Happy March NCCA,

Spring is in the air! This time of the year is known for renewal so let's renew our commitment to improving our corners of the world, shall we?! :) Below is some inspiration from our amazing seniors:

Kei'Era, 12th grade: Tutored math to an adult who just started community college and coordinated a campaign to collect basic necessities which were donated to help survivors of a fire in her local community. She shared, "Community service has taught me so much. The little things in life count, you should do things just cause you felt it in your heart. This also helped me because I have social anxiety so this helped me get out of my shell. I don't have many friends because like I said I struggle with social anxiety. It helps me meet new good people and have conversations. This also helped me get out of the house more because I usually just go to work and come straight home."

Abigail, 12th grade: "downloaded Vizer an app that rewards exercise with meal donation. For every 10,000 steps, you can donate a meal. It also allows people to collect credits that can be redeemed for items at local businesses. On Vizer, your exercise supports both independent food banks and food banks in the Feeding America network."

***Nicole, 12th Grade**: "I learned that cleaning up your neighborhood is very rewarding. People tend to not be aware that keeping their neighborhood clean is important. It's important to the environment. The world is not a trash can, and seeing all the trash thrown on the ground made me realize we must be more conscious of how we treat our Earth as humans."*

HOOT HOOT to these caring 12th graders and to all NCCA students who are improving their communities during this pandemic!

Popular Question: "On Treedom, it says that I need a total of 75 hours but this is my first year at the school, so shouldn't it be 25? It has only recently started saying I need a total of 75 hours instead of 25."

Answer: The settings in Treedom changed recently. So 12th graders have 100 hours listed; 11th graders have 75 hours; 10th graders have 50 hours; 9th graders have 25 hours. So if you started NCCA as a 9th grader then your numbers are accurate. But, it will be incorrect for the students who come to NCCA after 9th grade. Please know, your hours are prorated. So if you start NCCA as an 11th grader, you only need 50 hours by the time of your graduation (not 100). The system is not letting us customize by student's start date yet--only grade level--so please excuse the tech glitch :)

Artwork Request! If you create a piece of art with an owl (NCCA's mascot), please share it with me to get featured in an upcoming newsletter! The pic above is a beautiful creation by Ferryanna, 12th grader.

Please sign up for a 1 on 1 about community service–all questions, concerns, celebrations are welcomed!

Happy Serving,

Dr. Sharma :)

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