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E-Newsletter

Project Highlights

My Safe Volusia Home, DeLand High School, Volusia County

My Safe

Volusia Home has recently added an exciting new aspect to its service-learning project. Catherine Oley and her advanced web design students are creating a domain entitled www.hurricanesmart.org. Part of the students' curriculum will involve creating web pages for the DeLand High School State Farm Initiative project, as well as **all** the other State Farm Initiative grantees in Florida. This is an excellent way to keep the projects connected and share each project's service activities and progress. The Florida Alliance for Student Service supports DeLand High School newest service-learning endeavor and encourages all State Farm grantees to participate. Ms. Oley can be contacted directly through email at cmoley@volusia.k12.fl.us or you may contact Amy Kochanasz at akochanasz@admin.fsu.edu for further information.

My Safe Volusia Home's original project proposal is also under way. Students in Mr. Roger King's Drafting III class and students in Mr. Paige's Construction classes are addressing their community's need for accurate, current information about best building practices for hurricane wind resistance. Mr. King's and Mr. Paige's students are building models and display homes under the guidance of their teachers and Mr. Nery of FEMA.

Monroe County School District

Monroe County School District is in the process of wrapping up its State Farm planning grant. The grant was used primarily for teachers and students to attend the 12th Annual Florida Service-Learning Institute hosted by Florida Learn & Serve In Orlando this past November. The students who participated in the Institute, along with their Community Leader, have since created several service-learning projects through the district's mini grant program. The fruits of their labor can be read in detail on the website for the Monroe Youth Challenge Program. Be sure to read the press releases for this project as well as Monroe County's current State Farm grant at Montessori Island Community School.
<http://www.monroe.k12.fl.us/mycp/default.htm>

"The greatest tragedy is not to live and die, as we all must. The greatest tragedy is for a person to live and die without knowing the satisfaction of giving life to others."

– Cesar E. Chavez

Funding Opportunities

Red, White & Green Climate Change Grants Available for Youth Projects

Grants of \$500 will be awarded to young people and to organizations that engage young people for learning projects about climate change involving community, policy makers, and candidates running for election in 2007 and 2008. Deadline: March 9, 2007
<http://www.redwhiteandgreen.org/>

Recognizing Excellence in Teaching History

The American Historical Association Beveridge Family Teaching Prize recognizes excellence and innovation in elementary, middle school, and secondary history teaching, including career contributions and specific initiatives. Maximum Award: \$1,500. Eligibility: K-12 teachers in groups. Deadline: March 15, 2007
<http://www.historians.org/teaching/Beveridge.htm>

Student Documentary Competition

C-SPAN StudentCam is an annual documentary competition that invites students to identify a current political topic of interest and produce a short (up to ten minute) video documentary that creatively explores an issue while integrating C-SPAN programming. Maximum Award: \$3,000 in digital equipment for school. Eligibility: individual or teams of students grades 6-8 or grades 9- 12. Deadline: March 30, 2007
<http://www.studentcam.org/>

Conferences & Events

March 14-16, 2007

Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education New Orleans, Louisiana
<http://summit.cps.tulane.edu/>

March 15-17, 2007

Hands On Network Leadership Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana
<http://www.handsonnetwork.org/2007-leadership-conference>

March 28-31, 2007

The 18th Annual National Service-Learning Conference
Albuquerque, New Mexico
www.programs.regweb.com/metro/NYLC2007/registration

March 31, 2007

Cesar Chavez Day of Service-Learning
<http://www.chavezfoundation.org/cesarchavez-day.html>

Awards for Excellence in Educating Students About Math, Science, Technology & Engineering

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation Classroom Grants are awarded to encourage excellence in educating students about math, science, technology, and engineering. Eligibility: current AIAA Educator Associate or AIAA Professional members actively engaged as K-12 classroom educators. Maximum Award: \$200. Deadline: N/A
<http://www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=244>

Project Ignition Service-Learning Competition to Help Promote Teen Driver Safety

A grant of \$10,000 will be awarded to a high school student (grade 9 through 12) for a public-awareness service-learning project on teen-driver safety. Deadline: April 15, 2007
[Link to Complete RFP](#)

News Updates

Scholarship Recipients:

The following projects applied for and were awarded scholarships to attend the National Service-Learning Conference in New Mexico:

- School Board of Orange County
- East Lake Elementary School
- Glenridge Middle School
- Meadowbrook Middle School
- University of Central Florida
- Monroe County School District
- Carl Sagan Academy
- Polk Collegiate High School

A total of 25 teachers, students, and administrators will be able to participate in this conference through support from the State Farm Florida Service-Learning and Home Safety Initiative. Congratulations!

