

Each TFAS Institute hosts a specialized project or series of small group meetings that allow students to directly experience the field in which the program focuses.

OVERVIEW OF INSTITUTE PROJECT

A key component of the IPVS experience is participating in the Institute Philanthropy Project. This interactive project allows students to directly impact the Washington, DC community through service and philanthropy while learning valuable event-planning, fundraising, grantmaking and facilitation skills.

The IPVS exercise is designed to give students a mechanism through which they will be able to directly effect DC youth and education. Each IPVS class hosts a series of fundraising events and at the end of the summer presents a grant award to a worthy nonprofit organization of the class' choosing. A number of service projects are also planned to give students first-hand experience in the community.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve on one committee and attend weekly project and committee specific meetings
- Participate in at least one of the IPVS service projects
- Vote in the final grantmaking decision

COMMITTEES

Each student serves on one fundraising committee. Committees will meet during the weekly project meetings on Friday mornings and will schedule additional meetings as needed. The committee is also responsible for selecting leadership, submitting meeting minutes, maintaining a budget and communicating regularly with Institute staff.

- **Raffle and Silent Auction** – Will plan and execute a raffle at the TFAS Alumni BBQ. Duties will include soliciting prizes and donations from local businesses and selling raffle tickets to students and alumni during the BBQ.
- **Cornhole Tournament** – Will plan and execute a cornhole (also known as Baggo or Bean Bag Toss) tournament at the TFAS Alumni BBQ. This may include marketing and advertising the event, soliciting participants, determining prizes and coordinating the tournament.
- **Community Book Sale** – Will plan and execute a Community Book Sale in conjunction with the Car Wash. Participation in this committee will include soliciting donations, publicizing the event and working the day of the book sale.
- **Community Car Wash** – Will plan and execute the IPVS Community Car Wash in conjunction with the Book Sale. This committee will work to publicize the car wash and coordinate logistics for the day of the event.
- **TFAS Talent Show** – Will plan and execute the TFAS Talent Show in conjunction with the Date Auction. Committee members will host the event on campus, secure acts from fellow TFAS students and sell tickets.
- **Date Auction** – Will plan and execute a date auction to be held at the TFAS Talent Show. Committee members will solicit participants, market the event and facilitate the auction.

One student from each committee will be selected to serve on the Grantmaking Committee. This committee will review all grant proposals and select the finalists on which the entire class will vote.