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Shining Stars

Oklahoma Campus Compact (OkCC) will begin highlighting exciting stories of civic engagement on member campuses with this issue of the Communicator. Please send examples of civic engagement on your campus to jgeren@osrhe.edu or gwekke@osrhe.edu.



National Recognition for Katrina Efforts. Thanks to all OkCC members who responded quickly to the needs of Katrina survivors in various ways including direct volunteering, fundraising, blood drives, alternate fall or spring breaks, collecting clothing, goods, waiving out-of-state tuition for displaced students, opportunities for displaced faculty, and much, much more. Two OkCC member institutions – **Langston University** and **Tulsa Community College** were recognized on a national list of those recognized for Katrina efforts. To view a copy of the document that includes a description of the institutions' efforts, please go to <http://www.compact.org/resources/downloads/Katrina.pdf>.



Rogers State University (RSU) ~ Dr. Nat Hardy. When he began teaching creative writing and literature at RSU last fall, assistant professor Nat Hardy established American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity chapters on-campus. Students in Hardy's spring 2005 Composition II class volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and students in his current Composition I class are working with the American Red Cross to provide disaster relief for

those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Hardy leads by example by volunteering his own time with the Red Cross and was recently presented with an ARC award for "acts of courage, kindness, and noble character." Thank you for your efforts Dr. Hardy!



Oral Roberts University (ORU) ~ About 140 ORU students spent their fall break cleaning and rebuilding Tulsa's sister city of Long Beach, Mississippi (70 miles NE of New Orleans). Students, along with Tulsa Mayor Bill LaFortune and three employees of Guts Church spent the break cleaning houses, clearing debris, distributing food, and helping at a medical clinic.

Donations from Tulsa bankers, churches, and the Tulsa Auto Dealers Association made the trip possible. About 600 students showed up at the initial volunteer meeting to learn about various volunteer opportunities. Since then students have worked with the Red Cross, donated blood, raised money, and written cards to hurricane victims. Congratulations ORU!

Campus Compact Update

► **Appreciation.** Thanks to Southwestern Oklahoma State University for hosting the October 6, 2005 Regional Service-Learning Workshop with Dr. Edward Zlotkowski. Fifty faculty members, students, and community partners participated in the workshop.

► **Voter Registration Contest.** Congratulations to Oklahoma Christian University (OCU) for winning the annual VOICE Voter Registration Contest for the second year in a row. OCU registered 201 students, which is nearly 11 percent of their student body. OkCC will present OCU with the 2005 Voter Registration Champions banner at an future campus event.

► **Grant Awards.** The following campuses are recipients of the 2005 OkCC *The People Speak* sub-grants:

- Oklahoma State University
- University of Central Oklahoma
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Redlands Community College
- Oklahoma State University- OKC

Upcoming OkCC Conferences/Events

► **Seize Life: Student Leadership in Service-Learning (SL³)**

WHEN: Wednesday, November 30, 2005 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION: Designed specifically for students, this workshop will provide a history and context of the civic purpose of higher education, cover the basic elements of service-learning, and teach students how they can be leaders in service-learning on their campus. Participants will receive the tools necessary to advocate for civic engagement through service-learning. An agenda will be e-mailed upon registration.

FACILITATORS: **Regina Hughes**, Director of the Center for Scholarly & Civic Engagement and Coordinator of Service-Learning for the Collin County Community College District in Dallas, TX. Regina also serves as a member of the Editorial Review Board for the *Journal for Civic Commitment*, a publication of the Community College National Center for Community Engagement.

William Chatwin is pursuing a B.S. in Technology Assessment as a Service-Learning Scholar at the University of Utah. William has served as Service-Learning Assistant in three courses, and as a community partner for groups conducting recycling service-learning project on the University of Utah Campus.

He was the first student representative on the Service-Learning Advisory Board at the University of Utah.

SPONSORED BY: Oklahoma Campus Compact (OkCC) and the University of Central Oklahoma Division of Student Affairs

WHERE: University of Central Oklahoma
Nigh University Center Room 300
100 N. University Dr.
Edmond, OK 73034

TO REGISTER: Visit www.okvoice.org to download a registration form or contact Misti Estrada at 405-225-9170 or email mestrada@compact.org.

► **Save The Date:** June 26-28, 2006 - Kansas City, MO - **Campus Compact Regional Conference** sponsored by Kansas, Missouri, & Oklahoma Campus Compacts.

Presentations/Meetings Calendar:

- ✓ Cameron University- November 3, 2005
- ✓ University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma - November 3, 2005
- ✓ Langston-Tulsa- November 14, 2005
- ✓ Murray State College- November 17, 2005
- ✓ Eastern Oklahoma State College- November 17, 2005
- ✓ The University of Tulsa – December (TBA) 2005

OkCC Grants

► **Month of Action.** OkCC's Vocal Oklahomans in Civic Engagement (VOICE) initiative is pleased to invite OkCC member institutions to submit proposals to support activities for Month of Action, February 19- March 26, 2006. OkCC will award \$300 grants to five member institutions.

Over the past three years National Campus Compact's Raise Your Voice initiative has sponsored National Month of Action (MOA) as a way to demonstrate and promote the civic engagement of college students. Each year OkCC has provided sub grants to help support activities on Oklahoma campuses. In previous years, Oklahoma students organized campus dialogues, political engagement fairs, voter registration drives, drug and alcohol awareness day, food drives, breakfast with legislators, poster events, dialogues with the mayor, blood drives, community service events and more as part of MOA. In 2005, over 250 campuses across the country participated in MOA. To view previous MOA activities around the country, visit www.actionforchange.org/month.html.

As a way to sustain this tradition, OkCC is sponsoring MOA 2006, February 19- March 26, 2006. For more information go to http://www.okhighered.org/campus-com/cc-pdfs/2006_Month-of-Action_RFP.pdf

Proposals are due December 2, 2005.

► **Faculty Incentive Grant Awards.**

RFP COMING SOON! OkCC announces a competitive competition for *Faculty Incentive Stipends*. Faculty members receiving stipends will develop a service-learning component for an existing course that connects the course learning objectives to a community need and will implement the component during the fall 2006 semester. Twelve (12) \$500 stipends will be awarded to OkCC member faculty. The RFP will be sent out this fall and proposals will be due March 10, 2006.

[National Grants/Awards](#)

► **Call for Nominations: 2006 Ernest A. Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service & Academic Outreach**

It is the increasing responsibility of the university not merely to be a principle source of new knowledge but also to be instrumental in analyzing and applying new knowledge and in making it rapidly useful to all social sectors.² Ernest Lynton, 1983

The annual Ernest A. Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Outreach recognizes a faculty member who connects his or her professional expertise and scholarship to community outreach. Faculty professional service and academic outreach represent an integrated view of scholarly activity in which teaching, research, and service overlap and are mutually reinforcing. Please go to http://www.nerche.org/Lynton_Award/lynton_award.html for more information and a downloadable nomination packet.

[National Conferences/Events](#)

► **Workshop submission for the 2006 C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference is officially open!** This year's conference will take place at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The dates for the conference are March 3-5, 2006. The C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference is the largest convening in the country of campus community members involved in service, activism, politics, and socially responsible work. For 21 years, this conference has brought together student leaders and activists, campus administrators, and nonprofit professionals for three days of networking, storytelling, and learning. The first workshop submission deadline is November 21, 2005. The 2006 COOL Idealist National Conference website – <http://www.idealists.org/conference2006> - is the online connection to detailed, up-to-the-minute conference information. Registration is also open for your campus groups!

[National Campus Compact Activities](#)

► **National Member Survey.** The 2004 annual survey results revealed that students at Campus Compact member campuses provide \$4.45 billion in service to their communities each year. Five-year data show a strong trend toward engagement on virtually all measures. These findings generated high interest and discussion among higher education and the media this year.

The 2005 Campus Compact Annual Members Survey is available to complete today. This survey will collect data from the 2004-2005 academic year.

We invite you to complete this survey so that your college or university is represented in the 2005 results. The deadline for completing the survey is **Friday, December 2**. The survey can be accessed at <http://db.compact.org/2005survey>

► 20th Anniversary Celebration - 20/20 Vision--Celebrating Our Past, Shaping the Future

Campus Compact's year-long 20th Anniversary Celebration was launched in Washington, DC, October 26. The event drew national legislators as well as presidents, foundation leaders, and key government staff members.

Presidents Save the Date: We presidents will participate in the Campus Compact grand gala celebration in Chicago October 16-17, 2006. Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter will participate the evening of October 16 to celebrate Illinois campus/community partnerships and to announce a national partnership with the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Campus Community Partnership Foundation. Senator John McCain, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson have been invited.

On October 17, there will be a high-level conversation about future challenges and opportunities for civic engagement in higher education. College and university presidents from around the country will discuss such questions as:

- ✓ How can we better educate our students for global citizenship?
- ✓ How can we engage our students and campuses to bridge the gaps in education and economic opportunity for diverse students?
- ✓ How can we weave civic responsibility into the fabric of our institutions?

We look forward to many 20th anniversary celebratory events around the country this year and to seeing you in Chicago on October 16-17, 2006.

[Tell us your stories!](#)

Campus Compact is celebrating its 20th birthday by collecting stories. 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 we are designing.