

Service-Learning E-News

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has"

-- Margaret Mead

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

Service Learning Conference in St. Louis!

On February 28 and 29, Illinois Campus Compact will be partnering with Missouri and Oklahoma Campus Compacts and St. Louis Community College to host a conference on Service Learning especially for community college faculty and staff. This should be an excellent conference, and a chance to join colleagues from across three states to network and learn more about the work of integrating service-learning and community engagement in our classes and across the college. Check out the conference website from the link below:

<http://www.stlcc.edu/mc/dept/slp/aacchome.htm>

We are excited to be able to send a group of Parkland folks to this conference in late-February. If you are interested in joining us, or need more information, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534.

Dental Hygiene Program and Special Olympics!

The Dental Hygiene Program is in the process of putting together a Service Learning program for local athletes that participate in the Special Olympics. Tentatively planned for Saturday, March 29, 2008, Parkland's dental clinic will open and provide dental examinations, cleanings and fluoride treatments for these athletes. Coordinated with the Special Olympics representative for the Eastern Prairie Division of Special Olympics, the program's intent is to work with the local Dental Society and the Local Dental Hygiene Society to ask for volunteers who would be working alongside the student and faculty volunteers from Parkland. Great Work!

Check out the Parkland Service-Learning Website

<http://www.parkland.edu/academics/service-learning>

Designed to celebrate and support the volunteer and service-learning efforts of the Parkland community, the new (and improved) Parkland Service-Learning website not only highlights courses and programs utilizing service-learning, but also provides important resources and tools for faculty and college leaders to help in the creation of new and exciting service/volunteer opportunities for our students. Take a look around, and help us help you, by providing any feedback or suggestions about the site. Send your suggestions to Brian Nudelman.

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Announcing the Parkland College/Garden Hills Elementary School "Homework Club!"

This semester, students and faculty of Parkland College have been working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at a new afterschool program at Garden Hills Elementary, the "Homework Club." The Club, a partnership between Parkland College and Champaign School District 4, currently meets two days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), from 3:00-4:15, while our Parkland students have volunteered one day a week since the start of the fall semester, providing not only academic support to the Garden Hills kids, but also serving as important role-models. As a result of our successes this semester, our primary goal in the spring semester is to expand the "Homework Club," with more Parkland students and faculty, working with more Garden Hills students. For information about potentially connecting your class or club with the Garden Hills/Parkland College "Homework Club" next semester, please contact Brian Nudelman @ 351-2534.