

2008–09 Academic Year  
Center for Civic Engagement

# Report Card

“...it also showed me how easy it was to make a difference in the life of someone else.”

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

- 3,630 students registered with the CCE
- Students across 86 majors participate in CCE activities
- 84 academic service learning classes provide students with civic engagement experiences connected to curriculum

## Learning Outcomes

- **Academic and career development:** In a recent survey 73% of student respondents agreed that their community engagement experience helped them to identify and apply academic concepts in real life settings
- **Civic knowledge and responsibility:** 80% of student respondents agreed that their community engagement experience caused them to realize the importance of active citizenship
- **Self awareness and efficacy:** 78% of student respondents indicated that as a result of their community engagement experience they gained respect for the life situations of others

## Community Impact

- The CCE has active partnerships with 353 community partners in Pullman, the Palouse, and statewide through our collaboration with WSU Extension
- 167 community partners were connected to academic service learning courses
- 107 community partners worked with WSU students on co-curricular projects
- 110 new community partnerships were developed
- 32,070 recorded hours of service by WSU students

## In a Recent Survey...

- 83% of community partners responding agreed that WSU students contributed to enhanced programs and services within the community
- 81% agreed that WSU students contributed to increased one-on-one contact with clients and children within their agency

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“ I loved having a WSU CCE student serving at our facility! She was enthusiastic to learn and serve and was very proactive in regard to concerns we address.”

## School Partnerships

- 104 WSU students served as tutors to youth in the Pullman community and in rural Whitman County communities
- They tutored over 1,500 hours and more than 250 youth

## Co-Curricular Community Service Projects

- 424 projects were offered; an average of 10 projects per week
- Project participation was 1,855, with many students participating more than once

### Select Project Impacts in 2008–09:

- Recycled 6,380 pounds of used clothing and household items
- Prepared, served, and shared a meal with 57 homeless individuals
- Provided companionship, games, and manicures to 524 senior citizens
- Mentored and tutored 629 children and youth
- Assisted with the completion of one Habitat for Humanity home and started ground preparation for a second home

## Statewide Service Learning

The Statewide Service Learning Program extends the range of service learning and civic engagement opportunities for WSU students in terms of both geographic location and types of engagement experiences. Working through the network of WSU County Extension offices and other community partners around the state and beyond, Pullman-based and Distance Degree Program students engaged in diverse face-to-face and at-a-distance service projects that enhance community wellbeing in myriad ways.

Statewide efforts accomplished the following:

- 61 student and classroom projects
- 10 service learning internships
- 42 communities were served through the statewide program throughout 23 counties

## Recognition

- Each year the Center for Civic Engagement recognizes one student, one faculty member, and one community partner who display a commitment to learning through campus-community engagement. For the 2008–09 academic year we recognized:
  - *Student:* Kyle McKeeman—Health and Fitness major
  - *Faculty/Instructor:* Sarah Whitley, instructor in the Sociology Department
  - *Community Partner:* Dave Port, director of Harvest House
  - *Statewide Community Partner:* Snohomish County Extension
- *12th Annual Campus on the Run* sponsored the Pullman Montessori School garden project with a \$1,200 award.
- *The Corporation for National and Community Service* honored Washington State University and the Center for Civic Engagement with a place on the 2008 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities. Honorees are chosen based on
  - scope and innovation of service projects,
  - percentage of student participation in service activities,
  - incentives for service,
  - and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

- *Carnegie Classification:* In December 2008, WSU was named among 119 university and college recipients nationwide of the 2008 “Community Engagement Classification” from The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The selection recognizes higher education institutions that demonstrate excellence in “alignment between mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement.” WSU was selected for the honor in the dual categories of curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships.