

VOICES OF CEL

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Community Engaged Learning (CEL) is a method of experiential learning that encourages action, reflection and real-world engagement. It allows people to participate in hands-on experiences while gaining critical thinking, problem solving and reflection skills through creating mutually beneficial relationships between individuals and communities. It also allows students to link their academic experiences to their communities.

Campus to Community

Campus to Community (C2C) Days are half-day sessions where students participate in service work with communities in the Greater Ottawa area throughout the whole academic year.

On March 9th, Carleton students partnered with Ausome Ottawa and helped support children with autism through soccer. Then, on March 11th the Campus to Community group supported the In From The Cold Program by serving warm meals at Parkdale United Church.

Check out our three final Campus to Community Days of the year below:

- March 29 and April 6 - The C2C team will be travelling to The Ottawa Food Bank and helping sort through donated food.
- April 2 - Carleton students are partnering one last time with Ausome Ottawa this year and supporting their basketball program.

If you are interested in attending any of these C2C days, you can [sign-up here!](#) It's never too late to participate!

Partner Feature Bruce House

One of the organizations that our students in the Community Partnership Project worked with this year is Bruce House. Bruce House is an organization founded in 1988 that brings hope, housing, and support to people affected by HIV in the Ottawa area. They have a variety of programs such as Health & Wellness programs, Outreach and Support Program, Apartment Program and Volunteer Supports for Clients. If you are interested in getting involved with Bruce House, [click here](#) to learn more!

Humans of CEL

Hakim Amar



Howdy! My name is Hakim Amar and I'm in my second year of a Bachelor of Computer Science with a focus on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

On March 9th, I led a group of students on a Campus to Community outing. Our partner for the day was Ausome Ottawa, an amazing charity that supports children living with autism through sport. We were each paired with a child athlete and tasked with assisting them throughout a variety of fun soccer-based activities. The children displayed a wide range of abilities, both physical and communication wise. Figuring out how to best support each child in their preferred way was a challenging puzzle, but the smiles and high fives we got at the end made everything worthwhile. Overall, it was an incredibly fun and rewarding day. I look forward to partnering with Ausome Ottawa again in the future.

I have learned to greatly appreciate the Community Engaged Learning program at Carleton. Students are given an opportunity to partner with many different organizations. This allows us to gain insight and experience with many different groups, showing the true diversity of our great city. We get to give back to our communities, meet amazing people, learn about the struggles people face, and achieve personal growth.

I highly encourage students to get involved. I recommend trying out different activities with different organizations. There's something for everyone, whether you prefer working directly with people or in a back office, interacting with children or the elderly, indoor or outdoor activities, and everything in between. Along the way, you'll meet amazing fellow students and learn a thing or two!



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