The Pellissippi State Service-Learning Program promotes a campus culture of community service and civic engagement through providing education, community service information & placement, and mentoring support for faculty/students doing academic service-learning, tnAchieves scholars, PSCC programs seeking volunteer support, and PSCC students seeking community experiences that support their major.

CHECK IT OUT
More Than 400 Students Were Surveyed:
- 83% of students reported learning best with real-world connections.
- 79% of students view community service as an essential component of their academic & professional experiences.
- 79% in a Service-Learning-enhanced class favored that class over others.

GET STARTED
Register and Report at
WWW.pstcc.edu/service-learning/

ONLINE RESOURCES
WWW.pstcc.edu/service-learning/:
- Volunteer Calendar
- Library of Community Partners
- Benefits of Service-Learning
- Student Guide to Service-Learning

Pellissippi State Students Set The Bar

Fall 2013 Pellissippi State Students Generate Record Breaking Service
More than 2,300 Pellissippi State students contributed to an economic impact of more than $435,000.00 through their volunteer efforts during the Fall 2013 semester—crushing the bars set in previous semesters and nearly surpassing the total contributions for the entire 2012-2013 academic year!

Pellissippi State and an AmeriCorps VISTA, Matt Callo, prepare the first community garden on public school property in Knoxville, TN. The “You Are What You Eat: Edible Schoolyard Project” is a partnership between Pellissippi State and the UTK-assisted afterschool program at Pond Gap Elementary. The project is an investment in the community’s health, food literacy, environmental awareness, & the development of urban agriculture in the Knoxville area.

SERV2410
Are you in need of one more credit hour? SERV2410 is a one-credit hour class that addresses poverty-related issues in the community. The class is available at Hardin Valley, Magnolia, and Strawberry Plains campuses. Email service-learning@pstcc.edu for additional information regarding course requirements. See what students had to say about their service on the second page!

Pellissippi State Service-Learning Fall 2013 First-Glance Stats:
- 2362 students served their community
- 58 classes contained Service-Learning-enhanced projects.
- First standalone Service-Learning course with a focus on poverty alleviation in our local area—SERV2410—with two more sections forthcoming.
- 1,250% increase in Service-Learning participation
- Economic Impact for the Fall 2013 semester—$436,069.44
- Students served a minimum of 8,884 members of the community, including disadvantaged youth, veterans and military families, elderly services, employment skills training, and more!

Please contact service-learning@pstcc.edu for details.
THE COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Pond Gap Edible Schoolyard: Join Pellissippi State, UTK, and AmeriCorps VISTA, Matt Callo, in educating elementary students regarding health and environment while providing organic produce for the community. Community Garden Work Days vary. Contact Matt Callo at macallo@pstcc.edu for additional information.

American Red Cross: Get professional experience with customers, clerical work, communications, and more. The American Red Cross needs front desk receptionists to volunteer during varying schedules. Call 865-584-2999 and ask for Joseph.

MLK Days of Service: Spread awareness with Pellissippi State, AmeriCorps VISTA, Tennessee Campus Compact, and numerous other institutions between Jan. 20th and Feb. 28th. Activities include the MLK Parade, Pond Gap Garden Work Days, Stuffed Animal Drive for Knox County Juvenile Court, and more. Keep an eye on the service calendar at www.pstcc.edu/service-learning/.

Alternative Spring Break: No plans for Spring Break? Feel accomplished by addressing environmental and conservation issues on The Cumberland Trail or contributing to Knoxville's food access by working on the PSCC/Pond Gap Edible Schoolyard. Additional information coming soon. Send inquiries to service-learning@pstcc.edu.

THE BENEFITS OF SERVING

Awards and Recognition
Reporting your completed service hours:
- prints your community service hours on your transcripts to show future employers.
- makes you eligible to receive a medallion to wear at commencement beginning May 2014 if you complete 60 or more community service hours.
- allows participation in the Service Expo for opportunities to win cash prizes. Includes fall & spring service endeavors! Contact service-learning@pstcc.edu for additional details.

Congratulations to the first Distinguished Service Medallion recipient, Shaine Gideon. Shaine served the community both independently and as part of a Service-Learning-enhanced class. His service includes community partners such as Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville Zoo, and Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee.

Marketing & Advertising Classes Make The List!
Lisa Bogaty's ADV2500 & MKT2270 classes didn't stay in the classroom. They gained hands-on experience by collaborating with the League of Women Voters. Their efforts put Pellissippi State on the National Voter Registration Day map by ranking 21st in registering new voters. The classes also researched effective advertising methods & conducted focus groups for the historic organization.

Students Talk About Their Service

“I realized afterwards that I had not just helped a woman develop her resume. I was assisting her in her process of being able to move her family into a community that would provide better stability. I was assisting her in being able to financially provide for her family and herself, and I was also assisting her in gaining positive self-esteem.”

“I gained more motivation and confidence in myself and saw my goals more attainable.”

“It made me a better person.”

“I am an elementary education major, and each time I go to Pond Gap I learn more. I get great experience on what it will be like in my own classroom one day, and get experience dealing with the children on a personal level as well. Great kids!”

Students From SERV2410

“This course helped me know what I wanted to do in the future and allowed me to give back in a way that gave me experience in my desired field.”

“The topics we discussed, my experience, and the speakers this semester taught me that social issues are my passion. I need to be serving somewhere. I am more aware of issues in my community now, and also that in any poverty situation, there is always an underlying issue.”

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