



Teams Continue to Build Stakeholder Support

Congressional District Action Teams report quarterly on events and activities that are made possible by Learn and Serve funding to build stakeholder support for service-learning.

Boise State University

The Service-Learning Program sponsored the Idaho Governor's Commission of Service and Volunteerism (Serve Idaho): Brightest Stars Ceremony on March 27th, 2008. This award program encourages and affirms active participation by citizens of all ages. The award ceremony recognized 100 Idaho citizens who are "unsung heroes who work tirelessly on behalf of families and children in their communities." This public event was significant to service-learning advocates for several reasons:

- Every attendant received a colorful, professionally designed program insert which highlights service-learning (definition, impacts and calls to action).
- More than 600 people from all over Idaho attended the ceremony. Twelve elected officials participated including the Governor, at least one representative, and at least one mayor. Representatives from the Idaho State Department of Education came to greet school representatives from an Eastern Idaho school nominated for the award.
- This is the first year of the award program to include "schools" as an award category. This category focuses on curriculum-based service programs. Next year the school nominee pool will be larger since event organizers will have more time to spread the word. This award will bring recognition to schools who embrace service-learning.
- The Governor's wife, a teacher, hosted the event in conjunction with the Governor and has become more familiar with service-learning.

The Service-Learning Program also secured several spots in Campus-based new outlets. Since faculty recognition among their peers is valued at Boise State, highlighting faculty through campus news is a top priority for the Service-Learning Program.

1. [FOCUS](http://www.boisestate.edu/news/focus/pdf/FOCUS_winter2008.pdf) (campus publication for Alumni and campus community): full page article titled "Art Students Combine Artistic Expression with Civic-Mindedness". See article at: http://www.boisestate.edu/news/focus/pdf/FOCUS_winter2008.pdf, page 17.

2. ARBITER (Boise State University campus news paper): full page article about service-learning at Boise State and the Civic Engagement Poster Session. See article at: <http://media.www.arbiteronline.com/media/storage/paper890/news/2007/12/17/Culture/Service.Learning.Takes.Education.Beyond.The.Classroom-3144411.shtml>.
3. BOISE STATE UPDATE (Campus online newsletter):
 - Chemistry service-learning <http://www.boisestate.edu/news/update/2008/04032008/index.html#photo>
 - Brightest Stars Event <http://www.boisestate.edu/news/update/2008/04102008/index.html>.
 - BSU faculty present service-learning research at national conference <http://www.boisestate.edu/news/update/2008/03182008/index.html>.

Cascadia Community College

Cascadia Community College (CCC) has hosted the following events as part of their work with Congressional District Action Team funding.

Mock Election, February 22nd, 85 attendees, purpose to provide civic engagement event in which students have opportunities to register to vote, hear perspectives from candidates and meet local and state government elected officials such as Mayor of Bothell and State Senator Rosemary McAuliffe. Food provided and funds for event covered partially by Learn & Serve grant.

Belief Panel, April 14th, over 250 attendees, purpose to provide civic engagement panel of representatives from several faith-based traditions to dialogue about their commonalities and differences. Panel included representatives from the following traditions: Ananda, Christianity, Islam, WICCA, Shamanism and Atheism

In process: We are planning a Community Partnership Fair for May 7th, 2008 in tandem with students from both campuses. The Presidents of both UWB and CCC will speak. The time is 3-7 in North Creek Event Center. Students are making display boards and planning presentations to describe their involvement with community service and civic engagement events.

In addition CCC has developed service-learning partnerships with Juanita High School's and Bothell High School's English Language Learners (ELL) Program, Tent City 4, Jubilee Reach Community Center, Multiple Sclerosis Association of King County, Maywood Hills Elementary School:

Edmonds Community College

Support for the Congressional District Action Team through Washington Campus Compact and Learn and Serve has enabled Edmonds Community College to serve in a leadership role in the organization of the E3 Summit for Snohomish and Island Counties (environmental, economic, and educational leaders from Snohomish and Island Counties). Furthermore, we were able to connect the event with a very successful service-learning workshop. As a result we were able to bring service-learning to the forefront of regional discussions of environmental education and will be employing the network of the Environmental Education Association of Washington to take this message to elected officials throughout the state (see www.e3washington.org).

As expected, there was broad participation from local government, education, non-profit and business sectors. Elected officials and staff from Snohomish and Island Counties and the cities of Oak Harbor, Langley and Lynnwood joined with representatives from Tulalip and Stillaguamish Tribes, Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Everett School District, South Whidbey School District and Snohomish Conservation District to envision and discuss goals for environmental education in our region. The Heritage Institute at Antioch University offered continuing education credit to teachers and WSU Extension sent representatives from 4-H, Waste Wise, and Beachwatcher programs. The nonprofit organizations who were involved included Adopt-A-Stream Foundation, Orca Network, Whidbey Watershed Stewards, Sound Experience, Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force, Rite of Passage Journeys, Whidbey Audubon Society, Eco Encore, Learning Hubs, Whidbey Institute, and Service, Education and Adventure. Business participants included Sno-Isle Natural Foods Co-op, Quil Ceda Village, and Sharing Wheels Community Bicycle Shop.

Lewis-Clark State College

A member of Congressional District Action Team, Louise Mathieson, a VISTA who has developed an intergenerational service-learning program, recently received a Brightest Star Award from Governor Butch Otter in recognition of her efforts. Almost 60 individuals were nominated for this award from throughout Idaho. Her selection demonstrates that our governor and his Commission on Service and Volunteerism recognize the value of service-learning.

Lewis-Clark State College also collaborated with Idaho's Corporation for National and Community Service office to send Louise to a conference on youth service-learning which will assist her with expanding the services she offers to the students and seniors with which she works.

Finally, Lewis-Clark State College partnered with the Lewiston School District to present the sixth annual Northwest Regional Summit on Youth. The two-day program brings teenagers and parents from north central Idaho and Eastern

Washington to Lewiston for workshops on relationships, college life, drug abuse, and problem solving. It was coordinated by Action Team member Brenda Goldammer. Participants at this year's conference included:

- Idaho Drug Free Youth
- Children's Advocate for YWCA
- Idaho Extended Employment Services
- Boise Police Department, Contact Officer Unit
- Lewiston Schools
- Nez Perce Tribe, Education Specialist
- Victim Assistance Program
- Associate Professor of Social Work, Walla Walla Community College
- 4-H Extension Educator, Caldwell
- Assistant Professor/Extension Education, University of Idaho
- Safe and Drug Free Schools, Idaho Department of Education
- Idaho Housing and Finance Association

Spokane Falls Community College

Spokane Falls Community College will host a Community Forum, "Building Community through Civic Engagement and Service-Learning" at Spokane Falls Community College, May 12th, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm. The Mayor of Spokane, Mary Verner, is the keynote speaker, and a panel will discuss critical issues in Spokane, and how stakeholders plan to address them. Community members will have an opportunity to hear more about these issues and volunteer to assist Congressional District Action Team (CDAT) members and service-learning students to meet the identified needs.

Spokane Falls Community College has developed a Ning site to foster dialogue and to inform about the CDAT's upcoming events and progress. The site address is <http://cdatnetwork.ning.com>

The Evergreen State College

Students, faculty and community partner organizations participated in Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Poverty Action Summit at the State Capitol, where local residents struggling with poverty testified about the challenges. Participants discussed policy and organizational updates and learned about legislative process and how to best tell their stories. Students were moved by the empowering process that gave voice to often disenfranchised community members.

The Evergreen State College is very excited to have received Learn and Serve funds to convene a one day South Sound Service Learning gathering of higher education institutions. We recently were awarded matching Faculty Summer Institute funds to support faculty participation in this event August 11, 2008.