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Volunteer at The CCAT

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”. ~Author Unknown

On the day of September 30th 2016, I decided to Volunteer at the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) at Humboldt State University. I got the chance to meet and work with the Co-Directors: Kelsey, Ana, and Alfonso and a staff member, Fidel Castro. I was planning on Volunteering there for an hour then leave; however, since I enjoyed it there and I don't like to leave an unfinished work, I ended up with 10 hours of work that was done over the course of three days.

The projects that needed to be done on Friday the 30th were cleaning a cop wall for the new plants and harvesting some of the vegetables for lunch. First, we started with harvesting some vegetable and then we worked on the cop wall. When we began the cleaning process, I thought it would be better to rebuild the walls, so I talked to the co-directors and they agreed on it. It was mostly Fidel and Myself who worked on the wall for the first two days and I continued the work on the third day by myself. We worked for three hours the first day that was interrupted by a short lunch break. It was mostly cleaning and taking away the old woods and dead plants. On the second day, Saturday 31st, I met with Fidel again and we continued working on the wall for four hours. We gathered some woods and bricks and started rebuilding. We couldn't finish building the wall on the second day, so I had to come back on Saturday October 1st and work on it for three hours. It was just me on that day but all the materials were provided from the previous work day. I managed to finish the wall that day, cleaned up the area, and put away all the equipment we used.

➤ Here are some pictures of the wall before and after the work:



I really enjoyed working with the staff members at the garden and also it felt good to be able to help. I learned a lot about names of some vegetables, different kinds of woods and there features and more importantly how to work in a group. It was a nice experience and I would absolutely go back and volunteer more.