Yale SACNAS Chapter

1. Started just 3 years ago
2. First SACNAS Chapter in Connecticut
3. Focus on three major pillars
   • Professional Development
   • Outreach
   • Community
Chapter Objectives: Building Community

Before COVID:
   1. Qualifying Practice Talks

During COVID:
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   2. E hangouts/Game nights
   3. Grocery Buddies
Qualifying Practice Talks

Before COVID:
  • Form mock qualifying committee
    • Written Proposal Feedback
    • In person oral presentation feedback
      • Chalk Talk
      • Powerpoint Presentation

Post COVID:
  • Transitioning into zoom presentations

High success rate
  • 5 passed before COVID
  • 2 passed during COVID
Grocery Buddies

Early virtual member assessment
  • In person shopping anxiety
  • Social isolation anxiety

At risk mentors signed up for in person grocery deliveries
  • Facilitated by e-board members
E-hangouts/ Game Nights

Monthly virtual hangouts
• Movie nights
• Jackbox game nights
• Among Us
Goal: Build Community

We reached our goal of building community under difficult circumstances

Current goal: Maintaining our community while supporting incoming students

COVID initiatives were adapted by other diversity organizations at Yale