

## Student Testimony

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While being part of the Community Engaged Scholarship and Learning (CESL) course, we partnered with La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE), during my experience I was able to practice communication, social and critical thinking skills, while developing self-confidence and openness to different perspectives of service learning. As we served at LUPE, we attended their membership meetings, connected with members and we were encouraged to provide solutions that could improve our communities' neighborhoods. Attending LUPE meetings also helped me gain an awareness of potential projects that can meet the needs in my community and challenge myself to think about how I can find ways to meet those needs. Being part of this course helped me develop an understanding of my major and the implications that my major can have in my community.