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Service Learning with Migrant Equity Southeast Proposal

Abstract:

Through the Spanish Department's pilot program, Spanish for Community Engagement, I have had the opportunity to serve as a Community Apprentice for Savannah's nonprofit, Migrant Equity Southeast (MESE). This experience has greatly developed my understanding of the Hispanic community while applying the tools and lessons I have learned in the classroom. Each week, I have gained more experience and awareness of the needs for local immigrant families. I have learned about immigrants' rights relating to education, housing, interactions with law enforcement, and work. I have researched available resources for immigrants including food banks, legal assistance services, rent assistance, and medical aid. With this research, I then developed resources in Spanish and English to serve MESE's clients. This experience has also allowed me to serve at vaccination events, communicate with families, and advocate for clients. The experience intertwining education, service, and advocacy has been a deeply rewarding and inspiring opportunity.

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*I plan to submit the full presentation later in the process