



Service-Learning



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International Mural Project

East Central Neighborhood Mural Is Complete

By Patrick Link

Thanks to the Art Club of the SFCC Art Department work is now complete on this long-awaited beatification project. Located at the Southeast corner of Sprague and Pittsburgh Street, the mural celebrates the diversity and historic significance of six-block Keystone International District which stretches east on Sprague Avenue from Helena to Crestline Streets. It features Spokane Falls with the historic Monroe Street Bridge and shows in silhouette the Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal, Egyptian pyramids, a Chinese Pagoda, a Mayan temple and a diverse group of people circling the earth. It also focuses on the variety of organic vegetable products that will be featured in the cuisine of the new and unique One World Everybody Eats-Spokane vegetarian restaurant that will open in September housed in the space previously occupied by the Sereni-Tea Global Caffe. Many, many thanks go to Columbia Paints for their extreme generosity in supplying of all the paint and painting products needed to produce this impressive 50 by 18 foot effort, ThyssenKrupp Safeway for use of scaffolding, the Spokane Fire Department for power washing the wall, and last but certainly not least, to advisor Tobe Harvey and his intrepid Arts Club crew: Corie Boley, Jess and Julian Cavegn, Keisha Coll, Allen Denadel, Nikki Freeman, Louis Gravely, Dara Harvey, and Russell LaCroix.

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The 11th Annual Continuums of Service Conference

By Bama Wilson

The Service Learning Department set out on a road trip to the 2008 *Continuums of Service* conference in Portland, Oregon in April of this year. The group consisted of Darlene Rickett, Faculty Advisor to the Service-Learning Department, Robbin Hansen, AmeriCorps* VISTA Supervisor and Program Coordinator, Kerry Rollins-Lampkin, Community Engagement Specialist, Bama Wilson, Program Coordinator and Patrick Link, AmeriCorps*VISTA.

The conference was held on April 17-19, 2008 and titled:

The Engagement Imperative: Academia, Students, and Communities in Partnership: A demonstration of how engagement initiatives can advance institutional priorities and strategic partnerships, while building and sustaining healthy local and global communities. The "Engaged Campus" is the future of higher education and imperative to preparing students for the 21st century!

The conference focused on how service-learning and community engagement can address critical issues within higher education. Issues such as:

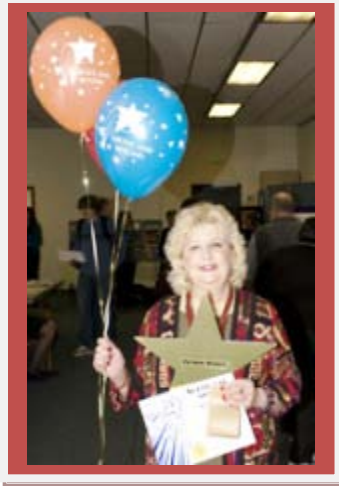
- Building an Engaged Campus
- Achieving and documenting student learning outcomes
- Cultivating and sustaining campus-community partnerships
- Collaborating across disciplines
- Building strong Communities
- Increasing access, enrollment and retention of a diverse student body
- Building student leadership
- Data collection assessment
- Deepening the service-learning and community engagement body of knowledge through research

After the conference we planned strategies as to how to best incorporate these improvements in our future operations.

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Faculty Highlights



Featuring Darlene Rickett

Darlene Rickett was named Faculty Advisor to the Service Learning and Community Engagement Program in December 2007; however, she has been actively involved incorporating the Service-Learning approach into SFCC class pedagogy since the fall of 2000 when she began holding introductory workshops for faculty. She provided support to the newly-named Director of Service-Learning and Community Engagement, Rhosetta Rhodes, in November 2000 and continued direct collaboration with Rhosetta for the next few years, holding additional faculty workshops and expanding relationships with the community partners that the Service-Learning students support with their volunteer efforts. Incorporation of Service-Learning as part of SFCC class curricula has since been made a priority by President Mark Palek and Vice-President Pam Praeger.

Darlene was a founding member of the Inland Northwest Service-Learning Partnership (INSLP) of Service-Learning departments within Spokane colleges and universities.

Darlene teaches in the Communication Arts and Modern Languages Department and uses the Service-Learning approach in all her classes. She helped start the International Peer Mentor program with the International Programs Office and over the years hundreds of international students have been helped in their adjustment to a new environment through the help of these dedicated mentors.

This year Darlene attended her fourth Continuums of Service conference. This meeting of northwest college and university Service-Learning department representatives yields many new and innovative ideas for how to best take advantage of Service-Learning in our continuing efforts to expand student community involvement.

Students Highlights Service-Learning at Horizon Hospice

**By Chris Buscher
Speech 102**

My experiences with Horizon Hospice have been many and wonderful. I am unable to reveal the identity of the patient with whom I am working, so let's call him Tom. I feel as if my being there to talk with Tom has not only helped him tremendously but me as well. Connecting with a human being who knows his life is coming to an end has given me a new perspective on my life. Tom lifts his head with joy to see me at the door. Although we mostly just visit and talk, he hates to see me leave and wishes I could stay longer. The joy we share together is one of a kind. Our conversations have resulted in a genuine friendship, although he could pass at any moment. I feel sorrow that this is the end of his life, yet I am relieved that my presence has made an impact. This is reflected in his happiness and joy even though his time is almost over. I would not trade anything for the experience I received from volunteering at Horizon Hospice. The care and kindness shown by everyone can make even the final journey one of joy and happiness.

Students In Service

**Bama Wilson
SIS Program Coordinator**

Students In Service (SIS) is a part-time AmeriCorps program that offers educational funding vouchers to college students who volunteer to participate in a variety of eligible community service activities. Spokane Falls Community College, as a member of the Washington Campus Compact, offers three funding options of these SIS financial rewards to its students based on a total committed volunteer hours over a calendar "term of service". These options are:

- One year term of service: either \$1000 for a 300 hour commitment or \$1250 for a 450 hour commitment
- Two year term of service: \$2352.50 for a 900 hour commitment

For the 2007-2008 school year there are eleven SFCC students participating in the SIS Program. They have committed to a total of 5,700 volunteer hours for which vouchers valued at \$15, 996 will be issued.

For further information contact Bama Wilson in the Service Learning and Community Engagement department, extension 533-3259, or the web site: www.studentsinservice.org.

Hats off to SFCC Service-Learning Students

By Robbin Hansen

Did you know that SFCC Students performed 16,435 hours of Service-Learning in the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008?

At the National Volunteer Rate of \$18.77 per hour that would be a \$308,484.95 financial contribution to our Spokane Community. Even if figured at Washington's minimum wage rate of \$8.07 per hour the impact is \$132,630.45.

The Making of an Urban Community Mural

By Bama Wilson

SFCC service-learning students worked tirelessly to create a work of Art on the Historic Inland Hardware building and future home of One World Spokane. World landmarks and nature's bounty share the earth in this colorful and whimsical mural, thanks to all those who participated.



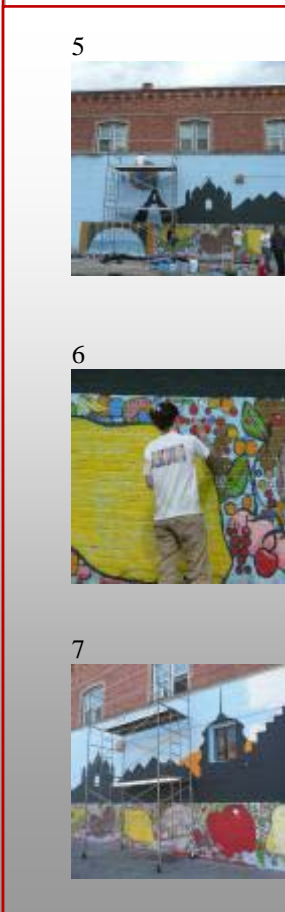
Project wall before



Project wall after

Keystone International Arts Festival 2008

The Keystone International Arts district presented a festival of local artisans, musicians and entertainers with ethnic vendors, food vendors and handicrafts on Pittsburg Street, south side of Sprague Ave (1800 block) in front of the new International mural Saturday Aug 23, 2008 from 10am until 4pm.



One World Spokane

One World Spokane had a booth at the International Festival with information on the mural project, opportunity to sign up as a volunteer, meet Denise Cerreta from One World Everybody Eats in Salt Lake City and view the progress of the kitchen and garden spaces.

Are you doing Service-Learning at SFCC?

Our challenge facing the Service-Learning program is determining an accurate count of the number of instructors involved in service-learning each term. If you are currently using service-learning or planning to in upcoming terms please send a short e-mail to Darlene Rickett, darlener@spokanefalls.edu

Interested In Service Learning at SFCC?
The Service-Learning Program Coordinator can provide you with learning reflections, assessment ideas, and assist you with any of your service-learning projects/needs. Contact a service-learning representative listed below.

People to Profile

We are looking for students, faculty, and community partners engaged in service-learning to profile in future newsletters. Please contact Bama Wilson, Service-Learning and Community Engagement bamaw@spokanefalls.edu, building #24 room 308, if you are interested.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HEALING LODGE OF SEVEN NATION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

PLACE: HEALING LODGE OF THE SEVEN NATIONS

TIME: 1:00-5:00 P.M.

CELEBRATING SOBRIETY POW WOW

COMMUNITY PARTNER EXPO

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2008

PLACE: SUB LOUNGE A&B

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Meet community partners for volunteer opportunities.

RECYCLE MANIA KICKOFF

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2008

PLACE: TBA

TIME: TBA

ROBBIN HANSEN COORDINATOR

BIONEERS

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 20 & 21, 2008

PLACE: SFCC BUILDING 15

TIME: 2:45-6:00 P.M.

Bioneers is a forum for connecting the environment, health, social justice and spirit within a broad progressive framework.

HOMELESS AND HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

DATE: NOVEMBER 17-21, 2008

PLACE: SPOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TIME: TBA

Type a description of your event here.

Service-Learning Faculty Training 101

DATE: OCTOBER 9, 16, 23, 2008

PLACE: 24- 305

TIME: 2:00-3:30 P.M.

SERVICE-LEARNING AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

DATE: JANUARY 15, 22,29,2009

PLACE: TBA

TIME: TBA

COMMUNITY PARTNER EXPO

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2009

PLACE: SUB LOUNGE AB

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Faculty Recognition

Time: May 27, 2009

Place: TBA

For your convenience, we have provided a partial list of Community Agencies and their contact information. For an extended list of agencies please contact your Service-Learning Department.

Agency	Contact	E-Mail	Phone
American Red Cross	Mary Mapes	mapesm@spokaneredcross.org	(509) 326-3330
Bethany Presby. Church Tiger Time	Kris Cejka	krisfrankc@icehouse.net	(509) 534-0066
Big Brothers and Sisters	Shannon Barrett	sbarrett@bb Spokane.org	(509) 328-8310
Boys and Girls Club of Spokane	Heather Jewell	hjjewell@bgcspokanecounty.org	(509) 489-0741
C.O.P.S Spokane	Christy Hamilton	ckhamilton@spokanepolice.org	(509) 835-4591
Catholic Charities	Karen Orland	korland@ccspokane.org	(509) 358-4254
Center Point	Spike Cunningham	src@spocom.com	(509) 325-5451
Children of Promise	Amanda Guttmueller	amandag@gin.org	(509) 344-0169
Community Minded Enterprises	Kerry Whitsett	kerryw@community-minded.org	(509) 209-2856
Eastern State Hospital	Susan Bordges		(509) 299-3121
Eastern WA/Deaf & Hearing Impaired	Char Parsley		(509) 328-9220
Educational Service District (ESD) 101	Kristi Stender-Bratcher	kbratcher@esd101.net	(509) 789-3535
Goodwill Industries	Jamie Wright	jamiew@giin.org	(509) 444-4374
Habitat for Humanity	Adam Borgman	adam@habitat-spokane.org	(509) 534-2552
Hope House	Rusty Barnett	rbarnett@voaspokane.org	(509) 455-2886
Hospice of Spokane	Jim Edwards	jedwards@hospiceofspokane.org	(509) 456-0438
Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach	Freda Gandy	fgandy@msn.com	(509) 455-8722
Richard Allen Enterprises	Charles Williams	doubleosoul2000@comcast.net	(509) 891-6477
Spokaminal Care	Laura Thulean	ltulean@yahoo.com	(509) 534-8133

Inland Northwest Service-Learning Partnership (INSLP)
Elected Governing Board Officers 2008-2009

Title	Contact	Location	Phone
Chairman	Rhoretta Rhodes	Whitworth University	(509) 777-4238
Co-Chairman	Cyndy Stevenson	Horizon Hospice	(509) 489-4581
Secretary	Robbin Hansen	SFCC	(509) 533-3155
Treasurer	Joni Brown	SCC	(509) 533-7463
Activities Director	Susan Cairy	Spokane County Juvenile Court	(509) 477-2469
Community Partners At Large	Kerry McCrudden	VOA Crosswalk	(509) 838-6596
Community Partners At Large	Rusty Barnett	VOA Hope House	(509) 455-2886
Community Partners At Large	Teresa Venne	Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery	(509) 535-3155
Spokane Public Schools CP	Robin Fiorillo	Volunteer Specialist	(509) 354-7277
Spokane Public Schools CP	Susanne Smith	Envision Program Coordinator	(509) 354-7340

Spokane area Colleges and Universities unite to strengthen and empower students and communities through Service-Learning.

