CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Spotlight on Student Leaders

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Throughout my time at Smith, my engagement with the CSO has played a huge role in shaping my college experience. I have been a part of the CSO Executive Board since my sophomore year, when I served as the Head of House Reps. After that, I was selected to serve as Chairwoman of the board and have been in this position ever since.

Not only have I continued learning about best practices for community engagement and community based learning, but also I have learned invaluable lessons about leadership and have felt myself grow as a leader. My involvement with the CSO Board has offered me a different perspective to community service, a perspective of leadership and student engagement. It has allowed me to do community work that I am deeply passionate about, while working with a student-led board and learning about group dynamics. This has given me lots of experience working and collaborating with other students.

In particular, my work has introduced me to a wide range of Smith students, from all different backgrounds, opinions and personalities. Learning how to successfully lead and engage with students of all types has been crucial to my growth as a person and a leader. As the Chairwoman of the board, it is my responsibility to guide our group in the right direction, in order to ensure that we are most efficiently and effectively carrying out our mission.

We have just wrapped up our fall semester, which was super busy but incredibly successful, filled with lots of great events and volunteer placements.