

Service-Learning E-News

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We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity.

-- Martin Luther King Jr.

Online Resources

[S-L Clearinghouse](#)

[CU Volunteer Database](#)

[Parkland College Service-Learning Website](#)

Share Your S-L Stories

If you are involved in service-learning with Parkland students, please share your stories with the Parkland community by contacting Mike Moran

Service-Learning Report at Parkland

Last July, Institutional Accountability and Research at Parkland College completed a 4-year report on service-learning at Parkland. The report provides strong evidence of the positive effect that service-learning has on our students' opportunity for academic success. As the report states:

- "[...] service learning students have odds that are more than *four times* as high of persisting from one semester to another than non-service learning students."
- "[...] service learning students had almost *two and half times* the odds of completing a degree or certificate than did the non-service learning students."

You can read the complete report online on the [my.parkland Service-Learning site](#), or by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Volunteer Fair

Mark your calendars for this Fall's Volunteer Fair, set for Wednesday, September 17 from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the new Student Union. The Volunteer Fair is a great way to network, meet local nonprofit organizations, and become involved in local volunteer opportunities. We had a great turnout last semester, so we're excited to invite you to stop by the Fair, tell your friends about it, or maybe bring your class by to visit with over twenty community organizations. For more information, or for a list of participating organizations, please contact Mike Moran at mmoran@parkland.edu or (217) 353-3302.

Join the Garden Hills Homework Club!

For the past seven years, students and faculty of Parkland College have been working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at an afterschool program called the Homework Club at Garden Hills Elementary. The Club, a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign Unit 4 Schools, meets two days a week (Mondays and Wednesdays), from 3:00-4:00 PM. We are currently recruiting members of the Parkland community to volunteer one or two days a week throughout the fall semester, providing not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serving as important role-models to at-risk youth. Due to past successful semesters with the Club, our primary goal is to expand, with more Parkland students and faculty, working with more Garden Hills

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students. For information about potentially connecting your class or club with the Garden Hills/Parkland College Homework Club this semester, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534 or Mike Moran at 353-3302 or mmoran@parkland.edu.

Check out our Service-Learning Websites!

Once again, we encourage you to take a look at the my.parkland Service-Learning Website. In addition, this semester, we've also added more information to our www.parkland.edu website, specifically, we list and link to all of our volunteering partner organizations. You can view the [my.parkland Service Learning Website here!](#) You can view the [www.parkland.edu Service-Learning Page here!](#)

Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland College

The Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland opened last December in the S building across the road from the main building. The pantry is open on the second Wednesday of each month from 7am-2pm, and provides food for close to 200 students each month. Besides offering an incredible service for our students, the pantry provides an excellent opportunity for service learning on the Parkland campus. This semester, the pantry would like to open weekly, but needs more dedicated volunteers before being able to accomplish this. You can view the website [here](#). Please contact Brian Nudelman or Mike Moran for information on starting a service-learning component with the pantry.
