

Service Learning Program Abstract

Anne Arundel Community College
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The Anne Arundel Community College Center for Learning through Service, a part of the Paul S. Sarbanes Center for Public and Community Service, promotes a campus-wide culture of service by facilitating opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to engage in service-learning and service projects that meet community needs.

- **Program Highlights:** •Faculty workshops •Needs assessment with community partners •Recognition programs •Advisory Board leadership •Over \$1 million donated services to the community over five years
- Collaboration with faculty, staff, and community partners has resulted in successful service-learning projects, including several interdisciplinary projects, such as: • Canstruction® featuring architecture students designing and building structures with over 31,000 cans of food that are later donated to local food banks •Global Giving Market, a fair trade and alternative gift market involving marketing and small business classes to generate awareness of global needs and to promote and support the event •Hunger resource brochure created by economics and human services classes after participation in a hunger stress test.
- Successful college-wide service projects include: • Empty Bowls, a fundraiser for a local feeding program featuring culinary students and college volunteers •Cell phone collections for soldiers and domestic violence victims

Disciplines/Courses Involved:

Biology, Business, Communications, Dance, Economics, Education, English, ESL, Health, History, Hotel/Restaurant Management, Human Service, Math, Nursing, Philosophy, Physical Therapist Assistant, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish and Women's studies are the disciplines that are represented in 76 courses.

Community Partner(s):

We currently have over 110 community partners that represent a variety of areas of need in the community including: Aging, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Developmental Disabilities, Environment, Family, Health, History, HIV/Aids, Hospitality, Hunger & Homelessness, Inmate Services, Mental health, Special Education, Tutoring, Women's Issues and Youth.

Service Provided:

The Center for Learning Through Service promotes citizenship and learning through service by providing opportunities for students, faculty and staff to serve the community. In FY 2007, 995 students invested 13,928 hours in their community through their classrooms assignments.

Program Website: www.aacc.edu/servicelearning

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