



# Fulfillment

Academic Service-Learning News



## What's New?

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## Service-Learning Student Orientation Workshops

During the first two weeks of classes this semester, students in service-learning courses were provided with an orientation to their course by the Academic Service-Learning (ASL) office. Sally Anastos and Meghan Amato went into classrooms and provided students with a PowerPoint presentation and discussion about what to expect during the experience and what is expected of them. The presentation was comprised of two components; an overview of service-learning and preparation for attending the service site. Topics included the benefits of taking an ASL course, proper dress, attendance, confidentiality, and maintaining professionalism. The orientation is posted on the service-learning website at [www.newhaven.edu/servicelearning](http://www.newhaven.edu/servicelearning).



Meghan Amato providing the orientation to students in Dr. Lynn Monahan's class

Prior to the orientation, faculty were asked to meet with their community partners to discuss their plans for the upcoming semester. Pictured to the right is Chemistry professor Nancy Savage meeting with Amy Champagne and Tricia Johnson (not pictured) at Common Ground High School. Dr. Savage's Instrumental Methods of Analysis Lab will be working with Ms. Johnson's science class this semester sharing their chemistry knowledge with the students and teaching them how to use the equipment.



## Statistics- Fall 2008

- Average service hours per student: 23
- Total number of service learning students: 55
- Total service-learning hours done by students: 1,265
- Total value of the service hours by students enrolled in service-learning courses: \$32,574\*

\* Source: [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)

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## Save the Date!!!

Join us on  
**April 16, 2009**

for our

### **3rd Annual Experiential Education Day Celebration!**

Come discover the many ways our students are involved in our local communities by joining faculty, staff, students, and community partners for this all day event!

RSVP to Linda Morris at [lmorris@newhaven.edu](mailto:lmorris@newhaven.edu)



## What are people saying about Service-Learning?

“I really enjoyed the service-learning portion of this class. It really made learning different and fun. I think hands on experience is a great way to learn about new things.”

- Victimology Student

“Service-learning is an excellent opportunity to bring academics and experiential learning opportunities together to benefit the community, students, faculty and the program. The partnerships provided a rich layer of personal interaction, communication, commitment and practical experience within the structure of a course.”

- Assistant Professor, Christy Somerville, Visual and Performing Arts,  
Recipient of 2008-2009 Excellence in Experiential Education Award

“After having finished volunteering at Thompson School, I expected to help kids with their lives and future decisions, but never thought and expected it to change my life forever. This experience broadens my horizon because everything I do is not only for my benefit, but for the benefits of others as well.”

- Freshman Experience Student

## The Connecticut Higher Education Community Service Award

The annual Connecticut Higher Education Community Service Awards will be presented to award recipients on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. There are three award categories:

- Individual students who have outstanding records in community service;

- Groups of students with outstanding records in community service;

- Special Awards to honor faculty or college/university staff who are recognized leaders in community service for their personal contributions and institutional commitment.

Applications and instructions are

available online at [www.ctdhe.org/cccs](http://www.ctdhe.org/cccs).

**Applications must be received by the Department of Higher Education by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23rd.**

For more Conference and Award Opportunities visit:  
[www.newhaven.edu/servicelearning](http://www.newhaven.edu/servicelearning)



## 2009 LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT

DUE: March 13, 2009

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Campus Compacts intend to submit a proposal to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for Learn and Serve America Higher Education consortia grant to specifically address the effects of unemployment in our region. If successful, up to **30 subgrants up to \$12,500 (annually for three years)** will be awarded to member institutions to partner with a primary community based organization to create successful long-term partnerships that leverage the human and social capital of college students to address challenges facing their communities.

### Letter of Intent – Required Information

Your responses should not exceed two (2) pages and clearly address the following:

1. Provide a brief summary of the **community need(s)** as a result of the effects of unemployment that the project will address.
2. State the specific goals and objectives of the project. Describe the strategies to achieve your objectives.
3. Clearly identify your primary community based organization and briefly describe history of partnership.
4. Identify the expected number of college students the project will engage.
5. State the amount of funds being requested. Briefly describe the activities these funds would support.

### Send letter of intent to:

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## Award Opportunities

### Ehrlich Faculty Award

**Deadline: March 20, 2009**

This award for service-learning recognizes one faculty member for exemplary leadership in advancing the civic learning of students, including public scholarship, building campus commitment to service-learning and civic engagement, and fostering reciprocal community partnerships.

### Frank Newman Leadership

**Deadline: March 21, 2009**

The Frank Newman Leadership Award recognizes students with financial need and civic leadership potential and provides both financial support and mentorship to help them achieve their academic and civic goals.

### Ernest A. Lynton Award

**Deadline: April 23, 2009**

The Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement recognizes a faculty member who connects his or her teaching, research, and service to community engagement. This award is designated as an award for early career faculty (pre-tenure at tenure-granting campuses and early career – within the first six years – at campuses with long-term contracts).

## Conference Opportunity

[New England Regional Campus Compact Spring 2009 Conference](#)



**Date: March 30 – 31, 2009**

**Location: University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

This conference brings together practitioners, including community service and community service-learning staff, faculty members, campus administrators and other stakeholders from across New England to engage in discussions, presentations, workshops and intensive institutes exploring emerging issues, the intersection of civic engagement and social justice and best practices in civic engagement to gain practical tools to apply on any campus.

## Get Published!

[Manifestion: Journal of Community Engaged Research and Learning Partnerships](#)

**Due: May 1, 2009**

This issue of Manifestion is a call for contributions on the practice, art, governance, management, and spirit that creates mechanisms and understanding of how to bring together the necessary resources to support community-engaged research and learning partnerships. We are not only seeking "success stories" but also for examples of challenges and conflict that represent the lessons learned from the struggle to engage broadly.

# UNH Awarded Its First AmeriCorps\*VISTA

UNH's Academic Service-Learning Office was awarded an AmeriCorps\* VISTA from the CT Campus Compact during November 2008. Meghan Amato is the University's first AmeriCorps\* VISTA, and is serving as an Academic Service-Learning Associate on campus until November 2009.

As an AmeriCorps\*VISTA, Meghan assists Sally Anastos, Director of Academic Service-Learning, in strengthening campus-community partnerships, faculty development seminars, and outcomes assessment.

Meghan serves as a resource for service-learning by helping students, faculty, and community partners generate connections through an exchange of knowledge, resources, and opportunities. In addition, Meghan assists with



the creation and development of service-learning literature and materials to educate faculty, community partners, and students about the advantages of service-learning.

Meghan is a graduate of Quinnipiac University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.



*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others".*

Mohandas Ghandi



*"It's time for greatness- not for greed. It's a time for idealism not ideology. It is a time not just for compassionate words, but compassionate action."*

Marian Wright Edelman

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