At Pitt

- Join an Elsie Forum program!
- Search for volunteer opportunities using PittServes’ Volunteer Portal
- Join a Pitt student organization that tutors primary & secondary students.
  - Keep It Real
  - FORGE
- Watch the full Governing in Crisis Series interview with Robert Scherrer: iop.pitt.edu/governing-crisis

In politics

- Contact your federal, state, and local elected officials
- Vote in the 2020 Presidential Election, and every other local & regional election!
- Make a voting pact with your friends or family. Collectively commit to register and vote.
- Communicate with your elected officials to share your views on issues you care about. A letter, phone call, or visit are still the best ways to contact them.
- Check out our guide on how to engage with your elected officials.

In your community

- Attend your local school board meetings
- Volunteer with a direct service organization that supports student learning
- Attend a discussion or event in your community or school about education equity.
- Visit a library. Librarians can point you to important books on our American democracy.
- Attend a city council or community board meeting. The National League of Cities can help describe its function.
- Advocate for civic education in schools. Not all states require it, and you can join the CivXNow campaign to push for it.
- Support the teachers at your local school. Ask how you can help and consider starting with supporting classroom projects through DonorsChoose.org.
- Volunteer at a public library.
- Volunteer to help teachers.
- Invite friends and neighbors to watch a documentary on equity in education. Here’s a few options.
Online

- Read and subscribe to daily local, regional, or national newspapers. Check out Allsides.com for news from conservative, liberal, and centrist points of view.
- Write an op-ed or letter to an editor.
- Contribute financially to a cause, even $5 can help.
- Use your social media accounts to post uplifting information relevant to making our society more civil.

At work

- Do a year of service. Serviceyear.org can help you connect to thousands of opportunities to develop real-world skills while giving back to your community.
  - Teach for America
  - AmeriCorps
- Choose to work at or support a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing education equity.

**Education equity local volunteer opportunities**

- **Allies for Children**
- **Consortium for Public Education:** Be a middle school mentor
- **Neighborhood Allies**
  - Internship Opportunity: Fund My Future Outreach Assistant
- **Neighborhood Learning Alliance**
  - Virtual tutoring
  - Virtual support (SAT tests, editing college essays)
  - Advocacy
- **Mentor Partnership of SWPA**
  - Formal mentoring
  - Everyday mentoring

- **Literacy Pittsburgh**
  - **Literacy tutoring** - 2 hours, 2 times a week
  - Classroom aide
  - Literacy intern
  - Classroom conversation partners
  - Career transitions
  - Fundraising
- **Sarah Heinz House**
  - After-school
  - Preschool & tots
  - Summer programs
  - Adult fitness programs
More local volunteer opportunities

• **Boys and Girls Club**
  - After school games room & gym activities
  - Teen workforce development academy
  - Education center & computers
  - Sports coaching
  - Special skills - cooking, arts, music, etc.
  - Maintenance skills
  - Fundraising
  - Clubhouse programs

• **YMCA**
  - [COVID-19 help volunteering - online & remote](#)
  - Community calls
  - Youth & senior pen pal program
  - Help with food security at food pantries - Homewood, Hazelwood
  - [Y Achievers program](#)
  - [Turkey Trot volunteers](#)

• **Pitt Civic Engagement Opportunities**
  - [Pitt Neighborhood Commitments](#)
  - [America Reads](#) (paid positions available for work-study)
  - [Jumpstart](#) early childhood
  - [Creative Empowerment for Youth](#)
  - [Community Research Fellowship](#)
  - [PittEnrich](#) - tutoring for elementary students