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 900 Students Were Surveyed:
85% of students reported learning best with real-world connections.
82% of students view community service as an essential component of their academic & professional experiences.
81% of students preferred their Service-Learning enhanced class over non-service-learning classes.

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

Students, Faculty, & Staff Generate Incredible Impact

2013-2014 Academic Year

99 SL-Enhanced Classes
2,867 Students
$899,205.03 Economic Impact

Students share the benefits of Professor Knowling’s Service-Learning enhanced catering class with Officer John Ruppe at the 2014 Service Expo.

Pellissippi State President Dr. Anthony Wise presents graduating Strawberry Plains nursing student Chisa Huffman with a Distinguished Service Medallion. Chisa says her community service taught her, “how to be an effective leader and communicator.”

Congratulations

Distinguished Service Medallion Recipients

The following Spring 2014 graduates completed more than 60 volunteer hours during their time at Pellissippi State Community College.

Daisy Falin
Timothy (Andrew) Frantz
Heather Huff
Chisa Huffman
Belinda Lewis
Jaime Maiden
Mary Moore
Andrea Pappas
Sydney Youngman
Belinda Lewis

Please contact service-learning@pstcc.edu for details.
Civic Engagement Week: 9/10-9/17

Wednesday-Wednesday 9/10-9/17: Table of information about PSCC’s Good Food For All! Initiative and ways to volunteer throughout the year that support our local food system. (Goins Building)

Thursday 9/11: The National Day of Service & Remembrance: Join together in The Moment of Silence for our 9/11 fallen, including a brief address from Guest Speaker, Captain Bill Robinson, Vietnam veteran and former POW. (9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m., Courtyard; Rain location: College Center)

Saturday 9/13: PSCC/UACS Pond Gap Elementary School Community Garden WORK DAY Roll up your sleeves to harvest vegetables, pull weeds, and participate in other garden duties that provide fresh local produce to the children at Pond Gap Elementary School. Tools, supervision, and training provided. Contact ajgray@pstcc.edu to sign up! (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Pond Gap Elementary School, 1401 Hollywood Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919)

Monday 9/15: “WANTED: 10,000 Lunatic Farmers!” A Lecture by UT Professor, Chad Hellwinckel, Ph.D. Wondering what career choice will make one of the biggest differences to East TN in the coming years? Don’t miss this wake-up call about the health of our local food system. Includes research from the recent Knoxville Regional Foodshed Assessment, plans for urban agriculture in the Knoxville area, and more. (11:50 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Goins Building Auditorium)

Tuesday 9/16: “Global Food Politics: Sovereignty From Farm to Fork”: A Lecture by the President/CEO of Tremont Institute, Jennifer Jones, Ph.D. Jones has taught and researched in over 30 countries on the relationship between people and nature, including conservation, global food sustainability, and environmental governance. If you care about the food you eat, how it is grown and produced, and who is controlling it, don’t miss Jen Jones’s eye-opening talk on how global food politics affects foreign policy, social policy, economic policy, environmental policy—and the quality of all our lives. (Refreshments served; 12:25 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Goins Building Cafeteria Annex).

Wednesday 9/17: CONSTITUTION DAY Observance & Lecture: Dr. David Key presents “Citizen Farmer: Thomas Jefferson’s Agrarianism.” This very special Constitution Day Observance is in relation to the U.S. Constitution. (Refreshments served; free pocket Constitutions available for participants; 11:50 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Goins Building Auditorium).

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THE COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Haunted House Concessions Fundraiser: Support local homeless, at-risk homeless, disabled, and elderly veterans by staffing the United State’s Citizens Aiding Veterans concession stand at Sinister Chaos Haunted House. 100% of all proceeds are used by the charity to assist local veterans. Volunteer staff is needed from 6:30pm-11:00pm the following dates: 10/17, 10/18, 10/24, 10/25, 10/31, & 11/1. Please contact Cat Carr at cmcarr@pstcc.edu to sign up.

A Fruitful Endeavor: Monday, Nov. 24th, 10:30am-1:00pm—Show your thankfulness by making special bags of fruit and holiday cards for Mobile Meal clients in the Magnolia Campus Lobby. No sign-up required.

Ongoing Opportunities: Please contact Cat Carr at cmcarr@pstcc.edu if you are interested in committing a few hours each week to the following agencies:

Amedysis (Social Work/Journalism) All of East TN
CoParenting Solutions (Legal Aid) Anderson County
Green Hills Learning Center (Child Mentoring/Event Planning) East Knoxville
Pellissippi State Edible Schoolyards (Ag/Urban Gardening) Downtown West

Questions?
Service-Learning@pstcc.edu
(865) 694-6492

Upcoming Events (continued)

Call-To-Service Volunteer Fairs (C2S)

C2S is a great opportunity for PSCC’s community partners to come to campus to share with students, faculty, and staff important ways they can volunteer their time and talents in the community.

A must-see event for Service-Learning and tnAchieves students who need to find service opportunities!

Hardin Valley 9/10
Magnolia 9/15
Strawberry Plains 9/17
Blount County 9/17
Division Street 9/25

Check out the C2S Events on the Service-Learning calendar at www.pstcc.edu/service-learning/ for details!

Join PSCC staff and faculty as we team up to help out four nonprofits during Pellissippi State’s 40th Anniversary! Details coming soon.

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Pellissippi State Mission Statement

“The mission of Pellissippi State Community College is to serve its community by providing college-level and non-credit courses and learning support instruction using a variety of delivery methods, including distance learning. The College provides support for teaching and learning, training and workforce development, and opportunities for life, civic and cultural enrichment.”

The Knoxville Community Action Committee (CAC) talks with students at Hardin Valley’s Call-to-Service Volunteer Fair (C2S).

Look for SERV2410 in Spring 2015

"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."

Don’t Underestimate….

THE BENEFITS OF SERVING

• Provides hands-on learning experience and experience for your resume.
• Increases odds of employment by 27%.
• 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.

Please contact service-learning@pstcc.edu for details.
**Students, Don’t Forget Your ServiceCorps Steps!**

Go to www.pstcc.edu/service-learning/servicecorps/

1. **Register**
   When you register, you let the Service-Learning Program know your planned major and interests. This allows us to send you recommended community partner information that will give you meaningful and high-impact experiences.

2. **Report**
   Get your hours printed on your transcript so that you have an official document detailing your commitment to the community. Showing consistent volunteerism to potential employers increases your odds of getting the job by 27%!

3. **Confirm**
   Let us know you are graduating. You can request an official letter from Pellissippi State’s Service-Learning Program acknowledging your verified volunteer hours and reserve your Distinguished Service Medallion if you volunteered 60 or more hours during your time as a PSCC student.

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**Late Spring and Summer Highlights**

**Team Building**

The New Student Orientation team harvests fresh produce to benefit students of Knox County Schools and families in poverty at PSCC’s Edible Schoolyard Project at Pond Gap Elementary during May.

**A Permanent Fixture**

Magnolia Campus Students impress the director of North Ridge Head Start Center by building a new playground to benefit young children in Knoxville in June.

**Mentoring With a Cause**

Blount County Campus and Union Grove Elementary School faculty and students team up to collect oatmeal donations and write letters for soldiers deployed overseas. Their group effort resulted in several hundred boxes of oatmeal and an article in Maryville’s The Daily Times in May.

**Ijams River Rescue**

In April, Pellissippi State faculty, staff, and students from multiple campuses formed a team to tackle the Loves’ Creek Watershed. From waterlogged furniture to roofing materials and general garbage to shopping carts, these Pellissippi State volunteers cleaned up more trash than an industrial-sized dumpster would hold. Plan to join in the next Ijam’s River Rescue—April 11th, 2015, 10-2pm. Sign up by emailing aggray@pstcc.edu.

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