



Tutoring in schools is a common form of service for Loyola

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Getting Involved With Service

By Catelin Carnes

As stated in the Loyola Core Values, our school emphasizes service. Relating to the Jesuit tradition of service, our [Core Values](#) insist that “Loyola offers to all of its constituent members a rich variety of opportunities for solidarity and service both within and beyond the institution and our local Baltimore community to the wider national and international communities.” At Loyola, it's easy to find a pathway of service that interests you and connects you to the community through the many options available.

As a freshman here at Loyola, I've only been here for about three months, but I've already begun my journey with service. My Effective Writing (WR 100) class with Dr. Leary has the option to be involved in a 'service-learning' program. This “takes students' learning outside of the classroom and into the world as our community partners become co-educators, teaching students about social responsibility, justice, diversity, and community” ([Loyola](#)). I volunteer for service-learning for two hours a week at The Tunbridge School in an after-school care program. Tunbridge is a local charter K-8 school that focuses on the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional health of students through its various programs, including after-school care, which is essential for the school. The parents rely on the program so they can work 9 – 5 in order to care for their kids. With after-school care, I hang out with the kids, braid hair, run around on the playground, play games, and help around the school. It's a nice break from the high-stress college environment to being in a kindergarten classroom hanging with kids who believe in unicorns and don't care about anything but hanging out with you. I have loved my experience and cannot wait to continue it.

Service-learning is an optional add-on to the class but adheres to ideas discussed in class. It's a hands-on way to connect education and community engagement. Our call as Loyola students and Jesuits is to serve the greater community. It can make you feel more at home in Baltimore and more connected to the area through our neighbors. Service is a staple of the Loyola Core Values, and I feel

more connected to my school after serving with the community. Tunbridge has its own service coordinators,, but there are several other coordinators and programs through the Center for Community Service and Justice ([CCSJ](#)) to be involved in. Each program has different types of service.



Student Testimonials

Lily Pacheco, another freshman at Loyola, works similarly to me and volunteers in an after-school tutoring program through service-learning at the Govans School. She says this “has impacted my freshmen experience by allowing me to venture off campus and interact with younger students who may not be as privileged as I am. It made me realize how lucky I am to be at college and how much I can do as a college student.” Lily went on to talk about how it taught her empathy and to make connections with the greater Baltimore community. She is from New Hampshire, and participating in service makes her feel more at home. There are opportunities for everyone to find service that fits their passions at Loyola.

Kathryn Zranchev ('25), the president of Women's Rugby and a key part of the One Question team, combined her two passions into one. Kathryn started her service at Loyola with service-learning in a school, leading her to later serve with The Arc, where she found a home in service through One Question. One Question is a program Loyola runs once a year that celebrates The Arc Baltimore's commitment to supporting and spreading awareness about authentic inclusion of people with disabilities. One Question aims to raise awareness about those with disabilities and belonging through the programming held on the Loyola campus with The Arc. The Arc Baltimore is “an amazing organization that not only supports people with developmental disabilities but also employs them.”

Every year, the Women's Rugby team partners with a local organization to raise money for both groups through a T-shirt fundraiser. This year, Kathryn combined both her passions to raise money for The Arc with the fundraiser. The Arc is something the team is proud to have on their backs, and “because we wear them to practice games, that alone brings so much awareness to the organization.” Kathryn's ser-

“It also just makes me happy to see that the hour or two a week I dedicated to service, makes such an impact.”
Kathryn Zranchev



2024 Women's rugby team poses in their Arc T-shirts following a big win.



Kat poses with staff from the Arc in her fundraiser T-shirt after a game.

vice looks different from mine as she does event planning and behind-the-scenes work for One Question, but that works for her. While she's currently not doing hands-on volunteer work with those at The Arc, her service still impacts them in large ways. Kathryn believes service has helped her feel more connected to the community and the school. Loyola has opened the opportunity for her to serve in her own way, and "being voluntarily involved in service helped me to identify with the community a lot more."

Gaby Lopez, a freshman representative on the Student Government Assembly ([SGA](#)), highlights the importance of service and how SGA emphasizes "actively making a difference environmentally or in someone's life." SGA has a Community Outreach Committee that is open to all students because "engaging with the communities around us is so vital." Gaby highlighted that she loved her first CCSJ block Party with SGA; it was her "first time serving the York Road community, and it was so rewarding to see the happy smiles on all the kids' faces." Serving so early on in her experience through SGA has inspired her mindset that "Every act of service, no matter how small, achieves a certain goodness that the world always needs."



Students get ready for speakers and programming to begin at One Question.

Loyola's pathways for service are vast, and there are many ways to get involved. Through service-learning in class, to the Center for Community Service and Justice, sports teams, and SGA, being hands-on or hands-off, there is somewhere for you to serve the second you step on campus.

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