Pay It Forward Marion

Purpose
This project’s purpose is to promote civic engagement in at least six English courses ranging from beginner to advanced and to improve the local community through skill-based service and philanthropy.

Impact
Beginning writers apply their burgeoning research, writing, and rhetorical skills by examining community needs and developing fundraisers to increase available funds. Their findings and funds are passed along to intermediate writing students, who research and volunteer at local non-profit organizations, respond to the identified community needs, promote the PIFM project, and collect RFPs.

Students in advanced classes receive these materials, analyze proposals, engage in more in-depth research at the non-profits seeking funds, and create multimodal arguments about how to distribute the funds.

Over the two-year grant period, students will allocate over $10,000 in grants to the community.

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