



## Oklahoma | Campus Compact

# Communicator

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### Shining Stars

Oklahoma Campus Compact (OkCC) highlights exciting stories of civic engagement on member campuses. Let your institution's story be heard! Please send examples of civic engagement on your campus to [jgeren@osrhe.edu](mailto:jgeren@osrhe.edu) or [gwekke@osrhe.edu](mailto:gwekke@osrhe.edu).



**Redlands Community College**, with funds awarded by OkCC, hosted a People Speak Forum and Hunger Breakfast on November 17, 2005 in connection with this year's United Nations Foundation topic on Poverty and Hunger. 125 community members, state leaders, RCC Board of Regents members, administrators, faculty, and students participated. Guest speakers included Seth Wispelway of Bread for the World, Father Paul Gallatin of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church's food campaign, Sally White with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, Amy Radford, former RCC student and Goldwater Scholar, and Stephany Speck, current RCC political science student. Participants were given a red, white, or blue ribbon which allowed



them a breakfast indicative of those who suffer from world hunger and depravity. The breakfast choices included a) one small bowl of white rice; b) one small bowl of white rice and one hard boiled egg; and c) a typical "American" breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast and juice. What an excellent way to communicate the message! Thank you Redlands for a thoughtful event.



*Participants receive a breakfast indicative of those who suffer from hunger*



**Cameron University~ Professor Elizabeth Tilak.** Professor Tilak uses service-learning in her Advance Graphic Design class. This semester students identified the lack of a unified identity as a community need in Lawton. Students designed a series of four posters/brochures that create a unified image for recreation, industry, culture/entertainment, and history in Lawton and the surrounding communities. Students are currently working with the Chamber of Commerce in hopes that the community will adopt their brochures as a way to create an

attractive identity for the community they love. One student recently commented that this class was such a good experience because it combined “*head knowledge with heart knowledge.*”

## Campus Compact Update

► **Appreciation.** Thanks to the University of Central Oklahoma for hosting the November 30, 2005 workshop, *Seize Life: Student Leadership in Service-Learning*. Fifty-five students participated in the workshop.

► **Grant Awards.** The following campuses are recipients of the 2006 OkCC **MONTH OF ACTION** sub-grants. Visit [www.okvoice.org](http://www.okvoice.org) to view detailed descriptions of the Month of Action activities that each campus will host between February 19 and March 26, 2006.

- **Rogers State University** will host Bagels and Books Fundraiser, Pancakes and Politics, Mock Legislative Session, Faculty versus Students Debate, and an Open SGA Forum.
- **East Central University** will host Week of Work Kick-Off, Week of Work, and a Diversity Dialogue.
- **Oklahoma City Community College** will host an Educational and Promotional Display, Veterans Panel and Discussion, Adopt a Street Project, Veterans Service Project, Woman’s History Display, and a Habitat for Humanity Service Project.
- **Oklahoma State University** will host a Canned Food Drive, Projects for Peace, Voter Registration Booths, and an Environmental Issues Forum.
- **University of Central Oklahoma** will host an Alternative Spring Break trip to Baton Rouge, LA and a Campus Dialogue following the trip.

## Upcoming OkCC Conferences/Events

► **Regional Service-Learning Workshop:** Spring 2006– Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK.

► **Save The Date:** June 26-28, 2006 - Kansas City, MO - Embassy Suites Hotel (Plaza) - **Campus Compact Regional Conference** sponsored by Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, and Oklahoma Campus Compacts.

## Presentations/Meetings Calendar:

- Connors State College Faculty In-Service - January 5, 2006
- The University of Tulsa – January (TBA) 2006

## OkCC Grants

### ► **Service-Learning Incentive Grant Awards.**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) Oklahoma Campus Compact (OkCC) announces a competitive competition for *Service-Learning Incentive Grants*. Twelve (12) \$500 grants will be awarded. Institutions receiving grants will develop a service-learning component for an existing course that connects the course learning objectives to meeting a community need and will implement the component during the fall 2006 semester. Only OkCC members may apply.

The service-learning component will be implemented during the fall 2006 semester. [Click here to download the RFP.](#)

### [National Grants/Awards](#)

#### ► **Grants to support National & Global Youth Service Day Projects- April 21-23, 2006**

Youth Service America, Disney, Youth Venture, and Youth for Justice are offering grants for National & Global Youth Service Day projects. Visit [www.YSA.org/awards](http://www.YSA.org/awards) for more information.

### [National Conferences/Events](#)

► Campus Compact is pleased to announce a partnership with the American Association of Colleges and Universities on their upcoming conference *Diversity and Learning: A Defining Moment*, October 19-21, 2006 in Philadelphia, PA.

The diversity education reform movement is at a critical crossroads. It is time to take stock of where we are and, even more urgently, to chart new pathways for our work. This is a defining moment to take leadership in educating all students to become inter-culturally proficient, deeply informed about the human and natural world, and empowered to achieve and act responsibly and with moral courage in a fast-changing, stratified, and globally interdependent environment. This is also a crucial moment to explore ways to collaborate with the civic engagement movement as we seek to educate students for full participation in our diverse democracy.

Campus Compact encourages members to attend this important meeting and to submit proposals to share their successful diversity, learning, and engagement initiatives. The call for proposals and additional conference information is available at:

<http://www.aacu-edu.org/meetings/diversityandlearning/DL2006/aboutcfp.cfm>

Please note that proposals are due Friday January 13, 2006.

► **Save the Date: Community Service Director (CSD)/Service-Learning Director Professional Development Retreat**, July 24-28, 2006 in Providence, RI. Four days of training for new community service and service-learning professionals!

Designed specifically for those in their first five years on the job, this retreat will provide must-have training and knowledge to boost the efficiency and effectiveness of service staff. This unique gathering will offer participants the chance to learn and understand key information and principles in service, service-learning, and higher education; and will allow you to discuss with experienced practitioners the critical questions and skills you need to be successful. For more information contact Pam Mustacio at [pmutacio@compact.org](mailto:pmutacio@compact.org).

## [Call for Nominations](#)

Campus Compact is pleased to announce that we are now accepting online nominations for the **2006 Howard R. Swearer Award and the 2006 Frank Newman Leadership Award.**

**Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award:** Each year since 1987, Campus Compact member presidents are invited to nominate one student for this prestigious award. This award recognizes students for their outstanding public service and provides financial support toward their continued efforts to address societal needs. Five awards are available to undergraduate students at Campus Compact member colleges and universities, one of which is reserved for a student at a 2-year institution. <http://www.compact.org/awards/swearer/>

**Frank Newman Leadership Award:** This award is designed to support students with financial need who have shown civic leadership potential through public and community service and scholastic achievement. The award provides financial support and mentorship to help students achieve their civic and academic goals. Two awards are available to undergraduate students at Campus Compact member campuses, one from a 2-year institution and one from a 4-year institution. <http://www.compact.org/awards/newman/>.

Nomination materials, eligibility requirements, and selection criteria are all available online at each of the above websites.

Nominations must be submitted by March 3, 2006. These awards focus higher education's attention on the exemplary work of students in service-learning and civic engagement.

## [Tell us your stories!](#)

Campus Compact is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by collecting stories and best practices. Do you have a service-learning or student service project success story? Has a particular civic engagement methodology worked well on your campus? Send your stories to [jgeren@osrhe.edu](mailto:jgeren@osrhe.edu) and we will pass these stories to National Campus Compact and highlight them in upcoming newsletters! Additionally, we may contact you for additional information to include in the best practices database under development.