There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed.

- Woodrow Wilson, U.S. President (1913-21)

AmeriCorps at IPFW: A Look Back

Current national fiscal issues have led to the suspension of our AmeriCorps programs: Midwest Campus Compact Citizen Scholars (M3C) and the Service Engagement Corps (SEC).

Since their formation, the programs helped hundreds of students serve the community at placement sites like the Community Harvest Food Bank and the YWCA to name a few. Each student who completed their pledged service hours received an academic award.

Thirty-nine M3C fellows completed a total of 7,219.25 service hours in the M3C program’s last cohort, while 29 SEC students completed 7,575.75 service hours during the SEC’s last program year.

The staff at OACS hopes the AmeriCorps program will be reestablished in order to continue these great initiatives for future students.

ICC Regional Networking Council meeting You’re invited!

Keynote Speaker: Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry

This meeting will be hosted by IPFW on September 28 in Walb Union. Regional Networking Council meetings connect members from neighboring campuses to focus on common regional community issues and to discuss ways in which they can work together to address regional needs.

Faculty and staff - join us for plenary and breakout sessions focused on developing new and strengthening existing partnerships with community partners, working with multiple departments and units on your campus, and forging partnerships with other faculty and staff in your region. Find out what works, how others have overcome common challenges, and take away a renewed sense of connection. To register, go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012ICCRegionalNetworkingCouncilMeeting.

Service-Learning is a credit-bearing, educational experience in which students participated in an organized service activity that meets identified community needs and reflect on the service activity in such a way as to gain further understanding of course content, a broader appreciation of the discipline, and an enhanced sense of civic responsibility.

Robert BRINGLE & Julie HATCHER | IPFW Definition of Service Learning (1995)
Don’t Forget about CED!

The Community Engagement Database (CED) is a web-based tool developed to capture community engagement activity at IPFW. In 2010, all campus units were requested to enter details about community and on-campus partner(s), funding, partner benefit, assessment, and any publications and presentations for each community engagement activity on an annual basis.

Entries are further defined as curricular research/consultation, or outreach/service. A final “volunteerism” category captures individual faculty and staff involvement with community organizations. We are missing a significant amount of service learning information and need your help compiling data.

This information proved to be crucial for the Carnegie Community Engagement application. CED data is also used as a resource for reporting, assessment and planning. With annual reports recently completed, this is an opportune time to bring your CED entries current.

To enter community engagement activities, use the following address:

http://www.ipfw.edu/ced

Mark Your Calendar...

2012 Governor’s Conference on Service and Non-Profit Capacity Building

For the first time in the conference's history, the 2012 Governor’s Conference on Service and Nonprofit Capacity Building is a joining of two conferences; SAVI’s Nonprofit Capacity Building Conference and OFBCI’s Governor’s Conference on Service and Volunteerism.

As with previous years, the purpose of this conference will be to provide a forum where Indiana volunteer coordinators, nonprofit leaders, national service members and service-learning participants, can engage in meaningful dialogue, exchange best practices, receive meaningful training, establish partnerships, and celebrate accomplishments. With both SAVI and the OFBCI partnering, this conference will be the leading nonprofit resource in the state of Indiana.

2 October 2012 | Marten House Hotel | Lilly Conference Center | Indianapolis

Indiana Campus Compact Scholarship of Engagement Grant

The Scholarship of Engagement Grant funds the development and implementation of academic courses, community based research projects, or professional service activities that engage faculty and students in the community. They are intended to support reciprocal partnerships between institutions of higher education and the community, strengthen student learning, increase the institutionalization of service-based engaged learning, and enhance the professional development of faculty.

Projects must focus on one of three following areas: Teaching, Research or Professional Service. Award amounts are $2,250. Institutions are required to cash match at least $750. Application deadline for spring semester projects is October 10, 2012. http://www.indianacampuscompact.org/images/stories/pdf_uploads/12-13_SOE_website.pdf

ICC Request for Proposals for the 2013 Service Engagement Summit (SES) 3.0 and 20th Anniversary Celebration. More details to come in an upcoming faculty mailer. Submit your proposal online by Wednesday November 28, 2012; presenters will be notified of acceptance by Friday, December 14, 2012. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013SESPROPOSALS

Questions? Comments? Ideas? We welcome them!

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