Upcoming Service Learning Events
5/11 – End-of-Year CCI Celebration; 11am to 2pm
Faculty Dining Room
5/13 – Commencement; Graduating CCI Fellows wear blue and red chords.
5/14 – Celebration of the Young Child (on behalf of Delgado’s CDYC Program); 11am to 3pm
Delgado City Park Campus

Spring 2011 Service Projects
The Spring 2011 semester at Delgado Community College saw many creative service-learning projects, addressing a variety of important community issues. Instructor Tandra Taylor’s Business Communications class partnered with the NOLA Japan Quake Fund to organize an event to raise money for disaster relief. Chef Jon Petrie’s Culinary Arts students created sugar Easter eggs and delivered the edible decorations to the children at Ochsner Hospital. In celebration of Earth Day and the legacy of Cesar Chavez, Instructor Wendy Rihner’s Activism and Change class organized an event at City Park campus, bringing together students and representatives of agricultural and Latino-advocacy groups to the college. Story continued on reverse...

Global Youth Service Day
The largest day of service, Global Youth Service Day encourages youth (ages 25 years and under) all over the world to become involved in their communities. Recognizing that the majority of Delgado’s student body is over the age of 25, Delgado Service Learning designed a day of service for participants of all ages to benefit the youth of the greater New Orleans community. Story continued on reverse...

AACC Partners with Delgado in Service
Each year the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) hosts a convention, bringing together educational leaders, community college presidents, senior administrators, and international educators. This year’s conference was held at the Convention Center in New Orleans. Recognizing the pressing environmental health issues facing New Orleans and the communities of the Gulf Coast region, the AACC asked to partner with Delgado Service Learning and the Horticulture department in an ongoing wetlands restoration project. Story continued on reverse...

Service Learning and W.I.S.E Women Host Film Screening and Discussion
On March 22, Service Learning and the W.I.S.E Women Center hosted a screening of the award-nominated film, Trouble the Water. More than 40 students arrived to see the film and to meet protagonist and co-creator, Mrs. Kimberly Rivers-Roberts. A resident of the ninth ward, Mrs. Rivers-Roberts spoke of her family’s experiences surviving Katrina, on making the film, and about her work in the community following her return to New Orleans. Story continued on reverse...

CCI Leadership Training
The Community Care Initiative is giving Allied Health students unique opportunities to see the ways in which the skills they are learning can be applied to crucial health-related, national and local community needs. Presented with these unique opportunities, students receive training as leaders in their field. CCI’s online leadership training assists student fellows in discovering and honing their leadership skills. Story continued on reverse...

Congratulations to graduating CCI Fellows!

Above: Kimberly Rivers-Roberts discusses her film, Trouble the Water with students
… Film Screening, cont’d Mrs. Rivers-Roberts founded an organization of talented presenters called the Amazing Unbreakable Speakers Bureau that inspires audiences by engaging them in dialogue around important community issues. ~SL

… Spring 2011, cont’d Instructor Lorraine Zeringue’s CADD classes designed floor plans for the college and the City of New Orleans, while various Business and Technology classes, led by Instructor Fred Tuhro, worked together to raise money for the three-year running Save the Pond Project. Instructor Melanie Deffendall’s Cultural Diversity class partnered with the John J. Hainkel Rehab Center and with the APEX Youth Center to organize collection boxes at the college for the two organizations. In Public Relations, Instructor Susan hague’s students designed an informational brochure to promote Delgado Service Learning’s Community Care Initiative.

At the Westbank site, Instructor Thomas McQuaid led his Business classes in a Service Learning project to benefit Enfance et Paix, a non-governmental organization in Senegal. Developmental Psychology students of Instructor Sadhana Ray’s class worked with Communities in Schools and local elementary schools as tutors of young students.

Students on the Northshore participated in Service Learning in Instructors John Guess (Business) and Charles Findon (Philosophy) classes in an ongoing partnership with the Northshore Foodbank. Visit our website for more great stories of Service! ~SL

...Global Youth Service Day, cont’d

Students put together and decorated over 100 coloring books to be delivered to Children’s Hospital. Collection boxes were also set up for Instructor Melanie Deffendall’s Cultural Diversity Course’s Service Learning project with the APEX Youth Center and John J. Hainkel Rehab Center. Students enrolled in the Criminal Justice program arrived early to begin putting books together and to recruit other students to join. 40 students of all ages took part. ~SL

...CCI Leadership Training, cont’d.

Service learning encourages students to think of themselves and their work within a larger context. The CCI provides leadership assessment and training in the hopes that students apply what they’ve learned from the service experience by demonstrating initiative in their chosen health-related fields to serve those in their community most vulnerable to poor health. The leadership training consists of five modules. After completing each module, students, CCI Fellows, have a better understanding of the healthcare system and are able to inform not only their patients, but also other health-care practitioners on the major health-related issues facing the community. CCI Fellows are recognized for their completion of the leadership training and for their contributions to the CCI with special cords worn over their robes at the commencement exercises. ~SL

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