

Winter 2008



Service Learning News

Portland Community College

Upcoming Events

January 31
Focus the Nation

April 17-19
**Western Region
Continuums of Service
Conference**
Portland, Oregon

May 21-23
**Community College
National Center for Civic
Engagement Conference**
Scottsdale, Arizona

For more information on
these events visit:
www.pcc.edu/servicelearning



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New Database

By the start of spring term, we will have a new database for Service-Learning. What does this mean for you Service-Learning faculty? What about the students and partners? This system has many great features that will make life easier for us all.

- By the end of winter term, the old database will be inactivated. The existing sites are currently creating their accounts and posting their opportunities.
- Faculty, you will need to connect with Jennifer to create an account. Please email her jennifer.alkezweeny@pcc.edu.
- Once the term starts and your students have created accounts, when you log in you'll be able to see which students have registered into the system, where they have connected to do their service, and at the end of the term, how many hours they have completed.
- Your students will need to create accounts and log in to access the database. There will be a handout for you to give to students explaining this process. It will be online in the Faculty Resources page.

More information coming soon! Check out the events section of the service-learning website for upcoming trainings on how to use the database!

Who would you give \$15,000 to?

That's the question Cynthia Killingsworth (SY Business Faculty) students will be answering this term. Cynthia and Kim Smith (SY Sociology Faculty) applied to participate in a donor advised fund program through Campus Compact and Fidelity Charitable Gift Funds. PCC's application was one of five selected in the country to participate in the "Students4Giving" program. The other participants are Boston University; California State University, Fresno; the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

From the press release: <http://www.compact.org/news/press/release/754>

Financed by Fidelity, the program provides each selected school with a Gift Fund Giving Account seeded with \$15,000 that will be overseen by the students participating in their respective school's 2008 winter/spring nonprofit and philanthropy courses. Designed to advance philanthropic education efforts at colleges and universities across the country, the program also will encourage community-based learning and partnership with local nonprofit organizations.

"Students are being given a unique and rare opportunity to learn about charitable giving by overseeing funds that are earmarked exclusively for charitable purposes," said David Giunta, president of the *Fidelity* Charitable Gift Fund. "They will make recommendations about what causes and qualified public charities to support and apply best practices for recommending how the monies are invested to potentially grow the Giving Account balance for future charitable grants."

For more information about PCC's participation in this project, contact: Cynthia Killingsworth, Cynthia.killingsworth@pcc.edu.

Partners in the Database—Just a sample of who you'll find...

Animal Aid Inc.

Our mission is to prevent and reduce animal suffering by providing assistance to abused, homeless, injured and sick animals. We actively promote and encourage altering of all pets to reduce and prevent overpopulation and find loving, dependable and nurturing forever homes for animals in our care at the shelter and in foster homes.

Barnes Elementary School

Barnes Elementary exists to educate and enrich our students' lives. A majority of our students qualify for the reduced and free lunch program. Barnes is a two-way-immersion school; half our classes teach in both Spanish and English. In addition to the normal school day schedule, after school programs are offered to aid the education and development of our students.

Film Action Oregon

Film Action Oregon is a nonprofit arts organization, serving the general public, emerging filmmakers, community groups and arts organizations. We educate emerging filmmakers, support working artists and engage diverse audiences. Much of our focus is on preserving and operating the historic Hollywood Theatre.

Friendly House

Friendly House offers activities, programs and services for people of all ages and walks of life. Friendly House's five programs help people, from birth to old age, realize their potential and contribute to the vitality of Portland.

Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces

Metro's volunteer wildlife monitoring program provides valuable information about Metro's natural areas while offering a unique and in-depth service opportunity for community members. By focusing on indicator species, such as amphibians and birds, volunteers provide data to help Metro's science and stewardship team gauge the progress of its restoration efforts and track the effects of public use on wildlife.

Neighborhood House Inc.—Aging Services Program & Emergency Food Box Program

Neighborhood House brings neighbors together to feed the hungry, house homeless families, and educate young and old. We strengthen community by providing resources to support self-reliance, economic independence and dignity in people of all ages and backgrounds.

p:ear

p:ear is a nonprofit that builds positive relationships with homeless and transitional youth through education, art and recreation to affirm personal worth and achieve meaningful and healthier lives.

PCC Sylvania Habitat Restoration Team

The PCC Sylvania Habitat Restoration Team's work usually involves invasive species removal, native plantings, environmental education, and improving riparian habitat. Our work parties are led by student team leaders, who will teach you to identify a few native plants and how to remove invasive plants most effectively.

Riger SUN Community School

SUN Community Schools transform schools into community learning centers. They link with other community institutions, such as the libraries, parks and community centers, neighborhood health clinics and area churches and businesses.

Schoolhouse Supplies

Schoolhouse Supplies is an award-winning nonprofit that supports public education in Portland by giving students and teachers free classroom supplies. Through our Free Store for teachers, we empower the community to make a tangible difference in our schools by donating supplies, volunteering and diverting tons of usable supplies from the waste stream.

Three Rivers Land Conservancy

The mission of Three Rivers Land Conservancy is to inspire and involve people in the conservation of private natural land in the watersheds of the Clackamas, Tualatin, and lower Willamette Rivers.

Volunteers of America—Seniors Division

VOAOR's adult day centers provide a wide array of services for the frail elderly and adults with disabilities, including activities, outings, healthy meals and snacks, exercise, discussion groups, one-on-one chats, and special events. Our Senior Division both helps our participants and provides respite for their caregivers.

Washington County Historical Society and Museum

As the historian of Washington County, Washington County Historical Society & Museum preserves and interprets the history of the county, creating knowledge of the past, linking it to an enhanced understanding of the present, and presenting it in diverse educational formats.

To see more sites looking for service-learning students, visit: www.pcc.edu/servicelearning

Winter 2008 Curriculum Development Mini-Grant Recipients

Each term, the Service-Learning Program awards \$500 mini-grants for curriculum development. The \$500 is compensation for curriculum development. The idea is to re-design an existing courses to include a Service-Learning component. Most instructors re-design a single assignment or unit of the course to include Service-Learning as an option for students. We had six applicants for the two grants this term. Criteria for selection includes: uniqueness of project, how well thought out and realistic the proposal, if it is distinctly a service-learning project versus work experience, and if the proposal comes from a faculty in a discipline new to Service-Learning. The recipients of the fall term grants are:

Joanna Sullivan teaches ESOL levels 7 and 8 at the Rock Creek Campus. Joanna's students will be required to complete 8 hours of service-learning. Students will journal about their experience, interview someone at their site, and do a presentation in class on their experience. This project meets the learning objectives of "one-on-one discussions or exchanges" and "present a public speech" while also helping in their local community.

Joshua Liebschutz teaches ESR 171, Environmental Studies, at the Sylvania Campus. Josh connected his course to several non-profit organizations and campus projects. His students will be required to serve 10 hours as sites such as Free Geek, Sylvania Habitat Team, and the PCC Sylvania Learning Garden. This meets the learning objective of "understanding environmental topics...includes air pollution, global warming, water pollution."

To learn more or to get an application worksheet, visit www.pcc.edu/servicelearning and click on "faculty". Or you can contact the Service-Learning Faculty Coordinator for your campus.



Focus the Nation

Last year, we discovered that PCC's *greatest* source of carbon emissions is a direct result of commuting. **Focus the Nation** is a national teach-in focused on global warming issues *and solutions*. It has happening at colleges and universities all over the country including here at Sylvania! Focus the Nation is a perfect time to engage Sylvania community in real progress around transportation alternatives. The Sylvania Focus the Nation event will be held during the week of January 31, 2008. We already have over 25 professors involved in the teach-in, several guest speakers and a special film showing of "*The 11th Hour*" scheduled all here at the Sylvania Campus!

We are looking for **volunteers** to:

- Participate in the teach-in by attending a global warming lecture
- Set up and take down on day of event
- Help design posters and promotional materials
- Join the "class rap" team
- Volunteer trip planner with TriMet
- Work with media
- Write and perform a song on transportation and global warming issues.



To become a part of Focus the Nation, please contact Alliyah.Mirza@pcc.edu

Sylvania Learning Garden

A 1200 sq ft. learning garden has been plotted and irrigated near the Sylvania track. A small portion has been tilled for spring planting. The **Planning Committee** is currently looking for interested faculty and a master gardener to coordinate the new learning garden.

The Environmental Center has reserved a 25 square foot plot and welcomes any student volunteers who might be interested in creating a small garden this spring!

If you are a student or faculty member interested in the garden, please contact Alliyah.Mirza@pcc.edu. Faculty members wishing to reserve a plot for use as a living classroom or for **service learning** – please submit your proposals by February 25th.

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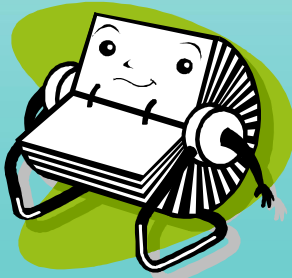
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BUTTONS! BUTTONS!

Do you have students doing service-learning this term? If so, let me know how many and I'll send you a PCC button for each of them to wear while they are out doing their service!

Spotlight on ...Books

I know what you are thinking, "if only I had a book to help me develop service-learning in my course". Well, your wish is granted. Talk with your campus service-learning faculty coordinator or to me to get a hold of any of these books.

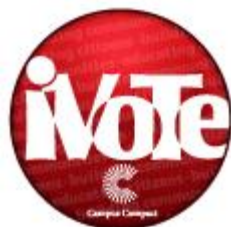
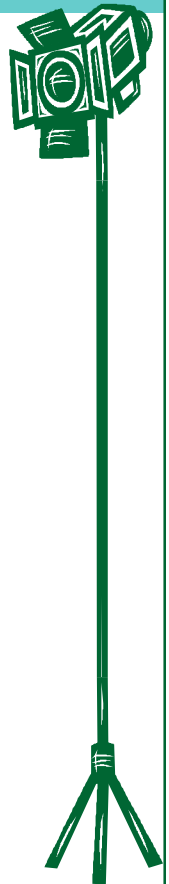
AAHE Collection

A 21-volume set of books each focusing on how and why service-learning can be incorporated in teaching in that discipline. Books are written and edited by scholars from that discipline. Content ranges from the theoretical to the practical. Disciplines represented: *Accounting * Architecture * Biology * Communication Studies * Composition * Engineering * Environmental Studies * History * Hospitality * Management * Medical Education * Nursing * Peace Studies * Philosophy * Political Science * Psychology * Religious Studies * Sociology * Spanish * Teacher Education * Women's Studies

New book from Campus Compact

Service-Learning Course Design for Community Colleges

What? A book just for community colleges? YES! This book takes you through the whole process of creating your service-learning course. Syllabus design, learning outcomes, assessment, it is all in here AND written for and by community college people.



Thought to Ponder...

How to help students engage in the elections

Campus Compact's 2008 Campus Vote Initiative

As the next generation of leaders and citizens, young people are a powerful force in today's political scene. Democracy is a two way street: today's youth has the responsibility to educate themselves and participate in our democracy; and also has the right to be heard and respected by elected officials and candidates.

Campus Compact has launched this initiative to encourage higher education institutions to help educate and empower students and to make the process of staying engaged easier throughout the sometimes confusing election season.

Visit <http://www.compact.org/vote/?r=members> for more information.

Reflection Idea:

Technology is everywhere these days, even in service-learning. Check out a few of the hits found when googling "Service-Learning Blog":

<http://overcomingobstacles.wordpress.com/>

<http://service-learning.blogspot.com/>

Consider having your students blog their experiences with service-learning.

