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What Can OSLCE Do For You?

The Office of Service Learning and Community Engagement has moved from the Student Union! We are now located in Rocket Hall 1830. We are now part of the University of Toledo Learning Collaborative.

Many students have not heard of this office and often wonder what exactly we do here.

Do you know what service learning is? Have you ever completed any sort of community service? What about volunteering? What is the difference between all these terms?

In the UT community, service learning acts as a vehicle to help further your learning inside as well as outside the classroom. Service learning is an essential component to your education. Some of your courses throughout your undergraduate (or graduate) career may require you to complete a service learning project.

The Office of Service Learning is an essential when students are looking for a local commu-

nity agency to volunteer or complete a service project. We can match you with an agency that fits your academic and/or personal goals. To learn more about us and what we do in this office, stop by the office in Rocket Hall or contact one of our staff members. We would be happy to help you further your education, through the lens of service learning.

For more information, check out our website: www.servicelearning.utoledo.edu.



OSLCE Staff members: Sudershan Pasupuleti, Fran Molnar, Ashley Carr, Mollie Parsons and Sarah Fealy

AmeriCorps*VISTA



There is a new face in the office! Mollie Parsons replaced Brandon Donelson-Sims and Andrew Rome as the new VISTA in the OSLCE. She will be working as the Campus and Community Collaboration Leader. Mollie is originally from London, Ohio,

a "farm town" near Columbus. She recently graduated from Ohio University in June of 2008 with her Bachelor of Science, majoring in Family Studies. During college she completed two service learning projects for her assigned classes and really enjoyed the experiences! She loves watching sports and is a

proud St. Louis Cardinals fan. Showing loyalty to her alma mater, Mollie is also an avid fan of the Ohio Bobcats basketball team. She also enjoys spending time with her family, friends and fiancé. Stop by the office and meet her!



M3C Fellowship: Great Experiences



Some of the M3C Fellows from 2007-2008

“Volunteering makes me feel like I have a great purpose in life other than just personal gain, and that is a feeling I want to pass off to everyone that is in one of my groups.”
-Kyle Thobe

M3C is a great opportunity for students to get involved in the community and benefit from it. Students will need to complete 300 hours of community service over the course of a year. Once the student has completed their hours they will earn a 1000 dollar education award to pay off tuition and/or loans. Our office will help you find a community agency that fits your academic goals and personal passions.

This is an excellent opportunity to connect with peers and the communities, develop an appreciation and understanding of democratic ideals and citizenship, and develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors that lead to a lifelong commitment to active civic participation. There are 16 positions available this fall: 12 to first-generation or low-income students doing direct service (preferably

first-year or sophomore) and 4 for students to serve as peer mentors, with no restrictions on recruitment. For more information and applications, please visit <http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/servicelearning/M3CFellows.html>. You can also contact any of our staff members or the M3C Ambassador, Alexis Gearing at alexis.gearing@utoledo.edu.

Work Study, Outside of UT's Campus

The Office of Service Learning offers opportunities in work study, helping students to find paying, off-campus placements in non-profit agency in Toledo. Placements are matched to best fit of goals, interests, and schedules of the student.

After placement, the Office of Service Learning will provide

leadership training, reflection sessions, and individualized support so that the student can make the most of the learning experience. This is a great opportunity for those who want to make Toledo a better place through community service!

If you would like more information about how to make a

difference in the community, gain valuable professional experience, and get paid for it, please check out our website at <http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/servicelearning/Workstudy.html> or contact one of our staff members or the Work Study Ambassador, Jessica Harris at jessica.harris@utoledo.edu.

More Service Learning Staff

Ashley Carr

I recently turned 21 and I am originally from Cleveland. I have been the office and program assistant for the Office of Service Learning since April and I LOVE it. I am currently in my fourth year at the University of Toledo. I am majoring in accounting and possibly minoring in management. I work with all of the programs for the

office, but focus most on FYE, which is a great program created for first-year students. Working for the office has opened my eyes to the great opportunities there are in service learning and the difference it can make. I am gaining peer-mentoring skills as well as great experience for the future. Some of my hobbies include going to the movies and eating Red Lobster.

Sarah Fealy

Hi, I'm a 22-year-old, 5th year senior in the social work program. In the Office of Service Learning, I am a BSW intern, working mainly in the Great Service Great Cities program. When I'm not in class, I'm involved with Campus Bible Fellowship, Campus Crusade for Christ and the Office of Accessibility.



Meet the Service Learning Ambassadors!

Kim Augustyn

Hi! I'm 19 years old and a sophomore in the pre-pharmacy program. I am working with the Service Learning Community as an ambassador. I'll be taking Emily's position when she leaves second semester, and then I'll be helping to organize a group of students to do service with. I'm excited for this school year to begin, and I hope to help make the Service Learning Program a great success!

Kate Waanders.

I'm 21 and I major in pharmacy. I look forward to getting my degree

Jessica Kelley

I am a 19-year-old second year student at UT majoring in geography and planning. I someday hope to work for the federal government. I first got involved with the Office of Service Learning and Community Engagement because I signed up to live in the Service Learning Community my freshman year. I knew that in coming to university I wanted to continue participating in service since it was such a big part of my life at home, and the Service Learning Community was a great opportunity to do so. I enjoyed the program so much I applied to become a Service Learning Ambassador. Now I am a Service Learning Ambassador for the Student Government and Organizations. I'm also involved in Catholic Student

Kyle Thobe

I am currently 20 years of age. I am majoring in Exercise Science with a Pre-Physical Therapy focus. I am actively involved in the Catholic Student Association (CSA), Physical Therapy Club, University of Toledo Club Bowling Team, and of course the Office of Service Learning. In the Office of Service Learning I hold the position of Community Ambassador and lead student groups in volunteer activities. While leading students through volunteer work, I also inform them of the importance of volunteering and how each one of them is contributing a lot to a much larger picture. I have always been interested in doing my part to help the community I live in and helping others to do the same, which is why I have taken this role.

this spring! I am an ambassador for the Office of Service Learning, working with the Cherry Street Mission. I am also a facilitator of leadership at UT,

Emily Pallotta

I'm 21 and major in High School Math Education. Through the Office of Service Learning I'll be working with the Josina Lott Foundation. I'm Kate's roommate, and I'm also involved in Blue Key, Levis Leadership Facilitator, Intramural Sports and Supplemental Instructor (This year) In the past I have been a part of the UT Women's Club Volleyball

Association, Leadership UT, Christian Leadership Program, National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Christine Zacharyasz

I'm 21 majoring in Organizational Management and Development with a minor in marketing. I am a Student Government and Organizations Ambassador for Office of Service Learning. I am also involved in various campus organizations, including Searles Ambassadors, Habitat for Humanity, Alternative Spring Break – Louisiana and Washington, Race for the Cure, and Camp Adventure.

Megan Grevenow

I am a pre-pharmacy/ pre-med major and I am a RA in the Academic House. I just turned 20 and began my work

Alexis Gearing

I'm a 22-year-old senior Nursing major. Outside of class and the office of service learning, I am an RA at The Crossings, Student Alumni Association, and CRU. Some of my experiences with Service Learning include: Camp counselor at Camp Storer for fifth grade students at Temperance Elementary, hurricane relief/Alternative Spring Break in Bay St. Louis, MS., working with individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities at Anne Grady Center, babysitting for an underprivileged family, working at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen, working at blood drives for The American Red Cross, and clearing a path/trail for Toledo Metro Parks.

Team, Camp Adventure, a Grader for the Mathematic Department, and Alternative Spring Break.

Marissa Bozak

I am a 19 year old second year student majoring in Speech-Language Pathology. I am involved in the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. This program helps students learn about the career paths they could take and also does services around the community. This year in the Service Learning program I am an ambassador in the community. I will be working with the Toledo Metroparks.

with the OSLCE as a service learning community ambassador. I will be starting a service group at the Academic House which will primarily concentrate its efforts with the Toledo Animal Shelter and the American Red Cross.

Lauren Wenning

I am a sophomore here at the University of Toledo majoring in nursing. I am twenty years old and am the Academic Service Learning Ambassador. I am involved with CSA, SI, and last year I was active in the service learning community.



Jessica Harris

I'm an 18-year-old psychology major, I am involved in UT Club Tennis, Black Student Union, MNIYA, NAMI-UT, and I am a Resident Advisor. In the Office of Service Learning, I am an ambassador, connecting my residents as well as other students on campus in order to help and be helped, in academic and social growth here.

Fatimah Joseph

As a Senior Majoring in Criminal Justice, I face many different challenges daily. With those challenges, I try to create several solutions to choose from. Being a Service Learning Ambassador helps me - in addition to others - because it opens a window of positive change, diversity and challenges we can solve together as a group. I am

Saja Khuder

I am a 20 year old junior majoring in Biology from Maumee, OH. I am involved in the Student Alumni Association and CAP. I am excited about the new school year and eager to meet new people. I hope to further studies at UT after undergrad.

"I'm excited for this next year, and looking forward to getting a lot of people involved!"
-Jessica Kelley

currently involved in an internship at the Toledo Municipal Court- Prosecutors Unit, as well as a second internship with Toledo's Mayor, Carty Finkbeiner. I am optimistic that this year will be a successful and rewarding Service Learning experience.

Aretha Gilmer.

I am 19 years old and currently a sophomore majoring in social work. I have been involved in community services volunteering since middle school. I am involved on campus with the Black Student Union, Latinio Student Union, Camp Adventure, and many other programs. I am very outgoing, and this year I am looking forward to engaging others in community service and stressing the importance of it.



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The OSLCE is committed to developing and promoting service learning initiatives, consistent with UT's mission, in which students, faculty, and other campus constituencies engage with the community in mutually rewarding partnerships. The efforts of the OSLCE enrich the educational experience of students and promote responsive citizenship among them, cultivate and facilitate avenues for engaged scholarship for faculty through service learning courses and community-based research, and promote a culture of civic engagement that aspires to improve the human condition and quality of life in the community.



Need Volunteer Hours?

Help Wanted!

Washington Church Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is looking for volunteers in supervising preschool children during their twice-monthly meetings in a well-maintained, child-centered environment. MOPS is a faith-based international organization that celebrates motherhood. Moms of children age 5 and younger experience support and growth in meetings twice each month. Meetings are held from 9:00 to 12:00 on the first and third Fridays of each month at 3825 West Central Avenue, Toledo, OH 43606. If interested, please contact Angie Beauregard by email at ang-beauregard@hotmail.com or by phone at 419.478.4796

Volunteer Now!

Opportunities at Josina Lott (120 S. Holland-Sylvania Rd.) such as Game Nights, the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 6:30-8:00, Afternoon Adventures, Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. Other events include the Make a Difference Day Dance-a-Thon on Saturday, October 25; the Halloween Haunted Pathway Ride on Tuesday, October 28 from 6:00-6:30; The Hanging of the Greens, November 27th from 5:00-7:00; and gift-wrapping with the residents from 9:00-noon on December 6th and 12th. For more information, contact Karen at kweisman@josinalott.org or 419.866.9013. You can also contact the Student Ambassador working directly with Josina Lott, Emily Pallotta at emily.pallotta@utoledo.edu.

Opportunity Available!

Harvard Elementary School is requesting your time, service and knowledge to tutor elementary students grades 1-6th focusing on testable grades 3-6th. Tutoring begins October 1st and ending in late April. Tutors are needed daily M-F from 930am-230pm scheduling students at the volunteers convenience. Please contact Deborah Washington, Ph.D. via email at deborah.washington@tps.org or call 419.382.2112

