The Center for Community Action and Research (CCAR) at Dyson College of Arts and Sciences works to implement Pace University’s mandate to provide students with a holistic education that embodies the liberal arts tradition of educating for citizenship and social responsibility. For more than a decade, CCAR has supported civic engagement, social responsibility, and reciprocal partnership with the community, resulting in enriched learning for positive change.

Housed within the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, CCAR’s programs serve the entire university through curricular and co-curricular initiatives, coordination of national civic engagement programs, and support of ongoing community partnerships.

STUDENTS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
CCAR empowers students and student organizations to take action on social issues that are important to them, including women’s rights, the environment, gun violence, and mass incarceration. They can participate in any of CCAR’s many programming opportunities, including our ongoing service events, our Student Leaders in Service program, the Pace Votes initiative, Alternative Spring Break, our student leadership positions, and more.

VOLUNTEERING
CCAR’s exciting volunteer events are open to all Pace University students, staff, and faculty. From spending a week rebuilding homes in the Rockaways, to painting murals at underserved elementary schools, Pace is making a difference in the community.

PROJECT PERICLES
Project Pericles is a not-for-profit organization that encourages and facilitates commitments by colleges and universities to include education for social responsibility and participatory citizenship as an essential part of their educational programs in the classroom, on the campus, and in the community. This program is designed to help students gain valuable leadership skills through civic participation, community action, and advocacy for social change.

FAST FACTS FROM 2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR
Number of student service hours contributed via Service Learning courses and CCAR events: 52,090 (Average number of community hours is 25 per student)
Number of service-learning course sections: 101
Number of students attending CCAR’s civic education programs: 3,047