



Impact Beyond the Numbers – Student Stories
RE: Center for Campus Engagement

CCE By the Numbers (Spring 2026, as of 2/25):

1. Registered Student Organizations: 168
2. Budgets Approved: 99
3. Processed Requests for Events to Date:
 - Event Requests Processed by CCE (since 1/6): 239
 - Student Organization Events (1/12 to 2/25): 163
 - Organization Updates Processed: 46
 - Individual Student Meetings and Drop-ins (since 1/12): 200+

Student Stories:

Nicholas Jankus, GFAC Chairman and SGA Speaker of the Senate

When Nicholas Jankus accepted the role of Chairman of the General Fee Advisory Committee (GFAC), **he stepped into a position that would test his capacity and ultimately transform his understanding of student leadership.** As Chairman, Jankus was entrusted with helping oversee the budget allocation process for student organizations, a responsibility that required long hours, close collaboration with fellow committee members, and a deep sense of accountability to the student body.

The experience was demanding. Jankus described weeks of balancing coursework with committee responsibilities, often studying late into the evening at his local library. But through it all, he leaned on his fellow GFAC members and found purpose in the work. **"I was grateful that power was being handed back to the students," Jankus reflected. "I was grateful to lead my fellow students, and I was grateful to serve the student body."**

Jankus emerged from the experience with a sharpened perspective and a renewed appreciation for the student leaders across campus who invest their time and energy into making the CSU experience better for their peers. **"I have worked to make the future version of myself proud and the younger version of myself amazed,"** he shared. His journey reflects CCE's commitment to developing student leaders who are empowered to

take ownership of institutional processes and make meaningful contributions to campus governance.

Rashiadah Weaver, Green Blazer and Student Scholar

As a first-generation, post-traditional student, Rashiadah Weaver's path through higher education has been defined by resilience and purpose. In February 2026, Weaver represented Cleveland State University at the Eastern Educational Research Association Conference in Clearwater, Florida, **an experience she described as a pivotal milestone in her academic journey.**

As a Green Blazer and representative of student leadership, Weaver carried CSU's name into professional scholarly spaces with intention. She engaged with presenters, faculty, and peers from institutions across the country, deepening her understanding of how research can drive positive change in communities like Northeast Ohio, particularly in areas of community health, student success outcomes, and public service.

The conference also provided Weaver with meaningful peer mentorship opportunities, **strengthening her confidence and reinforcing the value of shared experience and collective learning**, especially as someone who has often navigated higher education without traditional guidance. The skills she continued to develop through CCE and university programs, including public speaking, critical thinking, collaboration, and engaging diverse audiences, were on full display.

"This experience deepened my sense of purpose and demonstrated the power of educational spaces that are committed to belonging, access, and student empowerment," Weaver reflected. "I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to this community of scholars and to continue representing CSU with pride, determination, and a commitment to excellence."

Weaver's story illustrates how CCE's investment in student leadership development extends well beyond campus, preparing students to represent Cleveland State University on a national stage and building a foundation for graduate studies and future leadership in public service.