Student Stories

William Poindexter-Haven of Rest

William is a paralegal student at KCC. For his service-learning project, he served at the Haven of Rest, a local homeless shelter, giving legal advice to a Life Skills group at the men’s shelter. He says “I have the same issues, at a different level, as they have. I have some personal issues that we talk about here. So not only am I helping them, they are helping me.”

Tammy Phillips-Community Action

Tammy served with the Community Action agency. Tammy said: “Before I served I had no idea what Community Action was, where they were and how many people they served. Serving at Community Action helped me learn a lot about what different agencies are about and, since I’m studying Human Services, should help me with directing my clients for these services if they have problems in these areas.”

How to Get Started

If you are interested in taking a service-learning endorsed class to fulfill your service-learning graduation requirement, or you just want a chance to give back to your community, there are a few things you can do to get started.

- Talk with an advisor about service-learning or connect with the Service-Learning Manager.
- Find service-learning courses by checking the service-learning box on the KRIS course search screen.
- After you have decided to pursue a service-learning experience, talk to your instructor or the Service-Learning Manager: servicelearning@kellogg.edu, to explore service opportunities. Office is at Severin 139 L.

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Service-Learning

Combines service to the community with academic objectives to equally benefit the community and the student. Students participate in projects that meet community needs and that involve self-reflection, self-discovery, and the acquisition of values, skills, and content knowledge.

Mission

To promote the personal and professional growth of students, faculty, and staff through collaboration on service projects in the community.

Service-Learning at KCC

- KCC students graduating from the 2012-2013 catalog with an Associate in Arts, Science, General Studies, International Studies, Elementary Education or Criminal Justice are required to complete a service-learning experience.
- Before instructors offer service-learning in a class, they complete a service-learning certification.
- Over 20 classes in different disciplines offer a service-learning option or requirement each semester. Students can earn a service-learning endorsement on their official transcripts by completing at least 15 hours of service-learning and relevant class work.
- There are opportunities for scholarships and student recognition, including the Service-Learning Commitment Award.

Benefits of Service-Learning

- Bridges classroom learning with real-life applications.
- Increases confidence and self-esteem.
- Helps build your resume or college applications with skills that apply to your future career.
- Allows you to build your community network for future jobs and references.
- Broadens your perspective on diversity issues.
- Increases awareness of societal challenges and resources.