



The Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership is a resource for students and faculty who are interested in partnering with local organizations to address important social concerns. We support faculty in their community-based teaching, develop and implement cohort-based internship programs, and support student-led community-based initiatives. We are pleased to share these brief highlights from the 2023-2024 academic year.

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**The CCEL has been  
on campus for**

**10**  
**years**

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# Community-Based Learning

Bringing the classroom into the community.

## By the Numbers

379

students in 4 schools were engaged in a community-based learning course



13

faculty used community-based teaching methods in 20 courses this year



18

community partners provided opportunities for students to learn about important issues in the Hudson Valley



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# Introducing the 2024 Marie and Rupert Tarver Summer Interns

Developing the next generation of community leaders.



Paschalyn Cama '25

**Partner: Casa Comunitaria de Recursos**



Angel Fauerbach '25

**Partner: Dutchess Pride**



Ting Fischer '25

**Partner: Catholic Charities Friends of Seniors**



Molly Harnaga '25

**Partner: Family Services Teen Resource Activity Center**



Maggie Hartman '25

**Partner: Dutchess Outreach**



Charshell Lipai '25

**Partner: The Art Effect**



Veronica Vogelman '26

**Partner: Day One Early Learning Community**

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*date*  
10/4/24  
Fall Reception

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# Public Service Careers

Developing the next generation of civic leaders.



## Washington Semester Program

## DC Public Service Careers Trip

Marist's longstanding partnership with **American University's Washington Semester Program** provides our students with great opportunity to intern, learn, and live in our nation's capital.

This trip is a collaboration between the **CCEL, SLA and Career Services**. Students from a variety of majors attended the three day trip which included an alumni reception, multiple career panels, and a FBI Careers Tour. The students learned a lot about public service career opportunities, developed their network with Marist alumni, and explored the historic sites in our nation's capital!

### 2023-2024 Internship Sites

- American Bar Association
- Partnership for Public Service
- Theater Alliance
- U.S. House of Representatives
- Rep. Pascrell, NJ-08
- Rep. Ryan, NY-18
- U.S. Senate
- WPA Intelligence

# 9

students spent the summer, fall or spring semester in DC

# 30

students participated in the DC Careers Trip in March 2024



## Albany Summer Internship Program

The Albany Summer Internship Program enables students to gain an insider's perspective on political communications, politics, and public policy in New York State's capital city. ASIP interns work at nonprofit advocacy and lobbying organizations as well as state legislative offices

### 2023-2024 Internship Sites

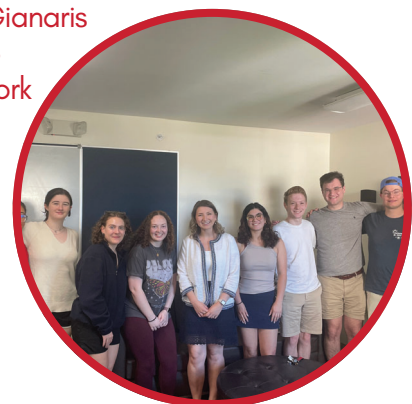
- American Heart Association
- Families Together in New York State
- Mental Health Association of New York State
- National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)
- NYS Assemblymember Anna Kelles
- NYS Senator Michael Gianaris
- NYS Senator Lea Webb
- Parks and Trails: New York

# 8

students participated in the ASIP program this summer



**Faculty Partner:** Krista Applebee, Director ASIP







# MaristVOTES

## Major Accomplishments

### Awarded "Highly Established Action Plan Award" by the All in Democracy Challenge

MaristVOTES and Marist College earned a seal of a "Highly Established Action Plan" after their first submission this past December. Out of 36 possible points, Marist scored in the highest range with a 32.

### Named to the All IN Student Voting Honor Roll

MaristVOTES Director, Sylvia Wysor '26 was among 137 Honor Roll students selected for the third annual Student Voting Honor Roll.

### Convened Two Hudson Valley Student Voting Coalition Meetings

30 students from Marist and Bard met twice this year to develop action plans to engage their peers in during the upcoming election cycle.

### Attended the National Students Learn Students Vote Conference

Ashley Dowd '26 and Sylvia Wysor '26 represented MaristVOTES and the college at this convening, held at the University of Maryland.



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### 2023-2024 Student Leadership Team

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Sylvia Wysor             | 6. Lauren Uliana   |
| 2. Brandon Quinn            | 7. Bella Cometti   |
| 3. Ashley Dowd              | 8. Brooklyn Jones  |
| 4. Katie (Kathleen) Tummino | 9. Gabriela Carchi |
| 5. Lillian Spoon            |                    |



@marist.votes

# Spanish in Action

## RASP

Rhinebeck  
Afterschool  
Spanish Program



Rhinebeck PTSO

Students planned and hosted experiences that included music, movement, craft making, and story time, as well as direct language instruction in Spanish. No prior knowledge was necessary.



Translation Service

Library District, in colla  
Call

## Community Translation Initiative

Free written translation services are offered to members of the Poughkeepsie community in collaboration with our community partners.

### Community Partners

**PP** POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC  
**LD** LIBRARY DISTRICT



### By the Numbers

# 83 61

children at Rhinebeck  
Elementary School participated  
in RASP

students participated in the  
Spanish in Action Initiative

**Faculty Mentor:** Patricia Ferrer

**2023-2024 Student Leadership Team**

1. Simon Rosenberg
2. Litzy Sanchez
3. Sara Snowden
4. Lara Vasquez





## Food Security Initiative By the Numbers

# 185

Poughkeepsie residents increased their knowledge about local food security resources

## Community Partners

Hope on a Mission



# 59

students participated in the Food Corps

# 3

community partners increased their efficiency, effectiveness, and program reach



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Partners for  
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Engagement



AmeriCorps

T. Candy Hagarty '23 served their AmeriCorps funded gap year at Marist and in the Hudson Valley leading this initiative.



## Welcome to the Marist Community Garden !



### What is it?

The garden was a student's Honors Thesis Project, proposed in 2017, to "enhance academics, providing places to learn through hands-on experiences" & focus on community building and campus engagement

### How does it work?

There are 13 beds total, current bed stewards include:

- Physical Plant
- Dr. Sonya Roy's Fashion Dye Bed (pictured to the right)
- SEED club (pictured above)
- Campus Ministry
- Garden Club
- Dr. Campisi's classes
- Dr. Daria Hansen
- Prof. Steve Schwartz



At least half of all food that is grown in the garden must be donated to either the Marist community or to a "Dutchess County non-profit that aids in food availability"

## Community Garden By the Numbers

# 100

pounds of produce from the garden were donated to local food security organizations this year

# 145

students were engaged in Campus Garden activities



Faculty Mentor: Joe Campisi

2023-2024 Student Leadership Team



@marist.communitygarden

1. Bella Rose Wild
2. Itati Serrano
3. Eva Bonanno
4. Shannon Hickey





# Semester Sweep Out By the Numbers

11

car loads of useable items collected

33

student volunteers helped collect, sort, and load useable items for our partners

2

box trucks full of useable items collected

9

community partners received collected items

*A Special Thank You to Kim Bodendorf and colleagues in Housekeeping and Physical Plant for all their help this year!*

## 2023-2024 Leadership Team

1. Sophia Orr
2. Nathalie Villalba



@semestersweepout

# Thank you!

The Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership is a team effort. The hard work of our student staff and excellent administrative support from our professional staff, combined with the willingness of faculty colleagues to spend time planning and implementing engaging community-based learning courses and initiatives makes everything possible. Our relationships with campus departments are so vital and give our students access to resources that enable them to do their work.

## 2023-2024

### Student Staff

Simrit Atwal '25  
Rebecca Dowling '25  
Sophia Orr '26  
Simon Rosenberg '26  
Itati Serrano '26  
Meghan Sharpe '27  
Katherine Smith '25  
Catherine White '25  
Bella Rose Wild '23  
Sylvia Wysor '26

### Food Security VISTA

T. Candy Hagarty '23

### Professional Staff

Gwendolyn Moreno

### CBL Faculty Fellows

Chris Algozzine, SCSM  
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Patricia Ferrer, SLA  
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Shanaaz Mohammed, SLA  
Diana Phelps, SLA  
Laura Quijano, SLA  
Jennifer Robinette, SCA

### Tarver Faculty Mentors

Jessica Boscarino, SLA  
Patricia Ferrer, SLA  
Daria Hanssen, SSBS