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Service-Learning & Community Engagement Newsletter Winter 2009

Spokane Falls Community College



Make a Difference Day

On October 27, 2007, members of the SFCC Service-Learning team participated with ESD 101 and other Spokane organizations such as The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations in the annual Make a Difference Day, sponsored by Learn and Serve America.

Robbin Hansen and Patrick Link joined with 70 hardy workers in a "clean up, fix up" party for the corner of Riverside and Cook St in the East Central Neighborhood. The project included building a covered school bus stop with a bench for neighborhood children. Artists in the group painted a mural triptych attached to the bus shelter, protecting it from the wind and winter rain/snow. The City of Spokane provided a box-trailer into which the work crew placed old tires, mattresses, papers, car parts and other area flotsam leaving a much cleaner and safer area for the local residents. Following the hard work ESD 101 provided a barbecue for the participants. A good and productive time was had by all.

What is Service-Learning?

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) defines Service-Learning as the combination of community service and classroom instruction, with a focus on critical, reflective thinking as well as personal and civic responsibility.

The Critical Elements of Service-Learning:

- It is conducted in and meets the needs of a community
- It is coordinated with an institution of higher education and with the community
- It helps foster civic responsibility
- It includes appropriate assessment.
- It includes reflection as part of documenting the service experience.

(Adopted from the American Association of Higher Education definition of service-Learning, 1993)

At Spokane Falls Community College, the Service-Learning and Community Engagement Program prepares students who are ready for the workforce and are engaged citizens in their community.

The WACC (Washington Campus Compact) VISTA project uses service-learning to address the needs of the campuses and communities in Washington. Nine full-time AmeriCorps *VISTA members are placed for one year on university and college campuses across the state to serve campuses, faculty, staff, students and the surrounding communities including community members and organizations.

AmeriCorps*VISTA members serving on the SFCC campus this year are Bama Wilson and Patrick Link, both residents Spokane Washington. The rest of the members are Robbin Hansen, the AmeriCorps-*VISTA Supervisor, and Kerry Rollins-Lampkin, the Students-IN-Service Coordinator.



Celebrating our Contributions



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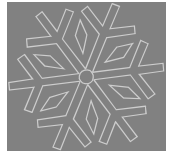


A Special thanks to Patti Richards (SRHD), Mary Holmquist (SRHD) Adam Richards, Bama Wilson, Patrick Link, Robbin Hansen, Arden Crawford, Ron Johnson, Dennis Hauenstein, Annette Mather, Josh Waite, Charlie Johnson, Kari Collen, Bob Haley, Steve Bays, Junnie Loh-Taylor, Allen Rarthbone, Pat Brummet, and Linda Krause Perez.

On November 1, 2007, this group participated in a statewide exercise to train SFCC personnel regarding procedures in the event of a bioterrorism attack. The group set up PODs (points of dispensing) in building 17 for our campus exercise. SFCC Service-Learning students, Staff, Faculty and community volunteers moved patients through the pods as quickly as possible for annual flu shots.

This Exercise was not only beneficial to those who received shots, but was also for our campus to evaluate and implement procedures for future exercises. These measures will assist us in becoming better prepared if a POD is needed due to a bioterrorism attack.

Special thanks go out to the Center for Service-Learning and Community Engagement and the Spokane Regional Health District for assisting our campus with the WASABE 9(Washington State Bioterrorism Exercise for Health District 9).



Other Events and Contributions

Back to School Drive for MLK

Every year the Martin Luther King center conducts a Back to School Supply Drive. This year, thanks to the Pinestate Athletic Club, and WSU, the Service-Learning and Community Engagement department was able to give \$600.00 worth of supplies to this worthy cause. The department received \$300.00 dollars from Pinestate Athletic Club, and binders from WSU, not to mention a huge discount from Staples Office Supply to outfit 20 plus children with necessary school supplies.

Clothing Distribution

The Service-Learning and Community Engagement Department with endless help from SFCC instructors and staff, collected gently used and new clothes for Odyssey World International. The clothes were distributed to refugees newly resettled in Spokane from Bosnia, Serbia, Kosovo, Cuba, Columbia, Haiti, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Liberia, Congo, Rwanda, Former Soviet Union, Burma and Vietnam among other countries.

Tree of Sharing

This inspiring event was put on through a collaborative effort from Kerry Rollins-Lampkin, Community Engagement Specialist and Students in Service Coordinator, Service-Learning, and the SFCC Food Bank. Students hung names of low-income, at-risk children on the tree while students, faculty and staff members purchased the gifts.

The Spokane Falls Community College Center for Service-Learning Office is moving to the new Sn w'ey'mn (pronounced, sin way men) Building #24 on December 17, 2007.

The Service-Learning Department Offices will be on the North end of the third floor in offices 308, 309 and 310.

Spokane Falls Students, James Wilkins, Sean Robertson and Nicholas Kasbar helped move furniture and organize the offices during the open house on December 5th. Their help was very much appreciated by Service-Learning Supervisor, Robbin Hansen and AmeriCorps*VISTA Members, Bama Wilson and Patrick Link.

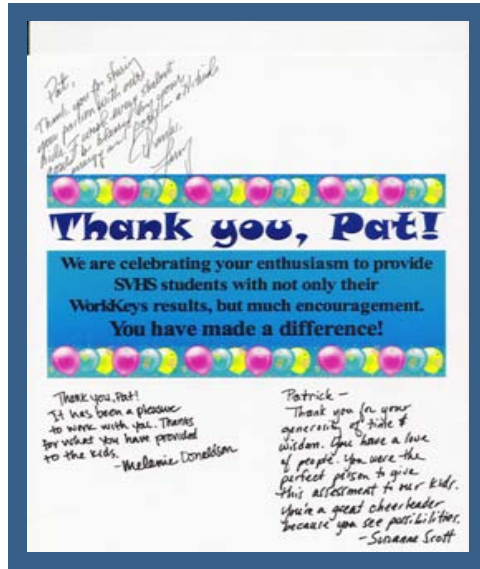
The Service-Learning Office will be open during the Christmas Break. However, the phones and computers will not be functional immediately, so visit the new office and sign up for winter quarter Service-Learning.

WorkKeys

Service Learning and Community Outreach fulfilled its remaining obligations under the Work Force Development section of the Community Outreach Partnership Grant (COPC) by providing WorkKeys evaluations to the sophomore and junior classes of the Spokane Valley High School. The evaluations measured workforce readiness in Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Data Information. When combined with career interest projections the results indicated needed future curriculum emphasis to both the students and faculty.



E. Patrick Link, Coordinator for the COPC grant received kudos from Spokane Valley High School for his enthusiasm to provide WorkKeys, and much needed encouragement.



Dialogue for Democracy Forum

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007, Patrick Link accompanied President Mark Palek and Dean Dan Wenger to Seattle as Spokane Falls Community College participants in this second statewide public forum connecting communities and education. The forum participants included policy makers from higher education, K-12, community and business leaders, and state legislative policy makers in a dialogue on the critical issues facing communities and education today. Special emphasis was on the role of Education in Building an "Engaged Democracy" that identifies these critical issues and ensures participation by all elements of the community in their resolution.

Students-in-Service

SFCC Student, Amy McLean recently completed a 300 hour term of service with the Students-in-Service program. She has earned an educational voucher totaling \$1,000.00 to apply towards tuition and book expenses. Her educational goals include earning a degree in interior design and landscape design.

Amy donated well over 300 volunteer hours last year alone, mentoring young girls with the Girl Scouts of America. She has been a troop leader for 5 years and is a former girl scout herself, spending 8 of her childhood years in the program.

Thank you Amy for giving back to the community! Contact kerryrl@spokanefalls.edu, 509-533-3694, bldg 24 room 120.

Alternative Spring Break

Students: Are you interested in foregoing the traditional spring break party scene and volunteering to help others? The SFCC Service Learning Club is organizing an Alternative Spring Break where students provide a variety of services to communities in need in another part of the country or world. In the past, SFCC students traveled to Florida and Mississippi to assist in clean up for hurricane victims, and in 2009, the Service Learning Club is planning an Alternative Spring Break to Kenya, Africa. If you are interested in participating in an Alternative Spring Break, contact the Students-In-Service Coordinator.

Amy McLean (on left) with her group of young Girl Scout Mentees



Alternative Break Coordinator:
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Building 24, room 120

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Or stop by and see us in the Service-Learning and Community Engagement Center
Sn-w'ey'-mn Building 24 room 308-309-310



Are you doing Service-Learning at SFCC?

The challenge facing the Service -Learning program is getting an accurate number of instructors involved in service-learning each quarter. If you are currently using service-learning or planning to in upcoming terms please send a short e-mail to Robbin Hansen, robbinh@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 Robbin Hansen, Service-Learning & Community Engagement at the new sn-w' ey' -mn building 24, room 309. Phone 509-533-3155, robbinh@spokanefalls.edu.

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 at bamaw@spokanefalls.edu, building 24, room 308, if you are interested.

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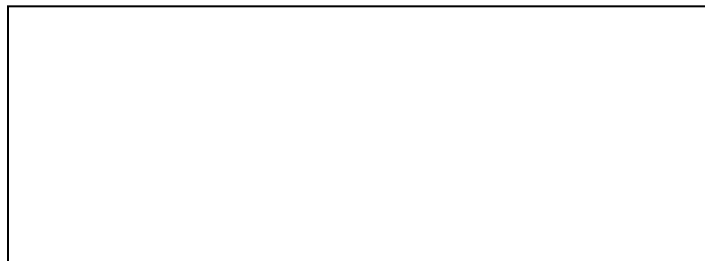
Agency	Phone Number
-Youth for Christ	509-327-7721
The Fig Tree	509-535-1813
N.E. Childcare Center	509-444-0374
Goodwill Northwest	509-444-4313
Mobius Kids	509-624-5437 x305
The Healing Lodge	509-533-6910
Crosswalk	509-838-6596
Hospice of Spokane	509-456-0438
Catholic Charities	509-358-4270
Vanessa Behan	509-535-3155
Community-Minded	509-456-4597
Barton School	509-747-1058
Habitat for Humanity	509-534-2552 x21
Bethany Presby. Church	509-534-0066
Spokane Valley MOW	509-927-6976
Boys & Girls Club	509-489-0741
Richard Allen	509-981-5477
Inland NW Blood Bank	509-624-0151
VOA Hope House	509-455-2886
Care Cars	509-458-7450
Early Learning Center	509-533-3406
Leadership Institute	703-247-2000
Martin Luther King	509-299-6364
Pine Lodge	509-299-2300
Spokane Schools	509-354-5456
Pony Tales Youth Services	509-215-5339
Neighborhood Networks	509-257-2867
ESD 101	509-535-1616

The Community Partner Expo will be held

January 14, 2008

In SUB Lounge ABC

Each year community organizations partner with Spokane Falls Community College Service-Learning and Community Engagement Program to host volunteers, table at SFCC events, and collaborate to create Service-Learning projects for students, faculty and staff, thank you.



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