

Tips to Start Your Service Journey

Self Reflect

"I wish I had thought a bit more critically about my own positionality and identities, and what I wanted to offer in my service. I would like to think I do that now, but it would have helped to start earlier"

Be Creative

"I wish I had known how unique service can be, and that often finding creative ways to serve the community can be more impactful. In high school, service always felt like a very concrete thing: donating money, hosting canned food drives, hosting fundraisers, going to read books to children, etc. I've realized now that service is so much more. Passion is what really fuels helping the community, so I really think it's more about educating yourself and figuring out ways to make an impact that is meaningful to you"

Explore

"I wish I had known that there were so many different ways to serve individuals. I encourage students to try a lot of different organizations to find the one that fits them the most"

Be Passionate

"Find your purpose, find your why, find your passion. Once you do, then streamline the best version of yourself to the cause! There is likely an org out there that coincides with your service passions, and if there isn't, have the courage to make one!"

Keep Growing

"There needs to be growth in your service journey. Service in general begins with a self serving perspective and comes from privilege. It's often phrased as "we are helping", which is untrue. It's more about learning about a problem from the people that are living through it and giving our time or sharing the privileges' we have"