program, who was selected as a North Carolina Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Scholar for the 2018-2019 academic year.

- 1,200+ students have participated in Foundations of Engagement workshops
- 15 students are currently pursuing the Certificate in Civic Engagement and Social Change
- 100% of Racial Equity Learning Arc participants would recommend the program to their colleagues
- 75+ staff and faculty attended the Engaged Scholarship lunch series