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Summer 2006 Newsletter



Shining Star

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 gwekke@osrhe.edu.



Rogers State University (RSU) in partnership with OkCC and the Tulsa Global Alliance hosted 11 international visitors on July 12, 2006 as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The program is designed to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through carefully designed professional visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. The focus of this year's International Visitor Leadership Program was youth engagement. Professionals working in areas of youth engagement were selected from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. As part of a multi-state tour, the international visitors spent five days in Tulsa, OK. The purpose of their visit to RSU was to learn how student organizations are structured on a U.S. campus and about other student civic engagement programs, such as OkCC's Raise Your Voice initiative. Following a student led campus tour, RSU students and staff made presentations about their involvement in campus organizations. President Wiley took time from his busy schedule to lunch with the visitors. They appreciated his time and enjoyed their visit to RSU. Thanks RSU for shining both locally and to our international neighbors!

Upcoming OkCC Conferences/Events

► **Non Profit Partners Meeting.** August 16, 2006, 2:00 p.m., State Regents' Office. In an effort to better facilitate campus-community partnerships, OkCC will meet with representatives from area non profit agencies to educate them on service-learning and learn more about how they as non profit agencies serve their community.

► **Fall Regional Service-Learning Workshop-** Date TBA- Southeastern Oklahoma State University- Durant, OK

► **VOICE Voter Registration Contest- September 18-19, 2006.** Ensure that the students on your campus are registered to vote before the November election! Sign up now to participate in OkCC's annual Voter Registration Contest, September 18-19, 2006. The campus with the highest percentage of newly registered voters wins! Percentages are based on fall semester full-time equivalent (FTE) count. This is a change from past years. OkCC formerly used total enrollment to select the winning campus. OkCC will present the winning campus with the 2006 Voter Registration Champion banner at a campus event this fall. Past winners include: Langston University and Oklahoma Christian University (champion two years running!).

This year's contest corresponds with National Constitution Day, September 18th in order to accommodate campuses participating in both events. AASCU colleges participating in the American Democracy Project may also want to consider utilizing the contest as part of the ADP Young Voter Strategies Project.

[Click here for contest rules.](#) (PDF, 44k) Contact Misti Estrada at mestrada@osrhe.edu by September 15, 2006 to register your campus. Registration is free.

► **Presidential Summit on Civic Engagement.** October 3, 2006, State Regents' Office. The Presidential Summit will introduce and open dialogue about civic engagement trends in higher education, the work of OkCC, and the new Higher Learning Commission accreditation criterion "Engagement in Service." Invited speakers include Barbara Holland, National Clearinghouse for Service-Learning, and Dr. Steve Crowe, Higher Learning Commission. Lunch will be served and there will be a lunch program to showcase service-learning activities from three campuses. All OkCC member presidents are invited.

► **Help us Celebrate Campus Compact's 20th Anniversary!** October 16-17, 2006, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago, IL. Visit www.compact.org/20th/ for more information.

- ✓ 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)

Grants/Awards

► **Carter Award Service Entrepreneur (CASE) Award Comes to Oklahoma!** Oklahoma Campus Compact has been selected to present a \$1,000 CASE grant from the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation to a student who's application indicates the most innovative and promising use of the grant to establish or significantly further a partnership between the student (and his or her school) and a community non-profit organization. Administered by the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation, this grant is sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, and seeks to foster academic-service learning at American colleges and universities. Application information will be sent out in early September.

► **Professional Scholarship.** Congratulations to Dr. Kent Johnson, Director of Instructional and Developmental Programs at the University of Oklahoma. OkCC awarded Dr. Johnson a \$795 scholarship to attend the Institute for Community Service and Service-Learning Professionals sponsored by Campus Compact in Chicago, July 24-28, 2006. The scholarship covered the entire cost of registration. Dr. Johnson will present at a workshop for Community-Service Directors and Service-Learning Coordinators in the fall of 2006.

Service-Learning Opportunities in Oklahoma

► **Computer Science and Information Technology.** The KISS Institute for Practical Robotics is an organization dedicated to improving public understanding of science, technology, engineering, and math; developing the skills, character, and aspirations of students; and contributing to the enrichment of our school systems, communities, and the nation.

The Oklahoma office, located in Norman, coordinates the statewide Botball Program- a program that allows middle school and high school students to design, build, and program a team of mobile, autonomous robots and a website documenting their process. Participants compete against each other on a 4' x 8' playing field in a fast paced, non-destructive regional tournament. The robots are student built and programmed to maneuver on the game board without the need for remote control. Winning teams go on to present and compete at a national conference and competition.

The KISS Institute seeks Computer Science and Information Technology students to serve as mentors to Botball teams across Oklahoma. For more information and to find a team near your campus, contact:

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National Conferences/Events

► The International Center for Service-Learning in Teacher Education is delighted and excited to announce that the **First International Conference on Service-Learning in Teacher Education** will take place in Brussels, Belgium, July 5-7, 2007. This conference will bring together service-learning educators from around the world to share ideas on research, policy, and practice. Professors and teachers are encouraged to visit the conference web site and consider coming to Brussels to share knowledge, insights, wit, and wisdom with like minded colleagues. The web site provides conference details and the Call for Proposal.

<http://www.clemson.edu/ICSLTE/conference/index.html>

New Publications

► *From the Studio to the Streets: Service Learning in Planning and Architecture*

Edited by Mary C. Hardin

Architecture should be the ideal field of study for applying service-learning since it requires mastery of theoretical concepts for direct application to human situations and needs. Though architecture has long fostered learning by doing, it is only recently that the field's hands-on aspects have been subjected to more systematic appraisal. This book is the first book to make a formal connection between service-learning pedagogy and architectural practice, and to address the related issues, both professional and ethical.

The chapters in this book illustrate how service-learning can be used to develop a wide range of professional skills in students, including land use and building condition surveys, zoning analysis, demographic analysis, cost estimating, public presentation, site planning, urban design, participatory design processes, public workshops, and design charrettes as well as measured drawings of existing buildings.

The author demonstrates how community design programs are more than service activities; and how they can be models of interdisciplinary teamwork, often involving planners, urban designers, and landscape architects as well as scholars and researchers from related fields.

The essays in this book offer insights into both successful initiatives and roadblocks along the way and address the practicalities of the use of this powerful pedagogy.

For more information, visit

<http://styluspub.com/books/BookDetail.aspx?productID=130926>

► **“A Public Voice- People and Politics: Facing Democracy’s Challenge”** will air September 13, 2006 on OETA at 10:00 p.m. This year’s program will report on National Issues Forums (NIF) that have taken place around the country using this topic. To view the “Democracy’s Challenge” issue guide go to www.NIFI.org and look under Discussion Guides. 2006 marks the 25th anniversary of NIF, and to encourage organizations to hold as many forums as possible, NIF is giving away free “Democracy’s Challenge” kits.

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.