MLK Day of Service 2015

Oklahoma Campus Compact Grants

Four Oklahoma institutions of higher education honored the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18th through service in their communities with grants totaling nearly $5,000 in all from the Corporation for National and Community Service through Campus Compact to member colleges and universities.

- Cameron University
- East Central University
- Rogers State University
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University

These institutions engaged students, staff, and faculty in projects as part of the 2016 MLK Day of Service Community Partnership Project mini-grant award. In all nearly $85,000 in funding was awarded for higher education community projects at 62 Campus Compact member colleges and universities in 25 states. The total grant funds leveraged more than $300,000 in local and state funding for projects fighting hunger, serving veterans, and educating students about Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy, and enabled the colleges and universities to build new partnerships and strengthen existing ones. More information on grantee projects and resources can be found on the project web site at www.mlkdaygrants.org<http://www.mlkdaygrants.org/>. 
Cameron University

Total Volunteers: 177
Total Hours Served: 753
Volunteer Hour Value: $16,152
Supplies Donated: 5,868 individual items
Value of Supplies Donated: $2,003

Cameron University students work in the community in Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service activities.
East Central University

During the MLK Day of Service 2016 students, faculty, staff and administrators joined with the community to build a flowerbed out of stones and raked about 100 bags of leaves. About 80 volunteers including ECU students, Rotary Club members, and Girl Scouts participated in the service project at Wintersmith Park. After completing the project the volunteers returned to campus for speeches by students Gavin Burl and Pradip Poudel. They concluded by serving a Nepali lunch to about 250 people.

Student Coordinator Pradip Poudel, Dr. Christine Pappas, and President of ECU Rotaract Elsa Moseley pose in front of the new flower bed.

The first 50 volunteers were given free t-shirts. Dignitaries who attended included Ada Mayor Dr. Guy Sewell, City Councilor Preston Draper, and ECU President John Hargrave.
Volunteers begin their walk from Wintersmith Park back to the ECU campus.

Some of the East Central University MLK Day of Service volunteers.

East Central University President Hargrave samples the Nepali curry.
Rogers State University

More than just a day for service projects, all MLK Day activities are intended to highlight the accomplishments of Dr. King, which Rogers State University has celebrated with a Day of Service since 2005. The MLK Day of Service has become an important event at RSU and one of the largest volunteer service projects in the Rogers County community. In 2016, the university will host an MLK Week of Service. The celebrations began on Tuesday with a Remembrance Ceremony and Concert open to the public. The week’s activities concluded with staff, faculty, and students volunteering on Friday at a variety of community partner locations. Volunteers contributed their time to sharing stories of Dr. King’s legacy at local elementary schools, assisting with projects at a wildlife refuge, and organizing donations at a Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

*Rogers State University students organize donations at a Habitat for Humanity ReStore*

*RSU students help with projects at a wildlife refuge*