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Announcing Nine Students as Kesselman Fellows for the Advancement of Democracy

Engage NJ's vision is to graduate students with the competencies for the 21st century that can transform our democracy so that all people can be engaged, represented, and lead fulfilling lives. A major step forward in realizing that vision is the new Kesselman Student Fellowships for the Advancement of Democracy. Nine Fellows will work in teams to remove barriers to opportunity

Fellows: Jennifer Clock, Francesca Barbiero, and Bella Gonzalez

Raritan Valley Community College

Project: Fill it up Challenge: RvCC Resource Center Open House

Goal: to reduce or eliminate food insecurities and correlated insecurities of the student body at RvCC by increasing resources, visibility, active engagement, and awareness, while reducing numerous barriers to educational success

Fellows: Olivia Lovett, Lauren Whaley, and Andrea Sandoval

Stockton University

Project: Dignity and Access

Goal: to increase the overall resource-capacity of the Osprey Pantry, so as to improve the overall health, well-being, and dignity of the community it serves

Fellows: Giannamaria Guido, Justin Capin, Junanyelis Flores, & Maraya Cruz

St. Peter's University

Project: Native and Medicinal Plant Knowledge of Immigrant Populations in Jersey City, NJ

Goal: to preserve the rich and diverse cultural knowledge that can be lost when immigrants move to Jersey City from their home countries

"We are putting our best foot forward to give these teams of Kesselman Fellows the support and kudos they deserve. They will carry the name with pride and purpose, while their \$1,000 award will provide them with the financial resources to achieve their goals." Dr. Saul Petersen, Executive Director

Kesselman Fellowships for the Advancement of Democracy are so named to honor Dr. Harvey Kesselman, retiring as president of Stockton University, long-serving board member of Engage NJ, and staunch advocate for the advancement of human rights across the Garden State

ABOUT US

ENGAGE NJ is a higher education presidents' nonprofit coalition operating since 2011 with members right across the state, public, private, 2-year, 4-year, devoted to equipping students with the competencies to thrive in 21st century life and work.

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