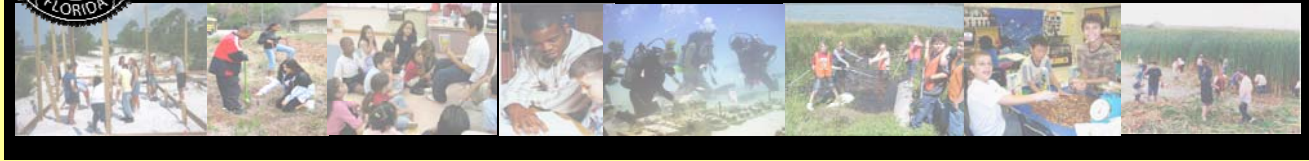
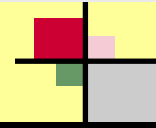




Florida Learn & Serve Newsletter

December 2009



Happy Holidays from Florida Learn & Serve!



The 2009-2010 program year is in full swing, with only minor distractions such as finals, winter holidays, and FCAT in the way! Best holiday wishes to everyone. This September, Florida Learn & Serve moved administratively to the University of Florida after 14 years at Florida State University. To put it precisely, Florida Learn & Serve is now part of the University of Florida's Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Sports Management. The project Principal Investigator is Dr. Charles E. Byrd, who is also Executive Director of Research for Florida's 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. Go FL&S, and go Gators!

Thanks to all (325 total) who presented, attended, and otherwise helped make the 16th Annual Florida Service-Learning Institute in November a success. We are now gearing up for the March 22-23, 2010 Raise Your Voice for Service-Learning Conference, more site visits, and getting Requests for Proposals together for 2010-2011. Read on about other events and plans for you and for service-learning in Florida.

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The 2009-10 Grantee Manual is available at:
www.fsu.edu/~flserve/projects/FL&S%20Grantee%20Manual%202009-2010.pdf



Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Raise Your Voice for Service-Learning Conference
 DoubleTree Hotel, Tallahassee, March 22-23, 2010

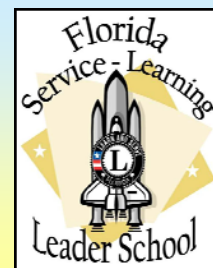
Start making plans now to attend the Raise Your Voice for Service-Learning Conference in Tallahassee. This 23-hour event (from 1 pm on 3/22 until noon on 3/23) will . . .

- Offer a rich set of youth-led service-learning workshops
- Showcase student service-learning displays in the Florida Capitol
- Provide opportunities for students to meet with and present to state legislators about students' service-learning projects.
- Officially recognize the 2010 class of Florida Service-Learning Leader Schools
- Celebrate the designation by Governor Crist of April 2010 as Florida Service-Learning Month
- Rally and press conference for service learning on the steps of the Florida Capitol

Learn & Serve funds may be used to pay for costs to participate in the conference. In January, information will go out about additional funds to pay for conference costs that will be made available through amendments.

2010 Florida Service-Learning Leader Schools Recognition Program

(Applications Due January 8, 2010)



It is not too late to apply to become a Florida Service-Learning Leader School! Applications are online at www.fsu.edu/~flserve/awards/sl_leader_schools.htm. Florida Learn & Serve annually recognizes elementary, middle, and high schools for high-quality service-learning. Winners receive state-level recognition and can apply for supplemental funds (\$5,000 more a year for three years) from the Florida Department of Education's Florida Learn & Serve program. In addition, Leader Schools receive the honor of being "active winners" who serve as models of excellence, while encouraging and assisting others in making service to the community an important application of curricula and other school activities. Contact Joe Follman at jfollman@admin.fsu.edu for more information.



Events, Dates to Remember, and Links



Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, January 18, 2010

The King Day of Service is a way to transform Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and teachings into service-learning that helps solve social problems. It is a great opportunity for Learn & Serve projects to raise awareness of their great efforts and celebrate the values and work of Dr. King at the same time. Information, resources, and grants are available at www.mlkday.gov, or www.mlkday.gov/resources/servicelearning/servicelearning_fullerton.pdf.

Miami FL&S Project to Present at the National Service-Learning Conference in California

Teachers Janis Klein-Young and Beatriz Herrmann, from the Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at MacArthur South in Miami, have been selected to present a workshop at the 21st Annual National Service-Learning Conference, to be held in San Jose on March 24-27, 2010. The conference is the largest annual gathering of service-learning youth and practitioners, drawing approximately 2,500 attendees (see <http://nslc.nylc.org>). Janis and Beatriz will present about their arts-based service-learning in Miami.



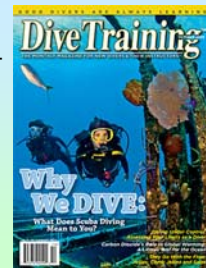
Gear Up for the 2010 PeaceJam Conference

The 2010 PeaceJam Conference will be held March 20-21 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tallahassee. The visiting Nobel Laureate is Rigoberta Menchu Tum from Guatemala, a Mayan Indian who has worked tirelessly for the rights of indigenous people all over the world. Students, including numerous FL&S participants, are preparing for the conference by studying PeaceJam curricula and developing service-learning initiatives through PeaceJam's Global Call to Action. At least 400 students are expected to attend from throughout the southeast. For more information, contact Rody Thompson at rthompson@admin.fsu.edu or (850) 645-8782.

Learn & Servers in the Media—Coral Shores High School

Dive Training, an international divers' magazine, highlighted the marine science-based service-learning activities at Coral Shores High School in Tavernier. This program is led by Dave Makepeace, the winner of the Steven Tunick Service-Learning Award at the 2008 Florida Service-Learning Institute.

To see the article and photos, go to <http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve/resources/BestPractices.html>



Florida Learn & Serve Date to Remember

Due January 11, 2010

- Mid-Term Progress Report (Reporting Period: September-December 2009)
- 1st Match Update (Reporting Period: September-December 2009)



Hands-on Service-Learning and the Arts Workshop—Recycled Piggy Banks, presented by Janis Klein-Young, Art teacher at the Young Men’s Academy for Academic and Civic Development at MacArthur South, Miami. The participants created and personalized piggy banks that symbolize their service-learning efforts and activities.



Top left, framed student art from the Young Men’s Academy for Academic and Civic Development at MacArthur South, Miami; top right, student workshop activities; bottom right, traditional parade of the ducks at Peabody Hotel; bottom middle, “Lady at the Beach”; bottom left, student relaxing from busy schedule.

2009-2010, Florida Service-Learning Award Recipients

Steven Tunick Service-Learning Award

Margaret Anne Wheeler
Polk County School District



Kathleen Forsyth, Margaret Anne Wheeler and Joe Follman



Rising Star Award

Cathy Denman
Andrew Jackson Middle School
Titusville—Brevard County



Kathleen Forsyth, Cathy Denman and Joe Follman



Florida Learn & Serve 2009 President's Volunteer Service Award Winners

23 Bronze, 72 Silver, and 13 Gold Awards



Recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award
at the 2009 Florida Service-Learning Institute.