The Institute of Community and Civic Engagement works to empower students to become agents of change in their communities and beyond; to foster education that meets the needs of the communities we serve; and to help develop pathways to meaningful participation in local, state, and federal government decision making processes.
HISTORY

• We began in 2005 with a group of 20 faculty and staff that researched other civic engagement efforts, and came up with a model that fit De Anza’s strong commitment to pay special attention to underserved students and communities.

• Since that time we have struggled to become institutionalized in these tough fiscal times.

• We now have a full time director, a 25% time service learning coordinator, 3 student staff members, and a grant for a staff level community connections organizer, and a one year grant for student interns.
• Certificate in Leadership and Social Change
• Wellstone fellows/Student Action for Education
• Flourishing in the 21st Century- faculty and staff development conference
• Civic Leadership and Community Empowerment class- focusing on history and politics of Silicon Valley
• Silicon Valley Documentation project
• Service classes that are marked on transcript and in schedule of classes
• Internships and service relationships with 25 community based organizations
• Annual climate change event
PROJECTS

- De Anza Campus Cupboard
- Youth Voices United for Change
- San Jose police accountability project
PROJECTS

• Science for the People
• De Anza Restoring Education
PROJECTS

• Under the Trees
• Each on Reach One
• Silicon Valley Black History