

Washington Community Scholars' Center celebrates 20 years at Nelson Good House

The Brookland neighborhood in Washington D.C. was a little noisier—at least for a few minutes—Aug. 20 when Washington Community Scholars' Center (WCSC) staffers gathered to blow party horns on the front steps of the Nelson Good House. The celebration is small but significant: Ten years ago, WCSC officially moved from cramped quarters at the much-beloved, but run-down "This Old House" to the spacious renovated brick three-story building on Taylor Avenue.

The noisemakers and party hats are a precursor to next year's 40th anniversary celebration, said director Kimberly Schmidt. EMU's longest-running cross-cultural program maintains its unwavering commitment to teaching about servant leadership and social justice, as epitomized by its first director and the building's namesake, Nelson Good.

Student club works with retirement community on farm-to-table project

When Tyler Eshleman took the helm of Eastern Mennonite University's student-led Sustainable Food Initiative (SFI) last year, his goal was to return the weed-choked campus gardens to their former glory. Now Eshleman and six work-study students are also sharing the group's mission beyond campus borders. One of SFI's key relationships has been with the Farm at Willow Run, owned by the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC), and once the property of former EMU president Myron Augsburger and his wife, Esther. Produce gathered by SFI workers from 1.5 acres is delivered directly to VMRC kitchens.

"Without the labor from SFI, this really couldn't have happened," said VMRC resident Cal Redekop, who often works with the students. "The Farm at Willow Run provides almost unlimited opportunity to bring different generations together around common concerns, like how we raise our food or how we might show better reverence toward the earth."

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