

FEATURES

Students learn through service

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Students in the Service Learning Program are wrapping up their work, every one putting in 20 hours past those commonly expected in a college course.

Service learning offers college students an opportunity to work in the community as a component of a class.

With a team of two full-time staff members and two students, the SLP brings community agencies and professors together to create opportunities for students to work throughout the area.

The students work in a great variety of locations throughout the surrounding community. "Students can serve at any place they want to, as long as it applies to their class work," said Tia Milne, Administrative Assistant to SLP.

Students have worked in a wide variety of fields, including reading tutors and food pantry volunteers.

Professors have a very positive view of the program, despite its seeming youth.

"It definitely enhances the learning and makes them (the students) think of issues in a different light, since they get practical experience," said Shaheen Chowdhury, Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences professor.

Chowdhury has recently turned the optional service learning in her classes into a requirement. This is becoming a popular choice for pro-



Photos by Russell Augustine

The Service Learning Program's volunteer board, across from the Health Center in SRC 2001, offers short-term volunteer opportunities.

fessors, although they offer options for students who cannot make the semester-long 20 hour time commitment. These assignments are often research papers.

"I think it is a great program offering students a wide choice of places to serve. It definitely helps them broaden their horizons," said Krieglstein.

Although students can only use Service Learning in conjunction with a class, the program acknowledges that with no volunteer center on campus, the Service Learning staff has to fill in. "In fact, we just recently installed a volunteer bulletin board," said Tia Milne, Administrative Assistant. "They are mostly for short-term assignments. ... you know, if someone needs twenty extra people for

a weekend."

This bulletin board is not the only source of volunteers to the community.

According to Krieglstein, Many students choose to stay with their service learning agency after their hours are completed because "they become 'hooked on service with that specific population. ... I see this happening over and over."

According to Milne, service learning is a great way to improve a resume. When working, "you're not looking at just yourself" and "(the employers) are looking at what you will do out in the community."

These are excellent components to a resume, something that can push a resume on a desk into a flesh and blood interview.

How to Volunteer

Although Service Learning is for students to work with during a class, this doesn't prevent people from volunteering through the college.

People interested should first go to the volunteer board, which lists all sorts of short term opportunities, and is updated regularly.

For longer term work, interest could be directed towards the Service Learning Program in SRC 1490.

Tia Milne, administrative assistant, said they have "tons more" openings than those presented, and that there is "never a shortage" of opportunities for those who want to work in a volunteer position.

The SLP can be reached at 942-2655 during normal college hours.

College of DuPage Service Learning by the Numbers

300

students this semester

34 courses

12 instructors

2 full time staff

2 student staff

Work is completed by

Dec. 9

104

unfilled placements on the SLP website

**What Students
Work is Worth**

\$18.04

Value of one hour of volunteer work*

20 hours of work per class

\$1.6 million

Approximate value of student's work this semester

**Where to Find
SLP**

SRC 1490D

Steven Gustis's office

942-2655

Service Learning office number

Football passes food to shelter

The football program does more than run, dive, catch and pass. They also help feed the less fortunate.

Over Thanksgiving break, the program brought food to the DuPage Emergency Shelter, run by the Catholic Charities in the Joliet Diocese.

The DuPage Emergency Shelter offers situational accommodations to those in need. This means their clients only stay with at the shelter for a short time.

The shelter also has an intense counseling program to help people get back into homes and a normal life.

For more information, call Jane Tsychenko at 941-8681.



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T.J. Haiges, a nationally ranked wide receiver for the football team, presents a thanksgiving dinner to an assistant supervisor at the DuPage Emergency Shelter. The football program prepared two such baskets for the shelter.

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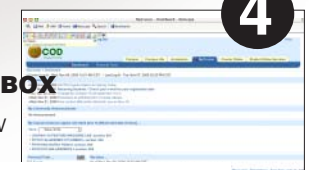
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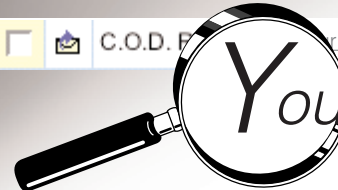
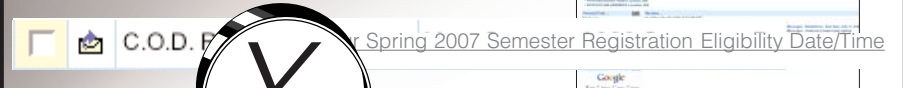
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-Ryan Manno, broadcast communication

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