

Service-Learning Report, December 2012



# SERVICE-LEARNING

FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ASSESSMENT

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## About Us



The Office for Academic Excellence and Assessment (AEA) at Creighton University provides ongoing support and resources to enhance teacher effectiveness and student learning.

To learn more about faculty development programming, assessment, course design, student learning processes and/or effective teaching methods, or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), contact Mary Ann Danielson at 402.280.2535.

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# 389,000 HOURS OF SERVICE

The President's Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. The Honor Roll is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service's strategic commitment to engage millions of college students in service and celebrate the critical role of higher education in strengthening communities.

Creighton has been named to the Honor Roll every year since its inception (2007), and was named with distinction in 2007. This year's report was filed on Nov. 29 and, although the results will not be made available until spring 2013, we are proud to report that in 2011-2012, over 4,000 Creighton students engaged in more than 389,000 hours of community service. Look for profiles of students' service in the 2013 Service-Learning newsletters.

Students last year surpassed previous years' levels of service; we hope you will join us in congratulating and commending our students' dedication to service and the Creighton mission. A special thank you to 30-plus individuals from 22 different offices, colleges or schools who helped compile the data for our 2011-2012 submission.

(Photo above: Members of the Creighton men's basketball team, including junior guard Jahenns Manigat, foreground, paint a local house as part of a service effort in August.)

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS



Continuing our series highlighting the programs in which our students have participated, featured this month are non-academic programs that actively engage our students in meaningful community service, Hand-in-Hand and Community Partners:

Hand-in-Hand: Students in Campus Ministry plan and host this annual event, which features an afternoon of crafts, karaoke, dancing and fun for adults with special needs. Last year's event was so successful that attendees spilled out of the Skutt Ballroom. Find more information or volunteer to serve as a partner.

Community Partners: Creighton's Department of Residence Life was the first in the nation to establish a community partner program, when it initiated its effort in 1993. Through "Community Partners" each residence hall partners with a local community agency or organization. Students from each hall participate in weekly volunteer opportunities, event planning and fundraising efforts to support their particular partners. Find a complete list of community partners.

METROPOLITAN COALITION FOR SERVICE-LEARNING NEWS



#### 2012 THEME: REFUGEES

Creighton University is a member of the Metro Area Service-Learning Coalition. The 2012 theme is "Refugees."

The Coalition seeks to: (1) increase collaboration and share selected service-learning programming among nine metro-area universities; (2) offer coordinated programming on a selected topic each semester; and (3) bring university and college resources to bear in educating students and the public about selected significant local, national and international issues.

### IWCC STUDENT SHARES STORY

An lowa Western Community College student shared his story of life as a refugee during a Refugee Awareness event on Nov. 19. The event was featured in the *Daily Nonpareil*.

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CAMPUS EVENTS



## HOLIDAY SPIRIT DRIVE

Join the campus community and sign up to support a local agency or organization this holiday season through Creighton's annual Holiday Spirit drive. To see what others are supporting or to sign up, visit the Holiday Spirit website.

CCSJ SOUP LUNCHEON



Save the Date: On Feb. 1, 2013, the Creighton Center for Service and Justice (CCSJ) will host its Soup Luncheon and Auction from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Funds will support CCSJ student need-based scholarships and donations to community partner host sites. Learn more.

#### **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**



IMPACT National Conference, Feb. 18-24, 2013, Albuquerque, N.M.

24th Annual National Service-Learning Conference, March 13-15, 2013, Denver, Colo.

16th Annual Continuums of Service, April 24-26, 2013, Portland, Ore.

National Conference on Volunteering and Service, June 19-21, 2013, Arlington, Va.

Reinvigorating our Process of Discovery: Research and Best Practices in Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, Nov. 6-8, 2013, Omaha, Neb.

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