"Share your story, share your gifts" project for Luckyday Class of 2019

"What's life if you can't give something back to the community? All of the sudden your life has gone and you haven't given anything back – what's the point? I really do think it is better to give than to receive."

Frank Rogers Day

In fall 2017 and spring 2018, you will design and complete a project that will reconnect you with your home community.   You are being asked to identify a need that exists in your home community. You will then partner with a community contact to address the need in a positive way. The examples below should be helpful if you have trouble identifying a need.

Examples of past projects include:

- Talking with high school seniors about financial aid opportunities in college or other topics such as college transition, encouragement, persistence, etc.
- Development of a tutoring program for elementary and high school students
- Leading a book drive for the local library
- Development of an exercise program for elderly residents in the community
- Assistance coaching at the high school or in the community
- Mentorship of a student at the high school or in the community
- Assistance with construction projects in the community
- Assistance with an already existing project in your high school or community

Remember these important things related to this project:

1. Project proposal is due no later than <u>Friday, November 3, 2017</u>.

2. Project must be completed and reflective paper and photograph from the project submitted no later than <u>Friday, March 30, 2018</u>

3. When you approach someone at your high school or in your community remember to **<u>let them decide what their needs are</u>** and how you will go about partnering towards fulfilling the needs (within the guidelines provided)

4. Keep your project **<u>realistic</u>**. You only have a few months to complete everything so make sure you map out everything on your calendar and be realistic about the limits of what you can do during the timeframe provided and with the resources you have or will access.

5. You may wish to partner with other students who are from the same high school or community for your project. This is encouraged and will probably result in your project having more impact.

"Share your story, share your gifts" Project Completion Checklist

1. _____ Make contact with someone in your home community

2. _____ Decide **with** the community contact what you will be doing.

3. _____ Type up a proposal (form attached) of your project and include the following:

   _____ Date(s) and time (s) you will do the project

   _____ Description of the benefits of doing the project

   _____ Will you do the project alone? If not, who else will be participating?

   _____ What impact will this project have at your high school or in the community?

   _____ What will you learn by doing this project?

   _____ Please have your community contact person write their
   <u>name</u> and <u>contact</u> information at the bottom of the proposal form and have them sign the form

   Deadline to submit project proposal to Dr. Perry = **Friday, November 3, 2017**
   (The proposal should be typed, double-spaced, 12 or 14 point font, easy to read.
   <u>The proposal must be submitted in pdf format</u> by e-mail to plperry@olemiss.edu)

   You will be contacted if your project requires edits/additional clarification. You may submit earlier than the deadlines stated.

4. _____ After you have completed the project, please type a two page reflective paper
   Including at least one photo explaining what you did and your overall experience
   with this project. Include any thoughts about how you might be involved with
   your high school or community after you complete your formal education.
   Deadline to submit project reflective paper = **Friday, March 30, 2018**

   The reflective paper should be 300-500 words, typed, double-spaced, 12 point
   font and <u>submitted in pdf format</u> by e-mail to Dr. Perry at plperry@olemiss.edu.

Luckyday Junior Project Proposal Form
Deadline: Friday, November 3, 2017

Name _____

Project Name/Brief Description _____

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Community Group Name _____

Project Description (in your description answer all questions from #3 on project checklist)

Name of community contact: _____

E-mail address and phone number for contact: _____

Signature _____ Date _____