

# Service-Learning at SCSU

## *Connecting Learning to Community*

“ Please keep community learning active on campus. It gives SCSU students a real-life perspective not found at other institutions.” Student in Gerontology 425, Fall 2010

### Upcoming Events:

Celebrating Connection:  
Showcasing Student &  
Community

Collaboration

Thurs, Apr 14, 2011

Ballroom & Glacier Room  
(AMC)

Creating Engaged  
Communities:

The Role of  
Service-Learning  
Conference

Mon, May 23, 2011

Welcome Center  
(Coborn Plaza)

Looking for ideas  
and  
information?

Please check out the key-  
word “Service Learning”

[Here](#)

among the subject guides  
on the homepage of  
Miller Learning Resource  
Center.



We proudly present the second edition of the service-learning newsletter. In it, you'll find highlights from last semester, including a recap of the community engagement celebration, and resources and information for this semester.

Besides participating in the Celebrating Connection: Showcasing Student & Community Collaboration event on April 14th, please also consider submitting a proposal for the service-learning conference on May 23 in St. Cloud at the Welcome Center.

We received a grant from MnSCU CTL to organize this event together with other institutions in the area. For more detailed information, the call for proposals and link to register for this conference, see page three of this newsletter.

Please feel free to contact us at [s-l@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:s-l@stcloudstate.edu) or 320-308-3898, with your ideas and plans for service-learning.

Isolde Mueller, Faculty Liaison for Service-Learning

Please invite your students to apply for the following service scholarships:

[Conway, Death, & Schmiesing, PLLP Building Hope Scholarship](#)

[Rich Murray Volunteer Service Scholarship](#)

[Soroko-Ditlevson Service Scholarship](#)

[William H. Kurtz Sustainability Service Award](#)

Applications are due on [February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.](#)

For more information and application material,  
please go to

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/volunteer/scholarships.asp>

## Celebrating Connection: Showcasing Student & Community Collaboration

On November 18th, 2010, 56 groups participated in **Celebrating Connection: Showcasing Student & Community Collaboration** by displaying posters and other artifacts summarizing their learning and highlighting their community engagement. Overall more than 350 people attended the event. Thanks to Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Student Support Services, Dr. Tracy Ore and Mayor Kleis for speaking at the event.

### Award Winners:

#### Most Creative Project Award:

##### [Liberation or Bust – Student Organization](#)

Liberation or Bust is an annual event spearheaded by the SCSU Women’s Center, geared to empower women via the creation of plaster casts of their torsos coupled with various educational pieces, this year focused on the environmental links to breast cancer.

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#### Best Display/ Presentation Award:

##### [AniMent – Student Organization](#)

This student organization with its focus on social responsibility brought a large display of plastic bottles, to represent the impact that the sale of plastic bottles has on the environment.

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#### Greatest Community Impact Award:

##### [SOC 177 – Professor Jiping Zuo](#)

Students worked with several community partners on family related issues.

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#### Most Inclusive Project Award:

##### [International Students Association](#)

The members of this student organization reach out to SCSU and the St. Cloud Community through Cultural Cafés and events such as Passport to the World.

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#### Best Community Initiative:

##### [Geog 396/ 496 – Professor Bel Kambach](#)

Students visited local area K-12 schools and gave lessons in conservation regarding saving an endangered species.

#### Best Academic Connection Award:

##### [Nursing 405 – Professor Vonna Henry and Susan J. Warner](#)

Students in this course provide community education on health care issues at Casa Guadalupe in Cold Spring, for students groups at SCSU, for a construction company in St. Cloud and for Somali Women.

##### [Hydrology Internship – Professor Juan Fedele](#)

Students in these internship projects worked with Marcell Experimental Station and the Outdoor Stream Lab at St. Anthony Falls Laboratory.

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#### Best Connection to Student Organization Mission:

##### [Nepalese Students Association](#)

Students collaborated with International Students Association on projects such as Cultural Café, Passport to the World, Dashin and Tihar Night, and Nepal Night.

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#### Best Connection between Internship and Field or Profession:

##### [Travel and Tourism – Professor Bel Kambach](#)

Students interned in countries such as China, Crete, Indonesia, Italy, Peru and UAE working for companies such as Disney, Carnival Cruise Line and many MN and US hotels.

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Click [HERE](#) for photos of the Celebrating Connection: Showcasing Student & Community Collaboration

## Creating Engaged Communities: The Role of Service-Learning

May 23, 2011  
St. Cloud State University  
Welcome Center

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Judith Ramaley, President, Winona State University**

This conference is intended to explore concepts of community engagement through service-learning, as well as to provide opportunities for networking across institutions and disciplines.

### **Call for Proposals**

Proposals to present at this conference are now being accepted. Proposals focus on the following thematic strands:

- Pedagogical and Philosophical Considerations in Service-Learning
- Special Audiences in Service-Learning
- Developing Trends in Service-Learning

For more information on these strands see the Call for Proposals.

The Call for Proposals is available to [download in MS Word format here](#).

If you have trouble opening the link in this email, click [HERE](#)

**Proposals are due Monday,  
February 28, 2011 at 4:30 pm.**

This event is co-sponsored by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Center for Teaching & Learning, St. Cloud State University Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Minnesota Campus Compact, Century College, Inver Hills Community College, the Center for Service-Learning and Social Change (St. Cloud), and St. John's University-College of St. Benedict.

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