

Ethics Champions End of Semester Report, 12/2020

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Student Community Outreach Project

For our project, student volunteers from my classes were invited to interview business leaders and other professionals in Alamosa and Trinidad. (This project is ongoing and will continue into the spring semester.) In the fall semester 2020, five students from four classes interviewed four community leaders. (Two students interviewed the same USFS supervisor in separate interviews, two students interviewed La Puente representatives, and one student interviewed a TSJC faculty member.)

Interviewees who have a stake in social issues and work with populations in our communities were selected. Themes included environmental issues, gender discrimination, race and ethnicity, and homelessness. Each student interviewer created a question bank for their interviews that included two or three of the DFEI ethics principles. Each interview is recorded and is 30 minutes long.* One interview is aired on KRZA Radio each month starting in November 2020. For their effort, interviewers receive extra credit points in class.

TSJC marketing also created a webpage with write-ups and links to the recorded interviews. Those thus far posted include "Forest Health Around in the SLV," and "Race and Ethnicity: What exactly are they?" Recorded interviews can be found at this link: <https://trinidadstate.edu/class/dfei.html>

Finally, student interviewers give short presentations and discuss their interview topic with their respective classes. This project will continue into the spring semester.

Total populations impacted:

Student interviewers plus their classmates: 23

Community leaders: 3 (plus 2 TSJC faculty)

KRZA Radio potential SLV population coverage: 50,000

* KRZA Radio and TSJC marketing both suggested using a digital mp3 recorder for interviews, so I purchased one with DFEI funding.