



# Service & Learning

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## Boys and Girls Club at Annual Health and Wellness Event on Kenosha Campus

Kenosha—February 19th saw the return of an annual event displaying a partnership between five departments and the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha.

This year, students from the Surgical Tech, Dental Assistants, Nursing, Cosmetology, and Criminal Justice departments led a series of workshops for the 100+ students revolving around health and wellness.

Nursing students held a series of mini-workshops on nutrition, healthy habits, and exercise.

Dental Assistant students worked together with volunteer dentists to provide dental screenings, and explained the importance of flossing and keep-

ing teeth clean.

Surgical Tech students went in depth on the importance of personal hygiene.

Cosmetology focused on nail care and students did some beautiful nail art for students.

Criminal Justice students partnered with the Kenosha Police Department to bring in the Canine Unit to explain how the dogs are trained, what the dogs are used for, and the importance of good training.

Over all, it was a great experience that both the attending students from the Boys and Girls Club and Gateway's students felt the event was positive, enjoyable, and—most importantly—fun!



Volunteer dentists provided dental screenings with Dental Assistant students.

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## Parenting and Family Skills at Advancing Family Assets

Racine—Soheila Brouk's Serving to Learn Locally class is working with Advancing Family Assets (AFA) in Racine on a series of needs-based workshops focused on the topic of parenting. This class focused on 11 topics chosen by the parents utilizing the

services at AFA. Brouk's five outstanding students focused on communication issues, children as collateral damage in a household with an incarcerated parent, and unified discipline (eliminating the "well mom/dad said..." argument), among other great topics.

This class and project will be offered again in the Fall semester of 2013. This is a 2-credit elective course.

For more information please contact Madeline Carrera [carreram@gtc.edu](mailto:carreram@gtc.edu)



Gateway celebrates our environment with displays, workshops, and hands-on activities for people of all ages.

*How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.*

---Anne Frank

Ways to get involved are many and varied. There's something for everyone!



## Earth Day at Gateway

April 22—On every campus, Earth Day celebrations and activities brought the community, students, and faculty together.

On the Kenosha Campus, some IT Students were working hard on their Program Management Service Learning project. They were hosting an electronics recycling booth.

They educated the commu-

nity on proper recycling and supplied them with pamphlets.

They also took in old electronic equipment and handed them over to Legacy Recycling. The students worked with the community to remove the data from and destroyed old hard drives before recycling.

Horticulture students taught participants about different

creative farming techniques such as seed paper or newspaper and recycling old picture frames into growing wall-hanging pictures.

Earth Day is an annual event on all Gateway campuses. For more information, visit Gateway's Earth Day website.

<http://www.gtc.edu/earthday>

## Service Learning Course Design Workshop

Since August of 2012, the Service Learning Center has facilitated 4 separate Service Learning Course Design Workshops for faculty.

This workshop focuses on preparing faculty to integrate service learning into their existing course work, to

teach the Serving to Learn Locally class, or to teach an international service learning trip.

Held once a semester, this workshop addresses the ins and outs of creating a productive service learning project in your existing course.

So far, 30 instructors—both full time and adjuncts—have completed this workshop. Adjunct instructors can qualify for a \$100 stipend while full-time instructors receive re-certification credit.

For more information, please email [carreram@gtc.edu](mailto:carreram@gtc.edu)

## Student Clubs Involved

Calling all student clubs!

The Service Learning Center is interested in offering an opportunity for students engaged in community service for club requirements to

meet with the Service Learning Coordinator to evolve the community service into service learning.

Some of the benefits that come from this are:

- \* Increased networking opportunities
- \* Opportunity for ongoing involvement

ing involvement

- \* Certificate of Completion from the Service Learning Center (this can be added to your resume or portfolio)

For more information, or to schedule an informational meeting, call Madeline at 262.564.3138

# Serving to Learn Locally: Fall 2013



**We are re-cruiting instructors to teach in Fall.**

cused class enabling students to create their own service learning project related to their own interests and career field. As it focuses on the project, stu-

dents are expected to complete 36 hours of service in the community or at an agency site.

In the past, this class has only been offered once a semester. However, starting in the fall of 2013, we will be offering it for

the entire semester on each main campus (Elkhorn, Racine, and Kenosha).

If you are an instructor who already utilizes service learning or are interested in utilizing service learning as a teaching tool in your class, this is a great opportunity to get your students involved outside of the classroom.

Dates and times will be announced shortly, so keep an eye on your inbox for that flier.

Any questions can be directed to Madeline Carrera ([carreram@gtc.edu](mailto:carreram@gtc.edu))

## Community Partner: How To's

From a faculty's perspective, just how does one go about initiating that first community partnership? There are three popular ways!

First, faculty have access to assistance from the Service Learning Center. Over three years worth of data have been collected in a database of exist-

ing partnerships, community partners who are looking for new partnerships, and agencies yet to be approached. For access to needs specific to your discipline, please contact Madeline Carrera [carreram@gtc.edu](mailto:carreram@gtc.edu)

Second, faculty are encouraged to go out and make those connections themselves. Yes, some

of the community partners in the area don't know about Service Learning yet, but that is no reason not to talk about it!

Last, talk with your colleagues. Many of our faculty are already engaged in service learning. Test the waters. Ask around! You'd be surprised who is already engaged.

## Reflection Activity: Quotes in Song

Faculty can use this variation on quotes throughout the course. Students find a song in which the singer uses lyrics that describe their thoughts about the service experience. Students may find a whole song or only partial lyrics. If students have access to the song, have them

play it at the end of a reflection session, after students have explained why these lyrics relate to their service experience. If students prefer to write their own lyrics for a song, allow this as an option. The class session in which these songs are "performed" usually has a fes-

tive atmosphere.

Faculty may want to provide "concert souvenirs" or don concert wear to contribute to the spirit of the sessions.

This activity adapted from the Faculty toolkit available online: [www.gtc.edu/service-learning](http://www.gtc.edu/service-learning)



**Song lyrics can help motivate students to find new ways to reflect.**



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### **Service Learning Center's Mission**

Service Learning at Gateway Technical College creates mutually beneficial partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and our community. Through active learning, meaningful service, and reflection, students develop deeper awareness of the diverse communities in which they live and the value of civic engagement among community members.

### **Service Learning Center's Vision**

Through Gateway's learning programs, individuals internalize the value of civic engagement and actively transform their communities.

# Ongoing Service Learning Opportunities

#### **Mentoring Opportunities:**

Mentor Kenosha Racine

—Mentor opportunity to develop an ongoing relationship with middle school students in either Kenosha or Racine. Sign up online:

<http://www.uwp.edu/departments/community.partnerships/mentorkr/>

St. John XXIII Educational Center

—Ongoing mentoring opportunities to assist students middle school through high school in any number of areas of study, computers, or mentoring. Please contact Brother Mike for more information: 262.898.7250

#### **Ongoing Opportunities:**

HOPE Center

—Ongoing need for clerical, marketing, fundraising, or other creative ideas from engaged students. Please contact the HOPE Center at 262.898.2940

ELCA Urban Outreach Center

—Ongoing needs for clerical, computer skills, fundraising, or other creatively motivated students.

Please contact Karl Erickson at 262.652.5545

When calling to inquire, please state that you are looking for a Service Learning Project. This project must be related to your degree or certificate program and/or curriculum in one of your classes in order to be relevant.

Please contact the Service Learning Center for assistance should you require it.

Other ongoing opportunities can be found on our website:

[www.gtc.edu/service-learning](http://www.gtc.edu/service-learning)