CSN Planetarium

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Part 1 - Social Problem/Issue

Social Issue
- Lack of interest students are demonstrated towards science and overall their education.

Current and Ideal State of Issue
- Current: focusing on things that don’t matter
  - Example: Phones, Social Media etc.
- Ideal: Students finding interest in their education again

Service Site Approach to Issue
- Offer year round field trips to students from K-12
- Weekend Shows

My Approach to Issue
- I want to help students
- It was proven that the use of cell phones affected grades and test scores

Part 2 – Service Learning Experience

Service Learning to Community
- Organized slides for future shows
- Interacted with lots of people at the shows
- Gift shop was remodeled and the Dome will be next to be more comfortable for the audience

Semester Reflection
- Changed my perspective
- Felt like I was a part of something
- Always felt welcome and the people are great
- Found an interest in science
- Will continue to volunteer

Pros and Cons
- Pros:
  - Got to meet very wonderful people, very convenient, learned new things, enjoyed volunteering
- Cons:
  - Sometimes they had trouble figuring out what volunteers were going to do.

Expectations
- Not what I expected - Feel in love with the place, the shows, the satisfaction it gave me.

Part 3 – Difference Making and Future

Differences in My Own View
- It gave me hope that students will be more engaged
- Brings people together

Differences I made for the Site
- Will be more organized
- Better prepared for future shows

Personal/Professional Learning
- Personal Learning:
  - learned to appreciate science, learned that I enjoyed volunteering
- Professional Learning:
  - Learned the difference I can make in a students life

Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes
- Future Change: in the education system
- Effort: Needed from everyone
- Outcome: Needs to be great

References: