

August 27, 2021



Dear KO Conference Team,

We are happy to provide an overview of our program for the 20-21 school year. It was not without challenges, as you know. However, we made our adjustments to programming go almost completely virtual!

Here is an outline of the programming and accomplishments we had during our 2020-21 school year at the Little Blue House.

Mission: To foster an interfaith voice for peace and social justice on The University of Tulsa campus.

Programming

Veggie Lunch

In fall of 2020, we held Veggie Lunches for 13 weeks. Due to COVID, we only offered the lunches on a to-go basis. We also had to forgo any homemade lunches (as we usually prepare) to serve only catered food, per TU COVID protocols. Due to this change, attendance was an average of 10 students per lunch. In the spring, we offered 11 lunches and maintained our average of 10 students.

Despite all classes going virtual at the Thanksgiving mark, many of our students returned to campus following the Thanksgiving break, and we did our best to support them. We set up an outdoor snack table and it was a decent means of distributing some of promotional/faith organization materials. Even though classes resumed in-person learning in February 2021, we maintained our snack table for additional support and communication with them through May.

Staff and board also sent out letters of encouragement over the holiday break for those students who provided their mailing addresses.

Virtual Programming

Over the summer of 2020, we had weekly virtual veggie lunches. We posted recipes for vegetarian meals and videos of the program coordinator showing how to make the meals. We also had several movie nights that were held via Netflix Party.

In October, we set up a table outside where students obtained their voter registration form and an addressed, stamped envelope (plus snacks)! We also had an online meeting with a guest speaker from Tulsa Young Professionals, who spoke about the election and the current issues that candidates needed to address.

In the spring 2021 semester, the program coordinator resumed the vegetarian cooking demonstration videos.

We also had many virtual game nights using online platforms to give the students chances to connect.

Student Groups

We also continued supporting our four active student groups: PRIDE, HeadStrong (mental health advocacy), Earth Matters, and Society for Gender Equality (SGE). We set up an online meeting platform for them on which to meet and most of them were able to keep meeting weekly.

- Pride held weekly meetings and was able to have the annual HallowQueens event online by hosting a makeup tutorial from area drag queens and kings.
- SGE held bi-weekly meetings and hosted a virtual meeting with representatives from the Take Control Initiative to speak to students about contraceptive education.
- Earth Matters worked together on outdoor activities such as maintaining the Little Blue House garden and picking up garbage in community parks. They were also able to meet to go on hikes.
- HeadStrong met monthly and watched a series of videos (via Netflix party) that centered on mental health issues.

We are grateful for all of the support that the KO Conference gives us throughout the year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Davis
Executive Director