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Building the Engaged Campus

On May 28th, Service-Learning Coordinators and Community Service Directors gathered for the Oklahoma Campus Compact Annual Workshop and heard a presentation on Building the Engaged Campus from Dr. Rosalyn Jacobs Jones, an Engaged Scholar for Campus Compact. An Associate Professor at Georgia Perimeter College, a multi-campus two-year institution in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Jones will be an instructor at the Campus Compact Professional Development Institute this summer.

Her talk centered on the five Indicators of Engagement:

I. Institutional Culture

- Mission and Purpose
- Administrative and Academic Leadership

II. Curriculum & Pedagogy

- Teaching and Learning
- Disciplines, Departments, and Interdisciplinary Work

III. Faculty Culture

- Faculty Roles and Rewards
- Faculty Development

IV. Mechanisms & Resources

- Internal Budget and Resource Allocation
- Support Structures and Resources
- Coordination of Community-Based Activities

V. Community-Campus Exchange

- External Resources Allocations
- Community Voice
- Forums for Fostering Public Dialogue
- Student Voice

Dr. Jones emphasized that the key to successful development lay in faculty development, and noted the importance of money and a centralized structure that helps faculty incorporate service-learning into their courses. She stressed that successfully engaged colleges and universities recognized 2-3 strong assets, stimulated intellectual capital and individual passion around those assets, connected strategically with key campus leaders, community partners, and funders, and moved intentionally from innovation to institutionalization. Many resources on this topic are available on the Campus Compact website in publications, and other online sources at www.compact.org.

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Grant Opportunity

STUDENTS4GIVING 2008-2009

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 20th

Campus Compact and the Fidelity® Charitable Gift Fund are delighted to announce the 2008-2009 Students4Giving Request for Proposals to educate and inspire a new generation of philanthropists in a new era of giving. The Students4Giving initiative will provide colleges and universities with the educational resources and initial funding to engage students in strategic grant making activities within the context of community-based learning. Campus Compact member colleges and universities are invited to respond to this Request for Proposals to participate in Students4Giving as one of ten new programs located throughout the country.

Each participating school will be allocated \$15,000 in assets earmarked exclusively for charitable purposes which will be managed through a Giving Account®, a donor-advised fund at the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund. Participating programs will also receive additional funds for administrative support.

Proposals must be received by Campus Compact by 5:00 p.m. EST Friday, June 20, 2008. For additional information and to access the online application, visit: <http://www.compact.org/students4giving/2008/>

VISTA Update

Oklahoma Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA program is going strong with eight of the fifteen allotted VISTA members in place, an additional VISTA starting in June, and two possible new members in July. Both the project site supervisors and the VISTA members have undergone a one-day state project orientation session at Oklahoma Campus Compact. This orientation included an overview of the program *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* by Dr. Ruby Payne, with educational materials. Dr. Payne's work stems from the approach that although poverty is thought of in terms of financial resources only, the ability to leave poverty is actually more dependent upon other resources than it is upon financial resources. Her work is used extensively in the Oklahoma State Regents GEAR UP Program in professional development for intervention strategies in preparing all students for college.

The three newest VISTA members who have completed the AmeriCorps orientation and been sworn in for their year of service are:

Name	Institution
Jennifer Tippin	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
NeKiesha Flowers	Rose State College
John Liaz	University of Oklahoma

Featured VISTA Project

Takiesha Harris, VISTA Member Rose State College

Takiesha started as a VISTA member at Rose State College (RSC) at the end of February. Her supervisor, Dr. Joanne Stafford, is the Director of Special Services and Student Outreach at RSC. While Takiesha has been in the VISTA member position, she has set up volunteer teams of students from Oklahoma City Douglass High School to mentor students at Telstar and Willow Brook Elementary schools, two schools adopted by RSC. Takiesha is constantly at each school making sure the programs are running smoothly.

Willow Brook and Telstar competed in their 1st Annual Spelling Bee at Rose State College. The entire competition was coordinated by Takiesha and Dr. Stafford. Each school started with 10 students who were so good that they ran out of words from the first list. Not to worry, another list was printed and the contest continued.

Takiesha has been approached by OU Children's Hospital to start a program of Rose State Students volunteering to read and play games with the hospitalized children. Takiesha is doing a great job and we look forward to her other programs.

Did You Know...

Did you know that in a recently released study, AmeriCorps Alumni outpaced a controlled comparison group in:

- Public Service Careers,
- Civic Engagement and Community Activism, and
- Life Fulfillment?

The study released by the Corporation for National and Community Service is the most rigorous evaluation ever conducted on AmeriCorps' long-term impacts on its members. Tracking more than 2,000 AmeriCorps members who served between 1999 and 2000, the study compared these AmeriCorps members eight years later with a group of like individuals who were interested in serving in AmeriCorps, but did not. The full contents of the report are available at: www.NationalService.gov/research

State Service-Learning Incentive Grants

The third award round of state Service-Learning Incentive Grants resulted in eight grant awards from a competitive field of applicants. Eight faculty were awarded up to \$500 each in 2008-2009 to support first-time service-learning components for existing courses. The successful applicants listed below will receive the funding during the Fall semester 2008 or Spring semester 2009.

Ms. Towry Barnard, RSC—Student Leadership
 Dr. Jamie Burns, ECU—Criminal Justice
 Dr. Amanda W. Harrist, OSU—Human Development and Family Science
 Dr. Tawni Holmes, UCO—Nutrition

Dr. F. Bradley Jessop, ECU—Art
 Mr. Ken Kelsey, NWOSU—History
 Ms. Kathleen O'Halleran, NWOSU—Political Science
 Dr. ChihChen Sophia Lee, SWOSU—Music Therapy

Training Opportunities

Beginning Grant Writing – 9 am -12 noon

Search and Select – 1 – 4 pm

June 10, 2008

Oklahoma State Regents – 655 Research Parkway, Regents Conference Room, Oklahoma City

These workshops are designed for faculty members who have never written a grant proposal before and have few skills in searching for grant opportunities. Bring your laptop computer to search for grant opportunities. You may attend one or both sessions. There is no fee, but you must register. You may elect to receive the workshops by videoconference with prior arrangements. Email lmason@osrhe.edu.

Leadership Training Opportunity

The Oklahoma Community Institute (OCI) is now accepting applications for participation in Class VI of its Oklahoma Citizens Academy Leadership Program. This program focuses on community and economic development, and is designed to equip citizens to take positive action in their communities. Participation includes attendance at six sessions around the state (usually includes an overnight stay) between November 5, 2008 and April 23, 2009. The cost is \$300, including additional travel and lodging costs. Debbie Terlip, Asst. Dir. of Oklahoma Campus Compact, is a graduate of Class V, and will be glad to discuss the program with anyone who may have questions (contact: dterlip@osrhe.edu or 405-225-9128).

For complete information on the program and applications visit: [http:// www.ocionline.org](http://www.ocionline.org), Programs and Services, Citizens Academy. Applications are due by September 5, 2008.

Students Team up to Fight Hunger

Students Team up to Fight Hunger (STUFH) is an organization that helps put individuals in touch with local food banks in their area. STUFH works in coordination with the nations' colleges and universities and their regional food banks to help feed the hungry.

At the end of each school year, as students prepare to go home for the summer, they often discard unopened containers of food which could otherwise be used to feed the hungry in their community. STUFH puts institutions in contact with local food banks, so that at the end of the school year, the food bank can drop off empty food bins to be placed in the dorms. After the students have left for the summer, the food bank picks up the filled bins and uses the food.

There are several Oklahoma colleges and universities that have participated in the past. For more information please contact:

Mr. Daniel Kahn, STUFH President
 (518) 506-5491
dkahn@stuffh.org
<http://www.stuffh.org/>

Professional Development

The 2008 National Campus Compact Professional Development Institute

Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 1, 2008, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia

This professional development opportunity is for institutions serious about building a service-learning and civic engagement infrastructures at their institution. The Institute provides tools, resources, and training to move your institution forward in this work.

Institute Information

Designed specifically for professionals in their first five years in the field, this institute offers four and a half days of must-have knowledge, from some of the most respected practitioners in the field.

The deadline for registration is June 30, 2008.

Members: \$895

Nonmembers: \$1150

Register online and view past year's agendas: http://www.compact.org/initiatives/csd_institute/

Professionals Receive Scholarships for Registration

Five Oklahoma Campus Compact member institution community service professionals have been awarded scholarships to attend the 2008 Campus Compact Professional Development Institute:

Jym Brittain, Northeastern State University

Jean Cate, University of Oklahoma

Viki Craig, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Nikki Givens, Tulsa Community College

John Phelan, Western Oklahoma State College

Eighth International Research Conference on Service-Learning and Community Engagement

Tulane University's Center for Public Service and the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement will sponsor this conference October 25-28, 2008 in New Orleans at the Marriott Hotel at the Convention Center. The conference brings together scholars and practitioners to discuss research topics in the study of service-learning and community engagement.

The theme is "The Scholarship of Engagement: Dimensions of Reciprocal Partnerships." Campus-community collaborations can take many forms and provide academic, social, civic, and economic benefits to a broad range of individuals and organizations. Reciprocity creates and sustains equitable partnerships that foster the mission, goals, and objectives of each constituent. This conference will explore the variety of partnerships that flourish in educational institutions and their communities through service-learning courses, community-based research projects, and student-led multi-curricular activities. The contributions of a variety of research approaches in building and sustaining such partnerships will be emphasized.

For more information:

<http://cps.tulane.edu/>

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Ada Student Group Earns Top Service Award

A student group at Ada High School took top honors at the recent National-Service Learning Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Oklahoma Student Alliance for Smart Driving won the "Best of the Best" award for its "Project Ignition" program that's funded by a grant from State Farm Insurance. Ada High School was chosen from among 25 school programs nationwide. In the past few years, the Ada program has worked to increase its statewide reach. Safe driving videos provided by Ada's program are shown at schools and several district judges in the state have also adopted the program as part of drunken driving education.

Billboards, commercials and public service announcements help the group communicate the importance of safe driving to more than 100 schools.

The group was formed at the Ada High School after two students were killed in automobile crashes. "We're a small school, everybody knows everybody," Jenni Bolen said. "It impacted us all." Ada High School's program stood out for the judges because it had so much statewide impact, said Marci McDonald, public affairs specialist for State Farm

Insurance.

Ada's program is the only Project Ignition, program in the state. However, the organization has sent education materials to schools across Oklahoma. In addition to winning top honors, the group also received a \$10,000 grant to continue its program.

"We just want people to know that this touches everyone," said Bolen, a senior at Ada High School. "The program is not about adults talking to kids, it's about kids talking to kids and showing them that just because you're a teenager doesn't mean that you can't make a difference."

"It's not always easy to talk about," Bolen said. "But if somebody can take something away from it and think about how their choices could impact their family, then it's worth it."

Useful Tips: Documenting Engagement

- Campus Compact collection of resources on assessment: <http://www.compact.org/resource/documenting.html>
- This document includes information on: notating service on the transcript, common criteria for designating a course as a service-learning course, colleges and universities that note service on formal transcripts, web resources on service-learning in faculty review, tenure and promotion, print resources on service-learning in faculty review, tenure and promotion.

Civic Engagement

Voters with Vision

The Voters with Vision initiative was conceived by Political Science senior Kian Ball, at the University of Oklahoma, who worked with Dr. Margaret Ellis, Assistant Professor of Political Science. Aimed at engaging more young adults in the civic and political discourse through peer-to-peer advocacy, the pilot project enlisted OU students in the 2008 spring semester to visit their old high schools and give presentations to students, primarily in American Government classes, on the importance of voting and civic participation, and to visibly place voter registration forms in wall-mounted brackets in the classrooms.

Kian and Dr. Ellis enlisted 25 OU students who were enrolled in an American Federal Government course to participate in the project for extra credit. By asking students to work in their own schools, students were able to personally contact a faculty member or administrator. The students were required to

attend three meetings at which they were supplied with project materials and a set of objectives.

Completed over a 12-week period, the pilot program was a success. Nearly 100 percent of the participating students indicated that the experience had changed their views about civic or political involvement in a positive manner. Students noted that they had become more aware of low youth turnout and the importance of the youth vote. The project led several students to realize how much of an impact and influence they can have on others their age, with the end goal of increasing youth participation by fostering civic awareness from an early age. Kian is going on this fall to begin a Masters of Science in Comparative Public Policy at the University of Edinburgh as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from OU, and carries our best wishes for success.

<http://www.okhighered.org/campus-com/>



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Interested in Building the Capacity and Sustainability of your Campus Community Engagement Programs?

Contact either Debbie Terlip, Oklahoma Campus Compact VISTA State Project Supervisor at (405) 225-9128 or dterlip@osrhe.edu, or Risa Johnson, Oklahoma Campus Compact VISTA State Project Coordinator at (405) 225-9228 or rjohnson@osrhe.edu for information on obtaining a VISTA volunteer on your campus.

Tell us your 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 gwekke@osrhe.edu and we will highlight them in upcoming newsletters!

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