

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
The Premier Life Skills University
Center for Community Engagement

**Bonner Signature Work
Project Approval Form**

Background Information:

Name: Dalton Lucas

Graduation Date: 2022

Major/Minor(s): Major: Political Science

Minors: History and Civic Responsibility and Social Innovation

Bonner Placement Site: Community and Neighborhood Development

Describe your current academic interests. What do you most want to learn from your major/minor(s)?

I desire to connect policy solutions to the realities of hardship facing our communities. In addition, I would like to use data to drive policy solutions to contemporary issues.

Describe the work you have done already at your Bonner placement site.

I have worked with neighborhood associations to increase membership and have facilitated their meetings and desired outcomes. I also have provided material and logistical support to the Citizens Advisory Council. In addition, I have helped to facilitate and manage the VITA program.

What do you want to do after college? What are your long-term career goals?

In the short term, I would like to serve in the Peace Corps and attend law school upon my return. My long term goals involve being a voting rights attorney.

Project Proposal:

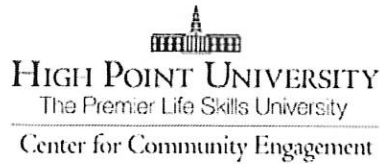
Project Title: Voter Registration at VITA Sites

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Mark Setzler

Community Mentor: Michelle McNair

Project Description (250-word max):

I will facilitate voter registration at 7 VITA sites throughout the City of High Point. I will train all VITA site coordinators and volunteers on the best methods to register voters and ensure that each client has the opportunity to register if they desire to. In addition, I will turn in all completed voter registration forms to the Board of Elections and will provide all materials necessary to register someone to vote.



Project Need: What problems or issues justify the project you are proposing? How will your project respond to the needs of the community?

Swift and easy access to voter registration in the state of North Carolina is much more complicated than it needs to be. This project will provide a one stop shop for citizen civic duties and responsibilities which is paying taxes and voting.

Project Assets: What assets are currently available that can be leveraged to support this project? What other non-profits, community advocates, financial resources, knowledge, and/or human resources can help frame the project and ensure its success?

The existing infrastructure within the Community and Neighborhood Development Office will help to facilitate this project. Michelle McNair and other city staff will provide support and advice.

Project Timeline:

October - November: Research best practices and methods of voter registration at VITA Sites

December: Train all VITA volunteers how to register someone to vote

January: Drop off materials at VITA sites and ensure everything is in place

February - April: Implement the project by collecting voter registration forms weekly and troubleshoot problems and necessary

Project Sustainability (if applicable): How will the project be sustained after you leave? What structures will you put in place to ensure its continuation?

The project may continue after I graduate by a City of High Point staff person depending on the success of its goals. My hope is that it becomes part of the VITA process.

Project Success: What does success for your project look like? How will you measure if you have achieved success?

Success will be measured by how many people are registered to vote.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Please create at least three learning outcomes for your project. What do you want to have learned by the conclusion of your project that will help you with your next steps in career and life?

Train volunteers: Provide volunteers with simple guidelines on the complicated process of registering someone to vote.

Organization skills: I must stay organized in order to comply with state election law.

Troubleshooting skills: I want to provide solutions to problems as they arise in a timely manner.



How will you show that you have completed the learning outcomes? What evidence will you produce?
How will we judge if this evidence shows you have learned what you set out to learn?

I will measure my learning outcomes by documenting the project's success and seeking volunteer and client feedback.

How will the project build on and add to your academic learning in your major/minor(s)?

This project builds on my major and both of my minors. For political science, I am creating a bureaucratic solution to the problem of voter registration access. For my CRSI minor, this project connects existing services to increases in civic engagement. For my history, this project attempts to alleviate historical injustices levied against minority and low income voters.

How will the project build on and add to your community engagement learning?

This project will help me connect existing programs to how to increase civic engagement in our most vulnerable communities. This project attempts to increase civic engagement among those who are least likely to participate in the voting process.


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I am committed to this project. I promise to work with my faculty advisor and community partner to ensure the project, the service to the community, and my learning outcomes are achieved in a collaborative, balanced, and fair manner.

Dalton Lucas
Student's Name (Print)


10/20/2021
Date

Student's Signature


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I have read the project proposal, given feedback, and believe that this student will work with me in good faith to complete a project that draws on both the student's academic trajectory and community learning.

Mark Setzler 10/18/2021
 Faculty's Name (Print) Date

Faculty's Signature  _____

I have read the project proposal, given feedback, and believe that this student will work with me in good faith to complete a project that derives from the voices of the community, is done in partnership with community members, and will benefit both the student and the community.

Michelle V. McNair 10/18/2021
 Community Partner's Name (Print) Date

Community Partner's Signature

CRSI Capstone Project Budget Proposal:

Item & Reason for Need	Cost
TOTAL	