What is Civic Engagement?

Part 2
Recap from Monday

• Define civic engagement
• Examples of civic engagement
• Civic engagement opportunities at ISU
What Do You Care About? Activity

• Review the list of social/community issues
• Draw a line through issues you are not interested in
• Circle the issues you are interested in
• Write in any issues that are important to you but are not on the worksheet
• Put a star next to your top three interests
Engaged Citizens
The Active Citizen Continuum

**Member**
Not Concerned With His/Her Role in Social Problems.

**Volunteer**
Well-Intentioned but Not Well-Educated About Social Issues.

**Conscientious Citizen**
Concerned With Discovering Root Causes: Asks Why?

**Active Citizen**
Community Becomes A Priority In Values And Life Choices.
Types of Citizen

• Personally responsible citizen – A person who acts responsibly in their community
• Participatory Citizen – A person who is an active member of community organizations and/or improvement efforts
• Justice oriented citizen – a person who critically assesses social, political, and economic structures to see beyond surface causes

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Member → Volunteer → Conscientious Citizen → Active Citizen

Personally Responsible Citizen → Participatory Citizen → Justice Oriented Citizen
5 Critical Elements of Meaningful Community Service

• Community Voice – community should define what they need
• Orientation and training – know about the issue, organization, and/or necessary skills
• Meaningful Action – work is necessary and valuable, feel like time was utilized well
• Reflection – discuss reactions, feelings, facts about the issue/experience
• Evaluation – measure effectiveness, improvement, growth, etc.
How Does FCS Connect to Civic Engagement?
Connecting Civic Engagement to Career

- Skill development – communication, problem solving, teamwork, cultural competency, technical skills, industry specific skills
- Networking
- Future opportunities