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Promoting Literacy in a Virtual World: Success Stories of Two University Student Clubs

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- Kate Drish
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- Dr. Amy Vujaklija
- Dr. Amy Kelly
- Dr. Lisa Pennington

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Abstract:

The Student Education Association and Kappa Delta Pi at Governors State University has a main goal this semester, which is to promote literacy in a virtual world. The purpose of this is to help all young individuals become strong readers. Our organization was fortunate enough to receive a grant from the National Education Association (NEA) that allowed us

to purchase children's books, invite guest speakers, and create workshops about varying social issues. This was in collaboration with a local library. Some of the social issues that were highlighted in our workshops are community and activism, women's rights, and identity. We will also be hosting workshops about animals and the environment in April. Each library workshop had a guest speaker that read the book to all the students and their families. In addition to that, our SEA leaders facilitated activities that helped engage the students with the content of the book.

Along with the library workshops, SEA and KDP leaders as well as faculty advisors have been hosting virtual read alouds live on our Facebook page each month. Each month had a selection of 9- 11 books about a specific topic. Starting in February and in honor of Black History Month, leaders and advisors read books about African- American figures. In March, two sets of virtual read alouds were read to the students. Throughout the whole month, leaders and advisors have been reading books about women leaders in honor of Women's History Month. In addition to that, 11 read alouds were hosted on March 2nd in honor of National Read Across America Day. In April, our read- alouds theme will be about animals and the environment.

Description of Program:

The Student Education Association and Kappa Delta Pi at Governors State University plan annual events to promote literacy in the community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic has put up many road-blocks to hosting events. Our group has had to adapt to this new virtual world and find alternate ways of staying connected with people in the community. At this session, several SEA and KDP student leaders, along with a couple of faculty advisors, will discuss their experiences of planning our literacy-based activities in the community. Participants will gain insight into not only how to organize virtual literacy-based activities for the university and community but also how to make them successful and get people engaged.

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