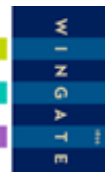


# The Collaboration Corner –

*The Collaborative for the Common Good Newsletter*



WHAT WILL YOU

CONTRIBUTE TO THE

COMMON GOOD?





## THE COLLABORATIVE CONNECTION!

Want to learn more about our up-and-coming new collaborative? We are a project-based group focused on addressing economic, social, and ecological issues in Eastern Union County. Headed by **Dr. Catherine Wright**, faculty, staff, and students work together with our community partners to make sustainable, powerful, and positive changes for our neighbors both on and off campus.


Projects supported by and created within the CCG help a variety of Eastern Union County residents, ranging from our super seniors to our courageous children.


This summer finds us planning new and exciting developments within the CCG. Stay tuned for our monthly newsletters!


Interested in learning more about the Collaborative for the Common Good (CCG)? Check out our website ([www.wingate.edu/around-campus/common-good](http://www.wingate.edu/around-campus/common-good)) for information on:

-  Who we are
-  What we have done so far
-  What we are working on
-  Our goals for the future

Also, feel free to reach out to us at our email [cgg@wingate.edu](mailto:cgg@wingate.edu) or find us on the following social media platforms:

 Facebook: @CCGWingate

 Instagram: @CCGWingate

 Twitter: @CCGWingate

## PLANS FOR A SUPER SUMMER!

*See what the CCG coordinators are planning for the collaborative's super summer semester!*

**Dr. Erika Niland**, Agriculture & Ecology Coordinator, is hard at work with our community garden and planning for some exciting developments related to recycling and composting. Meanwhile, **Dr. Candace Lapan**, Service Learning & Community Engagement Coordinator, is spearheading her *Upward Bound* course build and development with some of her amazing students, while building fantastic service-learning resources. Finally, **Dr. Lacey J. Ritter**, Professional Development & Recruitment Coordinator, is hard at work building resources for collaborative faculty, staff, and student membership, along with setting up a year's worth of fun and educational sessions for everyone to learn about joining the CCG!



At left: Check out a successful evening helping students in Eastern Union County schools learn and grow with *Chalk it Up to Love East*, our local teacher-supply charity drive. See more about *Chalk it Up to Love* on pg. 2!



*Chalk it Up to Love East* is led by wonderful Wingate student **Isabella Walle** (at right). Learn more about *Chalk it Up to Love East* – and Isabella – at the CCG Website!

# PROUD TO BE CCG: PROJECT SHOWCASE




*Learn more about Chalk it Up to Love East, a non-profit organization supplying school items for teachers and students in four Eastern Union County schools, one of our excellent projects, led by Wingate University student Isabella Walle.*

Many teachers often spend their own money to meet student needs, so student **Isabella Walle** helps offset these gaps through *Chalk it Up to Love East*, a non-profit organization supplying school items needed for student success in four Eastern Union County schools: Marshville Elementary, Wingate Elementary, East Union Middle, and Forest Hills High.


In addition to school supplies like pencils, paper, and binders, teachers are also provided with other classroom needs, including posters, tissues, and hand sanitizer. By filling out needs-based ordering forms, teachers are given access on a first-come, first-served basis for these materials. Data on orders, donations, and volunteer hours are shown below.

Beginning in 2019, *Chalk it Up to Love East* is lucky to have a wonderful, newly designed space in the Collaborative for the Common Good (which can be found in the Wingate Baptist Church) to connect volunteers willing to donate and pack supplies with our school partners.

Interested in showing your support? We would love your help in the following ways:

-  Spreading the word about *Chalk* on social media and around Eastern Union County
-  Volunteering to help sort and pack supplies on Packing Days
-  Donating various school supplies or monetary donations to be used for supply purchases

*“This program is so much more than school supplies. It is so wonderful to know that we as teachers are appreciated for what we’re trying to do each and every day in our classroom.” – Chalk it Up to Love Recipient*

-  Helping to organize more school supply drives around Eastern Union County

Contact us at [cgg@wingate.edu](mailto:cgg@wingate.edu) to get started, or learn more about all CCG projects at: <https://www.wingate.edu/around-campus/common-good>

## Chalk it Up to Love – East 2019 Data



**\$9,800** - [ Monetary Donations

**\$2,500** - [ Supply Donations



Approximately **590 Volunteer Hours**



### Volunteers came from:

Wingate University, Marshville, Unionville, Monroe, Indian Trail, Stallings and Waxhaw.

### 177 school supply bags for:

Wingate Elementary, East Union Middle, Forest Hill High, and Union Elementary.



# DOING BETTER & MAKING CHANGES: THE CCG AND OUR CULTURAL LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COURSE; 'GOOD GATHERINGS'

Join us in taking the University of Michigan's online certification in **Leading for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Higher Education** course either for free or receive 50% off your certificate with this course code:

<http://fbuy.me/v/clapan>  
Make sure to 'Refer a Friend' when you sign up!

Care to join us in discussing the material? Whether or not you take the course, we would love to see you! Click the link to join weekly "Good Gatherings" – online chats!  
<https://forms.gle/pwuCGAJFfjDZtHg96>

*Though it has already been occurring for far too long, the recent events surrounding George Floyd's death have given those of us in the CCG the impetus to fight harder for change. See the ways we plan to do so in the following pages.*

We need to build allies and bridges on campus -- and work towards identifying goals and scope of work for promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Cultural Leadership Project, sponsored by the Collaborative for the Common Good, seeks to equip faculty, staff, and students with skills to have conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion in order to build a stronger community.

We want to live by our statement of inclusion in the student handbook:

"Wingate University cultivates an inclusive and welcoming environment. The University affirms principles of fairness and social justice. We believe a diverse academy supports greater learning outcomes, enhances the campus ethos, prepares students for a multicultural workforce and society, and contributes to self-reflection and growth."

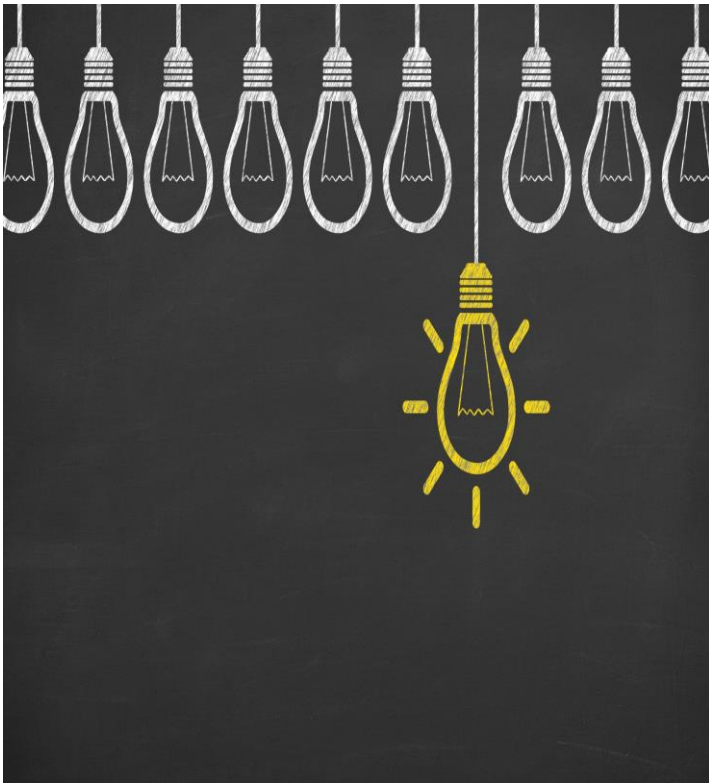
The Cultural Leadership Project plans to align our goals with the missions and visions of the University, including, but not limited to:

"The mission of Wingate University is to develop educated, ethical and productive global citizens."  
**Knowledge:** "Encourage participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular educational, cultural and recreational opportunities." **Faith:** "Articulate the ideal of integrity in all relationships." **Service:** "Emphasize the importance of service to God and humanity."

All of these values come together as part of the mission of the Collaborative for the Common Good:

"Our goal is to transform our local region by focusing on creating neighborhoods where people, places, and economies can thrive and prosper. And we will do this through collective engagement -- **the power of 'we.'**"

To accomplish this mission, we will begin by implementing a Cultural Leadership Program, beginning unofficially during the summer and starting in earnest in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. A proposed timeline of our goal implementation is as follows:



### *Summer 2020 – Recruitment & Refinement*

During the summer semester, the **CCG Coordinators** will meet with interested stakeholders to learn more about our needs while completing additional training courses and certifications to help facilitate workshops and learning sessions on our campus.

The process began in May, but we are holding our second planning session to harness the synergy of our different initiatives under one umbrella beginning at

**11am EST, Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

We would love to have you join us! To do so, first complete the Google Form Link here (and vote for yourself, too!): <https://forms.gle/t43vDATY4oWQwUij8> and join the Zoom meeting <https://wingate.zoom.us/j/95972543292>

From there, we also plan to identify and recruit additional faculty, staff, and students who wish to help us undertake our **Cultural Leadership Initiative**.

Our goal is to create a **Student Cultural Leadership Intern Team**, as well as an **Advisory Team** made of CCG Coordinators, faculty, staff, alumni, and students.

### *Fall 2020 – Formation & Training*

Moving into the fall, we plan to conduct diversity, inclusion, and civility learning sessions for Wingate University faculty, administration, and staff who are interested in serving as mentors and guides for their colleagues.

Our **Student Cultural Leadership Interns** will also be trained extensively on how to facilitate dialogue on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.



### *Spring 2020 – Courageous Conversations*

Once we begin our spring semester, we plan to implement diversity and inclusion workshops at the campus level for faculty, staff, and administration – these will be ran by our **Cultural Leadership Network** and our **Student Interns**. We will also create conversations within the community, led by our **Student Cultural Leadership Interns** and assisted by their faculty and student allies.

Again, please join us in our Cultural Leadership Initiative by completing this Google form:  
<https://forms.gle/t43vDATY4oWQwU1j8>

***Change requires unity through the power of ‘we’!***