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"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

--Winston Churchill

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Garden Hills Homework Club Presentation

The Garden Hills Homework Club will be giving a presentation on Wednesday, March 11 from 1-2 p.m. in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. We plan to use this event partially as informative, but also as a celebration of how Service Learning is being implemented on our campus. Speakers at the event will include Brian Nudelman, Service Learning Coordinator and English Professor at Parkland, Lauren Smith, Champaign Schools Volunteer Coordinator, and Principal O'Leary from Garden Hills. Others joining will include different Parkland faculty members, students, and some Garden Hills students. Refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, please contact the Center at centerforexcellence@parkland.edu.

Dental Hygiene Students Volunteer in Tennessee

Back in February, Parkland's Dental Hygiene Program traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee to do free dental work for low-income residents. The group included 21 second-year students, 5 instructors, 4 dentists from the area, and 3 hygienists. Students got to gain hands-on experience using real patients, as well as explain dental hygiene, learn different techniques, and most importantly, give back their services to the community. Over the 2 days that they were there, 657 people were able to receive free dental care! We would like to congratulate the Dental Hygiene program for acting as ideal Parkland Ambassadors and for making an incredible difference for those people in need. Great work, guys!

To read more about the Dental Hygiene Program in Knoxville, click [here](#).

Parkland Opens its Doors to the Latino Community

This year's Alternative Spring Break Program will be unlike anything Parkland has ever seen before. Parkland College is hosting a Latino Family Day, otherwise known as "Parkland College abre las puertas a tu familia" on Thursday, March 26 from 3-7 p.m. around campus. The event will cater to the Latino population in the Champaign-area, and will show them what all Parkland has to offer to their families. Some of the programs and free services that the event will include are: Dental cleanings and educational materials, free family portraits, hands-on art projects, career interest

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 Marsha Reardon

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assessment assistance, interactive soccer demonstrations, child care services during the event, tours of the greenhouse and automotive facility, Staerke Planetarium shows, and a complimentary dinner provided by El Toro from 6-7 p.m. CU-MTD is also providing free transportation for families to and from the event that day. There are an expected 300-500 people that will be attending the event, and there is still a need for volunteers. To volunteer, please contact Sarah Minyard in the Office of Student Life. For more information, please contact Tom Caulfield.

Bob Franco to Speak at John A. Logan

Bob Franco is a Professor and Director of Grant Development at the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani. He also works with Campus Compact by researching how service learning and civic engagement can help support retention and academic success for pre-college students, improved workforce and community development outcomes, and closing the minority achievement gap in undergrad education. He will be making two appearances in Illinois, one on Monday, March 23 at John A. Logan College in Carterville, and one the following day, Tuesday, March 24 at DePaul University, Chicago. A group of Parkland Faculty and Staff are traveling to the session in Carterville to hear Mr. Franco speak about the benefits of service-learning in Community Colleges. For more information on the event, or if you are interested in attending, please contact Brian Nudelman.

Check Out the Service Learning Website!

Once again, we encourage you to take a look at the Service Learning Website. On it, you can look at upcoming events, read news about service learning on campus, and find current opportunities to work with community partners. A new portion of the site makes it simple to search for current opportunities in the area. You can [view the Service Learning Website here!](#)