Civic Scholar Senior Project | Class of 2021

Multi-Faith Seeds and Planting

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This project sets out to familiarize people with the fundamentals of growing produce and all plants. The first portion involves a multi-faith service seed blessing that for years has inspired a common-purpose for the Theo School Garden. This was followed by an interview with Dr. Theoneste Nzaranyimana from Purdue University who spoke to his experience with mobilizing community-run agriculture.

Goals;
- Introduce the audience to Community Gardens and its benefits
- Offer feasible steps and resources for beginners.
- Provide a space for networking around horticulture.

Community gardens first and foremost bring neighbors together. They make for a reliable source of fresh produce for impoverished communities. And for years, foodbanks have relied on the surplus of these operations. The project seeks to expand all of this.
Partners

The Theo Community Garden, Drew Theological School, Purdue University, Center for Civic Engagement.

Impact

-The Audience was made aware of scouting locations, useful tools/resources, gardener coordination, and some of the science behind growing itself. This alone is crucial for making Community Gardening as approachable as possible.

-And audience of over 50

Sustainability

-Several graduate school volunteers for this event have already expressed interest in following it up. With whom I’ve shared most of the contacts and materials used to organize it.
- Flexibility; for accommodating volunteer aspirations/expectations for the event and balancing its several portions.

- Organizational skills; were a must for personal & project-wide time management, delegating responsibilities, coordinating advertisement, and keeping everyone in the loop.

- Networking; with potential partners and resources.

- Multicultural Competence; was required to coordinate volunteers and co-sponsors from all over the world.

- Technical literacy; was required to film and stream this live event over multiple platforms.

- Public Relations; through managing the event’s official email account and correspondence.