



FLORIDA LEARN & SERVE

Service-Learning News to Use! February, 2007

This edition of the bi-monthly newsletter includes upcoming activities, featured Florida Learn & Serve projects, service-learning support efforts, project deadlines, funding opportunities, and technical assistance information. If you have any questions, comments, or news to share, please send it to us at:

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Special Announcement for Science Teachers!

In 2006, Florida Learn & Serve developed a set of lesson plans integrating service-learning into the art classroom. This handbook has been used to generate ideas and projects both in Florida and nationally and is a practical tool for educators from K-higher education.

After our 12th Annual Service-Learning Institute, Florida Learn & Serve decided that this type of resource is needed in every discipline. With the help of practitioners willing to contribute ideas and examples, this goal can be accomplished.

For 2007, we will focus on developing a volume of lesson plans in the area of science. We wish to assemble a team of service-learning science teachers (representing different grades and areas of science) to plan the content and design of the publication.

If you are interested in participating in the development of the science lesson plans, please contact Monica Brown at [mrbrown@admin.fsu.edu](mailto: mrbrown@admin.fsu.edu), (850) 488-2687 (direct line), or toll-free at (888) 396-6756.

New Features on the Florida Learn & Serve Website!

Newly posted (and upcoming) features on the website include the following:

- **Florida Learn & Serve Media Kits** -Located under the "Resources" section, we encourage you to use these tools to support service-learning in your area. <http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve/resources/mediakit.html>
- **Learn & Serve Logos** – You can download the Learn & Serve logo and provided text to include in your media and project publications. <http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve/resources/logos.html>
- **Student Service-Learning Products on the Website – Coming Soon!** – You will soon be able to visit our website and see scanned images of some of the great products that were made by students in their Learn & Serve projects. Products include books, art, handcrafts, brochures, and more!

Learn & Serve newsletters are also available on the website. To view the new website features, log onto www.fsu.edu/~flserve and click under "Resources."

Cathryn Berger Kaye to conduct a Service-Learning Training in Florida

Cathryn Berger Kaye, M. A., one of the nation's leading service-learning trainers, is coming to Florida on April 4 & 5, 2007. The training will be held at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg.

"Strategies for Success: An Innovative Learning Process for Literacy, Character Development & Civic Engagement" is designed specifically to help students become more academically and civically engaged, acquire traits associated with positive character, and increase literacy skills.

This training can be beneficial to your service-learning and other education efforts, and we encourage you to participate if you are interested. The cost is \$350 per person, which includes teaching materials worth \$160. Lodging and meals (both are offered at Eckerd College at reasonable rates) are extra.

Funds from your Learn & Serve, Special Initiative, CHESP, SPaRC, or State Farm grant may be shifted to cover travel and registration costs. For complete information, please log onto <http://www.eckerd.edu/servicelearning>.

Learn & Serve Project Doings and Happenings

Orange County Public School's 3rd Annual Service-Learning Conference at Timber Creek High School a huge success! Spearheaded by long-time service-learning advocate and district coordinator, Wendy Doromal, the February 3, 2007 conference provided training on several topics including community outreach, grant funding and compliance, trainer workshops, and more. Presenters included Florida Learn & Serve's Joe Follman, Miami Douglas

MacArthur South High School art coordinators Janis Klein-Young and Beatriz Herrman, and students teaching participants about American Sign Language and the deaf culture.

Timber Creek High School, a fully integrated service-learning school, hosted the one-day event, and participants from Orange and surrounding counties got a chance to see firsthand how service-learning can positively impact students and communities.

Douglas Anderson School of the Arts celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr., National Service Day - The 17-member cast of Ms. Bonnie Harrison's Issue-Based Theatre class performed 10 original scenes reflecting on the important work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the importance of continuing the dream and mission of his work. The students performed in front of 200 audience members in Metropolitan Park of downtown Jacksonville. The scenes reflected a message of recognizing our differences and embracing and celebrating them.

Ft. White High School students plant indigenous Coontie Trees at Ichetucknee Springs State Park - Students in grades 6-8 attend weekly outdoor classroom laboratories studying the ecology and diversity of living plants within the park. With the help of Ichetucknee Spring staff and science teacher Irene Johannesen, students plant dozens of Coontie palm trees, an indigenous tree native to Columbia County that had previously been wiped out in the park.

Dunnellon Middle School teacher and students take home the 2006 Take Pride in America Award.



Sande Haynes and PAWS (Promoting Awesome Watershed Stewardship) students were recognized in Washington, D. C., for their outstanding environmental service-learning work at Rainbow Springs State Park. Students are responsible for water quality monitoring, creating a native plant garden, cleaning up debris after the hurricanes of 2004, and educating visitors about watershed issues.

Take Pride is an initiative of the U.S. Department of the Interior inspiring Americans to volunteer in caring for their public lands.

Lake County Service-Learning Teachers Receive Disney Awards

Six Disney Teacher Awards were presented to teachers who received mini-grants through Lake County's Youth Council, Florida Learn & Serve, or the Golden Rule Foundation to complete service-learning projects.

Projects included creating books on addressing issues of diversity, hurricanes, and anti-bullying; participating in intergenerational activities; and sales of quilts sewn together by volunteers to purchase classroom books for a teacher in New Orleans whose classroom was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Congratulations to the following service-learning teachers in Lake County:

- Kelly Goring and Star Olson, Cypress Ridge Elementary School
- Shannon Parker, Treadway Elementary School
- Anne Guenther, East Ridge High School
- Catherine Friedrich, Lost Lake Elementary School
- Kristen Sears, Astatula Elementary School

K-12 Service-Learning Project Planning Toolkit Now Available

RMC Research Corporation produced this planning toolkit for the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse for you to use as a tool for planning service-learning projects. The materials in this toolkit contain information for designing service-learning projects around the three core components of a service-learning project: planning and preparation, the service activity, and the culminating event. Please click on the link below to access the planning toolkit.

http://www.servicelearning.org/filemanager/download/K-12_Service-Learning_Project_Planning_Toolkit.pdf

Project Program Deadlines

- May 4, 2007 – Non-competitive applications (RFAs) are due
- May 11, 2007 – Competitive Pilot and One-Year Renewal Projects Proposals are due
- June 30, 2007 – Online LASSIE report due to the Corporation for National and Community Service
- August 31, 2007 – Project Period Ends-all funds must be encumbered by this date.
- October 20, 2007 – Final Match Report, Final Fiscal Report and Project Evaluation Information Due

Please be mindful of these reporting dates. If you have questions regarding your reporting requirements, please contact Patricia Golay, Ed.D., at pgolay@admin.fsu.edu.

Reporting forms and requirements are also located on the program website at www.fsu.edu/~flserve/.

Grant Funding Opportunities

The time is now to begin searching and applying for grant funding that may be applicable to the needs of your students, project, and community. Visit some of these websites to obtain more information on available funding opportunities.

Youth Service America

Grants up to \$500 are available to persons who increase the impact of service-learning projects conducted on climate change. www.ysa.org

Pew Partnership for Civic Change

Grants up to \$2,500 are available to organizations or individuals reducing the high school dropout rate. www.pew-partnership.org

American Historical Association

Grants up to \$1,500 are available to recognize excellence and innovation in K-12 history teaching.

www.historians.org

Lemelson-MIT InventTeams

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for high school students, mentors, and teachers who collaboratively identify, research, and develop a prototype invention as a project for a problem they want to solve. <http://web.mit.edu/inventteams/about.html>

Upcoming Service Events

Interested in participating in events where you can incorporate service-learning? See these great activities listed below:

Cesar Chavez Day of Service-Learning

March 31, 2007

www.chavezfoundation.org

Cathryn Berger Kaye, M. A., Service-Learning Training in St. Petersburg, FL

April 4-5, 2007

www.eckerd.edu/servicelearning


National & Global Youth Service Day

April 20-22, 2007

www.ysa.org/nysd.

Participate in the Civic Education Project (CEP)

Northwestern University's CEP is pleased to announce the new online nomination system that allows educators and youth development professionals identify promising young civic leaders to participate in an intense, national service-learning program. For more information about CEP and nominating students, please visit their website at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/cep

**Training & Technical Assistance**

Need additional help? Florida Learn & Serve staff can provide you with reporting requirements, technical assistance, training, and service-learning resources. For assistance, please contact Monica Brown at mrbrown@admin.fsu.edu or 850-488-2687.