

2007–08 Academic Year
Center for Civic Engagement

Report Card

“Just the fact that I could connect with the Pullman community was meaningful to me. It felt good to be making a positive difference.”

The Center for Civic Engagement offers WSU students, faculty, campus departments, and community partners opportunities to share knowledge, skills, and resources for the benefit of student learning and the well-being of our communities.

Student Learning

- 3,193 students registered in the CCE database and participated in an average of 1.6 placements and/or projects
- Students across 86 majors participated in CCE activities
- 80 academic service learning courses provided students with civic engagement experiences within their curriculum

Learning Outcomes

- **Self awareness:** In recent surveys, 88% of student respondents agreed that they have gained a better understanding of themselves by serving others
- **Community knowledge:** 79% agreed that community service increased their awareness of issues in the community
- **Civic Responsibility:** 84% agreed that they have a responsibility to make a difference in the world and the ability to encourage others to do the same

Community Impact

- Active partnerships with 243 community partners in Pullman, the Palouse, and statewide through collaboration with WSU Extension
- 136 community partners were connected to academic service learning courses
- 107 community partners worked with WSU students on co-curricular projects
- 112 new community partnerships were developed, locally and statewide
- 29,845 recorded hours of service by WSU students

In a Recent Survey...

- 95% of community partner respondents indicated that WSU students increased their organizational capacity
- 87% indicated that WSU students contributed to enhanced programs and services within the community

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“Students come in with expectations and often leave with new personal experiences and maturity that will help them in the future.”

Tutoring Youth

- 110 WSU students served as tutors to youth in the Pullman community
- 10 WSU students served as tutors to youth in rural Whitman County communities
- Together, they tutored over 2,000 hours and over 300 youth.

Co-Curricular Community Service Projects

- 342 projects were offered; an average of 10 projects per week
- Project participation was 1,371, with some students participating more than once

Project Impacts in Spring 2008:

- Socialized 167 dogs, 381 cats, and 197 neglected horses
- Recycled 229 bags (4,580 lbs.) of used clothing and household goods and collected 111 bags (2,220 lbs.) of trash
- Prepared, served, and shared meals with 37 homeless individuals
- Provided companionship, games, and manicures to 222 senior citizens
- Mentored 424 children and tutored 165 youth
- Collected 818 lbs. of sustainable, local, organic food for area food banks on MLK Jr. Day of Service
- Planted 790 plants and trees and assisted with planting and weeding at area community gardens

New Initiatives

- Combined Fund Drive at Washington State University in collaboration with the Compton Union
- MLK Day of Service—SLO (Sustainable, Local Organic) Food Drive
- WSU Wellbeing Program, in collaboration with University Recreation and Counseling Services
- Spring Break for Action and Change, in collaboration with Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Move Out & Pitch In, in collaboration with Capital Planning and University Recycling

CCE Staff: Community Board Membership

Better Neighborhoods of Pullman
College Hill Association
Latah County Human Needs Council
Palouse Alliance
Palouse Cares
Palouse Habitat for Humanity
Palouse Resource Network
Pullman Caregiver Support Group
Pullman Civic Trust
Pullman Council on Aging
United Way of Pullman

Awards

- *Distinguished Service Learning Awards* for commitment to learning through campus-community engagement. 2007-08 recipients:
 - Morgan Leap, Spanish major; 2008 graduate
 - Dr. Willie J. Heggins, III, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology
 - Sue Kreikemeier, director of Early Learning Services
- *Students in Service* education awards totaling \$18,310 were provided to 11 WSU students
- *Learn & Serve Grant, Corporation for National and Community Service*, received by the CCE for Bellevue Neighborhood Project—\$39,452
- *11th Annual Campus on the Run* sponsored the Palouse Conservation District with a \$1200 award
- A CCE-sponsored community project received the Mayor's Award for Cougar Pride Days