



Cycle 50 "Civics 101" - Session #2 - May 24, 2022

- Music: "Win" by Brian McKnight, suggested by Manuel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDEi5hJ76-A>

Donations?

- David - church
- Samuel - church
- Omar - feed the homeless
- Gabriel - homeless, food depositories/pantries, church
- social services
- Frank - research
- Felicia - unique thrift store
- Scott - I donate clothes instead of just wasting them
- One can donate goods and services.
- Morgan - church, homeless, clothes

Why Donate?

- Omar - conscious
- To help out - if you have a little "extra"...
- Frank Reed - In regards to research, to push tech and health forward
- Can't "make" you - but might inspire..or persuade...
- Frank - My grandfather has spoken at length about the benefits of a foundation. is there a major difference between that and a non-profit or are the terms essentially interchangeable?

Mission of i c stars?

- Frank Reed - to provide opportunities for underserved communities and promote passing it down
- Provide opportunities, training
- Scott - to help people that need training
- to people who would not have access

Note 2 elements: 1- what is provided, 2 - to whom

- Who recvs the services of i c stars?
- Morgan - underserved people
- David - low income adults
- POC /minorities/ people have been left out
- From web site: "i.c.stars develops leaders through a robust training program for underserved young adults. Be the change you want to see in the tech industry."
- From web site: "Committed to racial equity and social justice, i.c.stars drives change with education, training and opportunity. We provide underserved young adults with technology-based workforce development, community leadership training, internships and job placement."
- From web site: "With a pay-it-forward mentality, i.c.stars is shaping the next generation of community-minded technology leaders."
- Actual language of mission from "About Us" web page: "i.c.stars works to activate a technology community of change agents to power social and economic freedom. Working

with low-income young adults, providing them with employment opportunities and preparing them for community-based advocacy allows us to achieve our social purpose.”

Reactions to wording of mission?

- Feels right - could add... Left some points unexplained?
- Is your pulse pounding?
- Mission statement = who does what for who where and why.

What Is Your Burning issue?

- Tom - Economic justice/injustice
- Terrence - Taxes - Unfair taxes as most taxes come from the low class
- David - Financial education
- Osaze - Social Disconnect
- Gabriel - Misguided youth with little resources
- Frank - Fair and competent policing in black neighborhoods
- Zach - Queer rights and liberation, changing public perception on gender and sexuality
- Karla - Safe, clean affordable housing for women and children
- Samuel - Fatherlessness in minority households
- Felicia - Food deserts & mental health
- Scott - I think everyone should have citizenship that is already in our country
- Omar - Drug addiction, THC/psychedelic medical research/ drug related litigation and social support
- Morgan - Homelessness

Drilling Down On Mission Statements

- Frank - Apple's mission statement explains their proprietary equipment though
- Small Group Work using the JamBoard at <http://www.tinyurl.com/Mission-Exercise>
- Mission statement is a challenge - why - catch people's eye - use of action language.
- Start with passion - easy - hard part is to vision the solution.
- Got to get specific - If the issue is BIG - hot to chunk it down..
- Karla - Really like yours Sam, a very real problem, Ive seen minority homes that for generations no males in the household.
- **Exercise your creative civic imaginations!**

Intern Ideas

- Frank - policing. Perhaps start with relations/outcomes/police services - personal experience as well as knowledge of others...
- Felicia - "5 Loaves and 2 Fish" - food pantry. Perhaps food service could be via pop up/locations/home delivery...
- Gabe - Mentorship/training for youth...Aimed at 8th graders - how to engage around careers...Try focusing on something specific, focus on an activity - is it sports, career prep, internship?

Next class: We look at i c stars as a model and are visited by Board member Kevin Gates -> <https://www.dreaddontdie.com>.