Supporting the Growth of the East Baltimore Community!

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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
Clay Pots is an organization which serves the local Southwest Baltimore Community and provides a safe space hosting GED classes, wellness workshops, coffeehouse, and other events that support the community and local residents. My project goals were to increase the number of volunteers for this CBO, assist in data management, and create a resource binder & board for graduates of the GED program.

SCHOLAR ACTIVITIES
- Developed Google Forms for future online registration
- Utilized Keela to input student information into a database
- Conducted interviews where students were able to make suggestions & give positive feedback
- Created a flyer and promoted tutoring opportunities with GED students
- Researched post-graduation opportunities for students
- Produced a binder of resources

OUTCOMES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- Inputted 321 students from 2017-2019 cohorts and GED graduates into Keela
- Recruited 4 new tutors. The tutoring opportunity is now known in both the UMB and JHU communities.
- Along with new tutors, 3 students volunteered to assist with data management.
- A document of universities, certification programs, and other schools has been created for future graduates.

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LESSONS LEARNED
Key lessons learned:
- **Patience** with oneself! Sometimes our own schedules can get in the way of our projects. Being patient with oneself removes the frustration and allows one to continue to work productively.
- **Flexibility and improvising** are key! It is important to discuss work plans with the CBO to create deliverables that will be of use to the organization. CBOs can help flourish your ideas and give suggestions which will help both parties in the partnership!

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NOTES
Short Presentation: https://youtu.be/I8ZIFFA39VI