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Shining Stars

Oklahoma Campus Compact (OkCC) highlights exciting stories of civic engagement on member campuses. Let your institution's story be heard! Please send examples of civic engagement on your campus to jgeren@osrhe.edu or gwekke@osrhe.edu.



Participants fill the SWOSU Wellness Center for the MLK Day Power Breakfast

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Martin Luther King Day Power Breakfast. On January 16th SWOSU hosted a power breakfast for students, faculty, staff, and community members to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Over 300 people gathered to hear from various speakers and reflect on the words and deeds of Dr. King. SWOSU student organizers and Dean of Students Cindy Dougherty began planning the event while participating in OKCC's Student Leadership in Service-Learning workshop in January. Congratulations on your success!



Alison Vaughn and Alexis Skib paint a mural to spruce up an old well house at the

Oklahoma State University (OSU) Students Help with "Extreme Makeover." Several OSU students invested their time and talents to help on a recent "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" for a widowed mother and her ten children in Dewey, OK. The family honored on the show had been living in a mobile home with no shower or hot water after losing their husband and father, a church pastor, who suffered a fatal heart attack last April. Students from the College of Human and Environmental Sciences and the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology helped with everything from painting to laying sod, to hauling away buckets. Students from OSU-Okmulgee's Future Chef's

Association even helped by baking 500 cookies to deliver to the worksite. Six days after the makeover crew and volunteers arrived, the show's host, Ty Pennington, welcomed the family back to a brand new 5,500-square-foot home.

Upcoming OkCC Conferences/Events

► **Regional Conference.** The Campus Compacts of Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Oklahoma are pleased to present *Empowering and Engaging Our Campuses through Service and Learning* June 26-28, 2006, at Embassy Suites Hotel-Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. Click on the following link for registration information www.missouricompact.missouristate.edu.

Early Bird Registration- \$120 (until May 31st)

Regular Registration- \$140 (beginning June 1st)

Student Early Bird Registration- \$75 (until May 31st)

Student Early Bird Registration- \$100 (beginning June 1st)

► **Celebrate Campus Compact's 20th Anniversary!** October 16-17, 2006, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago, IL.

Monday, October 16 - Illinois Carter Partnership Awards & Gala Dinner, Rosalynn Carter, former first lady, presenter and Senator John McCain, keynote speaker (invited)

Tuesday, October 17 - 20/20 Visioning Summit with Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and former UN Commissioner for Human Rights (invited)

Campus Compact Update

► **Raise Your Voice: Month of Action.** Oklahoma college students promoted the importance of student civic engagement throughout February and March as part of National Campus Compact's Raise Your Voice – Month of Action and Oklahoma Campus Compact's Vocal Oklahomans in Civic Engagement (VOICE) initiatives.

Campus organizers planned various events and activities across the state as part of the Raise Your Voice – Month of Action and VOICE initiatives. Open forums, panels and discussions, dialogues, debates, and voter registration booths are just a few of the activities in which Oklahoma students participated during the month. Some students also took part in various service projects, including building homes for Habitat for Humanity and participating in the Adopt a Street project.

To help support these events and activities on Oklahoma college campuses, Oklahoma Campus Compact awarded \$300 grants to five campuses: East Central University, Ada; Oklahoma City Community College; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Rogers State University, Claremore; and the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

More than 250 campuses across the country participated in Raise Your Voice – Month of Action in 2005.

► **OkCC Service-Learning Incentive Grants.** Congratulations to the faculty and institutions listed below. Institutions will receive a \$500 Oklahoma Campus Compact Service-Learning Incentive Grant after the proposed service-learning component is implemented during

the 2006 fall semester. Once the course is completed, participating faculty will communicate the results of their efforts through various campus outlets.

Laura O'Neil/Nursing - Southern Nazarene University
Shelley Sue Wagner/English - University of Central Oklahoma
Tawni Holmes/Human Environmental Science/Nutrition - University of Central Oklahoma
Tana Stufflebean/Human Environmental Science/Fashion Marketing - University of Central Oklahoma
Milagros Jorge/Physical Therapy - Langston University
Aliya Chaudry/Physical Therapy - Langston University
Teresa Leahy/Physical Therapy - Langston University
Chequita Owen/Physical Therapy - Langston University
Alexandria Baker/Business - Carl Albert State College
Christine Pappas/Political Science - East Central University
Genie S. Ford/Nursing - Rose State College
Nat Hardy/English - Rogers State University
Sue C. Parsons/Elementary Education-Literacy - Oklahoma State University
Steven Haseley/Leadership Development - Oklahoma State University

National Grants/Awards

► **2006 Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Awards.** Five college students who demonstrate exceptional commitment to community service and citizenship will receive Campus Compact's Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award on October 16, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois at Campus Compact's 20th Anniversary Gala.

Made possible by a grant from Ariel Capital Management, LLC, Campus Compact annually gives the Swearer Award to five students who have been nominated by their college presidents. This year, recipients were chosen based on evidence of outstanding public service and creation of an innovative approach to addressing a social, educational, environmental, health, economic, or legal issue within a community. Each award includes a \$1,500 contribution to support a service program designed or chosen by the student. The award is named in honor of the life and work of Howard R. Swearer, the fifteenth president of Brown University and one of the founders of Campus Compact.

The 2006 Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award recipients are:

Mitzellah Ah-Fook, Edmonds Community College (WA); Steven Cartwright, University of Notre Dame (IN); Haamid "Happy" Johnson, Georgetown University (DC); Sonia Schwartz, Tulane University (LA); Timothy Kummer, Marquette University (WI).

These students have tackled a wide range of community service issues, including disaster relief; global service and citizenship; and community health outreach and education. Each of these students has addressed these issues in unique and effective ways and demonstrated initiative and

ability to translate ideas into practical results. Information about the award recipients is available at the Swearer Award web site - www.compact.org/awards/detail.php?id=15.

► **2006 Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning.** Campus Compact has selected Professor William Oakes, associate professor of engineering education and co-director of EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service) at Purdue University, as the recipient of the 2006 Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning. Oakes was chosen for his effective use of service-learning, which integrates community service with classroom work, as well as for expanding the use of service-learning domestically and internationally by pioneering model programs and publishing guiding literature.

Oakes describes service-learning as his "passion." He co-founded the national EPICS program, which offers a sustainable and adaptable teaching model that has been adopted by 17 universities across the United States and abroad. At Purdue, the EPICS program consists of 80 different projects running concurrently that may last as long as ten years. Projects may be aimed at improving water purity, technology education, playground safety, or myriad other community uses of engineering and technology. Oakes is co-author of a recent textbook titled *Service-Learning: Engineering in Your Community* (Great Lakes Press, 2006), as well as author of an online resource, *Service-Learning in Engineering: A Resource Guidebook* (Campus Compact, 2004).

Campus Compact will present the Ehrlich Award at the Educators for Community Engagement Conference, held June 14-17, 2006, in Wisconsin. Oakes will also be recognized at Campus Compact's 20th anniversary gala in Chicago, IL, October 16-17, 2006.

National Conferences/Events

► **Community Service Director (CSD)/Service-Learning Director Professional Development Retreat**, July 24-28, 2006 in Providence, RI. Four days of training for new community service and service-learning professionals!

Designed specifically for those in their first five years on the job, this retreat will provide must-have training and knowledge to boost the efficiency and effectiveness of service staff. This unique gathering will offer participants the chance to learn and understand key information and principles in service, service-learning, and higher education; and will allow you to discuss with experienced practitioners the critical questions and skills you need to be successful. For more information, visit www.compact.org/resources/detail.php?id=85.

New Publications

► **Civic Discourse in a Crisis: Lessons from Katrina Toolkit (2006).** An Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy and Kansas Campus Compact Project.

This free toolkit serves as an aid and a guide for student groups on campuses to organize and host a public forum aimed at understanding why our civic discourse broke down during the hurricane crisis, and learn how to prevent such breakdowns from occurring again. This 31-page toolkit includes a 14-page section and a 17-page appendix that cover the following topics:

Lessons from Katrina toolkit

- How Can Civic Discourse Help Prepare for the Next Crisis?
- About the Partners
- Hosting Your Own Forum
- Planning the Forum
- Deciding to Host an Event
- Organizing a Planning Group and the Materials You Will Need
- Detailed Outline and Timeline for Planning
- Date, Time, and Location
- Selecting and Preparing a Moderator and/or Panel
- The Format of Your Event
- Day of the Event

Download the toolkit for free at:

www.nifi.org/discussion_guides/detail.aspx?catID=15&itemID=6259

If your campus plans to take students to Louisiana to participate in hurricane relief efforts, please contact Louisiana Campus Compact at 985-549-2496.

Tell us your stories!

Campus Compact is celebrating its 20th birthday by collecting stories and best practices. Do you have a service-learning or student service project success story? Has a particular civic engagement methodology worked well on your campus? Send your stories to jgeren@osrhe.edu and we will pass these stories to National Campus Compact and highlight them in upcoming newsletters! Additionally, we may contact you for additional information to include in the best practices database under development.