“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.”
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Honey W. Nashman Center Collaborations Building Bridge Day of Service with the DC Department of Education and DCPS

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service partnered with the DC Department of Education and DCPS to host a Day of Service on January 16, 2023. Participants came together to honor Dr. King’s legacy with a day-on of service, workshops, and reflection.

The event opened with remarks from GW leaders, Amy Cohen (Executive Director of Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service); Caroline Laguerre-Brown (Vice Provost for Community Engagement); and Provost Christopher A. Bracey. Secretary Cardona (U.S. Secretary of Education), Marcia L. Fudge (U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development), Michael D. Smith (CEO of AmeriCorps), Carol Spahn (ESIA MA ’00, Director of the Peace Corps), President Mark S. Wrighton, and closed with a panel discussion on the value of service, Dr. King’s teachings “a revolution of values” by depicting and remedying injustices in order to achieve social justice. The panelists included Dr. Ximena Miracle, Dr. Carol Spahn, Dr. Shoaib Ahmed, and Dr. Alia Bean.

Participants from the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), the U.S. Peace Corps, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Director of the Peace Corps, Secretary Fudge, Secretary Cardona (U.S. Secretary of Education), Marcia L. Fudge (U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development), Michael D. Smith (CEO of AmeriCorps), Carol Spahn (ESIA MA ’00, Director of the Peace Corps), and representatives from the Nashman Center and other campus partners.

The opening program was followed by 11 service projects and 2 workshops across DC. Service projects included painting, cleaning, and organizing projects at schools like Bruce-Monroe Elementary, Powell Elementary, and GAP Community Child Development Center, as well as preparing classroom materials for Jumpstart Corps members to work with preschool children on reading, writing, and social skills. GW Art Therapy hosted an art-based experiential workshop to explore Dr. King’s teachings “a revolution of values” by depicting and remedying injustices in order to achieve social justice. The workshop was open to participants from the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), the U.S. Peace Corps, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Director of the Peace Corps, Secretary Fudge, Secretary Cardona (U.S. Secretary of Education), Marcia L. Fudge (U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development), Michael D. Smith (CEO of AmeriCorps), Carol Spahn (ESIA MA ’00, Director of the Peace Corps).

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