

REACH VP Community Service End of Year Report

VP Community Service 2016-17: Khaled Itani

Accomplishments:

- Participation in 3 main events:
 - May 27 2016 Asian Culture Expo
 - October 15 2016 Dragon Boat Festival
 - February 11 2017 Lunar New Year Festival
- Participation in other events
 - Duanwu Festival June 4 2016
 - YESS Center Wall decoration in the summer
 - AAHC Scholarship Ceremony
 - Toy Drive
 - Storage Cleaning
 - Japan Festival
 - Flyer Redesigning
 - Website Redesigning
 - Lunar New Year Pre-Setup

Total: 12 volunteer activities

- Report of volunteer hours
 - May 27 2016 Asian Culture Expo
 - 67 Volunteers
 - Average of 7 hours per volunteer
 - October 15 2016 Dragon Boat Festival
 - 30 Volunteers
 - Average of 6 hours per volunteer
 - February 11 2017 Lunar New Year Festival
 - 74 Volunteers
 - Average of 6 hours per volunteer
- General Observations
 - Most of the volunteers we recruit volunteer for both shifts
 - In one year, through only REACH's main events, a REACH member can earn about 19 hours of volunteer hours
 - Broader Perspective: 4 years of active REACH membership results in minimum 76 volunteer hours.
 - That is enough for a Florida Medallion Scholarship (75hrs)
 - That is majority of Bright Futures hours requirement (100hrs)

- Honorable mentions
 - University High School, highest volunteer attendance
 - Most volunteers are freshmen and sophomores, good potential
 - Lake Nona, 2nd
 - Cypress Creek, 3rd
- Changes to the position of VP Community Service during my term
 - Partial implementation of digital record keeping through google sheets and google forms, while the system still has its kinks, a foundation has been laid for future development
 - Increased coordination in volunteer recruitment process between High School Coordinators
 - Increased oversight and coordination with the President
- Closing Remarks

During my term as VP Community Service, I have come to appreciate the fundamental driving force of REACH, our volunteers. Going through spreadsheet after spreadsheet, and familiarizing myself with the names of recurring volunteers has always been a satisfying experience. More importantly however, seeing new names gradually appear on my spreadsheets and seeing how they become more frequent is the ultimate essence of REACH. Volunteers enter, then they graduate, as a result new faces are always coming and leaving our base of volunteers, and this is something to be appreciated and honored. I hope to see the continuous success of REACH through the development of not only our officer board, but our volunteer base as well, because end of the day, it is the volunteers that drive the function of our organization.