

This class has given me so much I wasn't expecting. When I signed up, I thought it would be a fun extracurricular and trip where I would be able to make a real impact on the people in my community, and hopefully beyond. I didn't think, however, that I would get to meet so many amazing people that would help me in so many different ways throughout this class.

When I was confused, lost, or nervous about things like an upcoming project or my interview to take this class again next year, there were always people in this class I could talk to. I'm proud to be able to call them my friends. Without taking this class, I would have never met them or had so many connections with people I had never heard of before joining. It was such a great experience to be able to collaborate and receive input and helpful suggestions from so many people, and I don't think I could have done the work I did in this class without them.

I would always look forward to coming here because I could be around and work with people I liked and get to know them better with each class. I never thought I would have these connections, but I'm so glad I did. I also didn't realize the extent of the work we would be doing in the class. Whether it be distributing fresh food to the homeless in an attempt to help food insecure parts of our city or advocating for more land and immigration rights on Capitol Hill, we've done so much that I never foresaw happening.

One of my biggest takeaways from this class is our individual ability to make change. Yeah, it might seem obvious given the name of the class, we can do so much by just collaborating and reaching out to people in our community who can help us make the positive changes we want to see. I didn't know we as individuals could do so much to better our community, but by looking at the results from not only my own project but the extremely impressive projects from everyone else in this class, it's clear that we can be the difference we want to see. I'm so grateful for this opportunity, it has been a huge part of my junior year, and I've made some amazing connections with people. I would do it again in a heartbeat. Oh wait, I am!

I'm extremely proud that I've been chosen to be a changemaker fellow and help lead groups of students next year, helping them with their projects and on the DC trip. Thank you so much to Mrs. Paxton and Franey who've given me so much support with my projects and in this class this year, and for choosing me to do it again. It really means so much. I'm so glad the class is coming back next year, and more people can experience how truly great this is. Thank you all so much.