THE PLAN

• The plan for my civic engagement senior project is to establish an on-campus non-transport EMS service that functions at the BLS level of care. This service would be student-run and work essentially as a subdivision of public safety’s services.

• Students who apply to join the initiative will go through a brief application process (filling out the appropriate forms), and will then be trained at the BLS Provider level in CPR and AED usage, as well as trained in general first aid.

• Students who are riding on active shifts will respond to the medical emergencies and provide BLS level care to support the efforts of public safety as well as the transport BLS ambulance service that may respond.
• Local volunteer BLS ambulance services may often find that their operations may be strained from consistent response to a campus that does not operate it’s own EMS service.

• An on-campus service would help alleviate the strain that campus medical calls induce both on the local ambulance company, as well as Public Safety resources.

• The service would have potential to serve as an effective intermediary between police and public safety, and that of transport BLS.

• In addition, the service could be an effective resource for medical stand-by at large group events that were not able to otherwise get medical stand-by coverage.
THE BENEFITS

• Not only will it give the opportunity for students to get some level of clinical experience and patient interaction, but it will also allow for the formation of healthcare advocacy outreach events on campus, in conjunction with public safety.

• Events such as awareness classes, first aid classes, and CPR/AED training sessions, can help increase the community’s awareness of important healthcare-related skills as well as prevalent healthcare issues in the area.

• The service could also support public safety by giving them an avenue to reach out to the campus community in a positive capacity to help support a personalized and friendly relationship.
THE EFFECTS

• This project has impacted me by giving me a better understanding of the benefits of improving EMS care in a campus environments, and the many avenues of benefit that such a project can create.

• It’s also helped me gain a better understanding of the struggles that local volunteer EMS agencies may have operationally, and how supplementing their response with more EMS resources is a great opportunity for some level of resolution.

• In addition has me create a personal focus on the importance of healthcare awareness for the general public.