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## Volunteering at Innovations International Charter School of Nevada

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# My Service Learning Experience: Volunteering at Innovations International Charter School of Nevada

## Social Problem

The lack of quality education among low-income or disadvantaged children

## Current and Ideal State of Issue

Current: "Most schools serving low-income students lack the human resources and knowledge to prepare large numbers of low-income children to meet demanding academic standards." (Duncan)

Ideal: Children coming from low-income families would have equal access to educational resources and receive a quality education as any other student would have in a well-performing school.

## Service Site Approach to Issue

As a tuition-free public K-12 school, my service site sets high standards, acknowledges parent and home influence, and utilizes technology to effectively teach students.

## My Approach to Issue

I believe schools that serve low-income children should be equipped with high quality teachers, more resources like books and counselors, and should implement programs to provide disadvantaged children with a quality education.

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## Service to Community

Assisting K-12 students in subjects like math and English, providing advice on college, and inspiring change among underprivileged youth

## Semester Reflection

Through my community service, I learned the importance of being an active citizen and enjoyed my experience serving at a charter school. I was inspired in the classroom, and I felt empowered to speak up more about issues that matter to me.

## Pros and Cons

Pros: Network, assist teachers, connect with youth, gain experience/knowledge

Cons: Encounter troubled teachers and misbehaving students, difficulty assisting some students

## Expectations

I would assist teachers and help students with the lessons. I didn't expect this charter school to appear as it did, but my expectations for my service in the classrooms were met.

## Differences in My Own Views

I realized the significance of community service, how charter schools work, and understood the roles of educators.

## Differences I Made for the Site

I helped students of various ages with their classwork and encouraged them to continue their education.

## Personal/Professional Learning

Personal: Thankful for my education, see the potential in every student, I enjoy leadership

Professional: What I like and don't like about teaching, the importance of cooperation between teachers, how to manage a classroom, different teaching methods depending on age levels, and the necessary patience and passion needed for the profession

## Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes

To effect change... I plan to volunteer more in low-performing schools, support organizations that help disadvantaged children, promote the social issue, become a tutor, and guide youth as a high school teacher

