

## Seniors involved in community service and volunteering report higher belonging.

Students engaged in civic engagement build connections with others, develop a sense of purpose, and become more invested in their community. Civic engagement is an effective strategy for fostering belonging in students.

### First-year students

0-60 point belonging scale

First-year benchmark

Engaged in community service

40

Not engaged in community service

39

### Seniors

0-60 point belonging scale

Senior benchmark

Engaged in community service

43

Not engaged in community service

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### Three simple things that enhance belonging and student success

1. Encourage [frequent and meaningful interactions](#) with faculty, staff, and other students.
2. **Empower students** to engage in a service that is **relevant** to their interests and purpose.
3. **Recognize** students who engage in community service.