



THE CENTER FOR COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Gateway To Gratiot

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During the Gateway to Gratiot and Beyond program on August 23, new Alma College students traveled off-campus with their First Year Seminar (FYS) class to learn about and engage with community collaborators from the civic and nonprofit agencies related to their class's community engagement theme.

Thirty organizations are collaborating with FYS program around ten community engagement themes: Animal Welfare; Arts and Community; Business and Community Development; Environment and Conservation; Housing Access; Inclusion and Belonging; Mental Health; Nog-da-win-da-meg (taking care of one another) with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; Literacy; and Youth Development and Recreation.

As part of their FYS class, new students can earn community engagement hours that fulfill a course requirement in a variety of ways, from volunteering, to participating in trainings and attending community arts and civic events. One of the goals of the community engaged first year and transfer seminars is to welcome students to the community and to invite them to find ways to get involved in the community beyond campus throughout their time at Alma College.

Upcoming Events:

How Fascism Succeeds and Democracy Dies

October 9, 7 PM @ Andison Memorial Chapel

What is fascism? Does fascism represent a danger to our democracy? What conditions weaken democracies and strengthen fascist movements? To explore these questions, Dr. Patrick Furlong will discuss how the promising democracies in Germany and Italy collapsed into fascist dictatorships. This event is free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Scot Speaker Series and the Reid-Knox Forum.

Why Should We Trust Elections?

October 16, 7 PM @ Andison Memorial Chapel

How do elections and voter registration really work? Why should we trust these processes? Join local city and county clerks, along with other election officials, as they explain the practical details of elections and the extensive safeguards in place to ensure our elections remain fair and trustworthy. This event is free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Scot Speaker Series and the Reid-Knox Forum.