

Community Service Office  
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# Creating Change

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## Welcome Angela!!

This past fall semester, Angela Yang-Handy assumed the role as KSC's new academic Service-Learning Coordinator. Picking up where her predecessor, Polly Chandler, left off. Angela works with faculty, students, and community agencies to develop service-learning projects. Service-Learning is a teaching and learning method that integrates community service with instruction and reflection. This approach enhances student learning through student engagement with real-life scenarios and contexts, supports the development of academic project-based partnerships between KSC faculty and local community organizations, and gives faculty and students an avenue for service in the local community.

Angela's efforts in this role are informed by her experiences in previous positions at KSC as the Multicultural Student Coordinator and as the Assistant and Interim Director of the National and International Exchange Center. In these roles, Angela similarly developed a variety of programs bridging curricular and co-curricular initiatives that built partner-

ships between community organizations and the College.

The Service Learning Office is located in Rhodes Hall, Room N109. Please call Angela with questions, issues, or ideas related to Service-Learning. Angela can be reached at 603-358-2356 or via e-mail at [ayanghandy@keene.edu](mailto:ayanghandy@keene.edu).



Above: Angela Yang-Handy, Service Learning Coordinator.

## What's Happening in the Spring

- Act! Speak! Build! Week  
March 31-April 4
- Doctor Seuss Day  
March 28
- Alternative Spring Break  
March 17-21
- Community Service Fair  
February 13
- Dance-A-Thon  
March 28
- Commencement  
May 11

## Greek Life Submits Community Service Hours

During the Fall 2007 Semester, Greek Organizations at Keene State have been quite busy. As of Friday, December 14th, six organizations have turned in a total of 1159 community service hours. How do they do it, you ask?

Starting the year off with a

bang, Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Phi Epsilon and Sigma Lambda Chi volunteered nearly 75 hours helping move the freshmen in and making them feel a little more at home. Following freshmen move in day, seven Greek Organizations participated in

the annual Ashuelot River Clean Up. The students pulled shopping carts, trash, and debris from the river, which passes through our campus.

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## 2008 Global Village, Guatemala Team

After planning their trip for the past 10 months, the 2008 Global Village, Guatemala team shipped out on January 3rd to begin their work with Habitat for Humanity, Guatemala. The team spent 13 days learning about history, culture and service.

The team began their trip in Flores by taking a guided tour of the Mayan Ruins in Tikal followed by six days in Rabinal working on two homes in a Habitat Community. The team mixed, passed and poured cement the hard way, via buckets. On the final day in Rabinal, the team

worked on painting the walls at a local all-girls school. The team wrapped their trip up on January 15th on a guided volcano tour where they roasted marshmallows over lava flow.

Any student interested in getting involved with Global Village through Keene State College should contact Mary McEntee in the Community Service Office in the Fall.

Not only is the trip an eye opening experience- it's a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Below: 2008 GV Guatemala team on their way to the worksite.



## Adopt a Grandparent

*"It's a great way to show our elders just how much we love and respect them"*

*-Laura Moodie '08*

The Community Service Office here at KSC is offering a new program, called Adopt a Grandparent, this Spring. The program entails KSC students being matched with elderly residents at the Genesis Senior Center in Keene.

Students will be responsible for going to see their "grandparent" as well as attending regular meetings.

The Community Service Office will hold

a few group events throughout the semester that student and their "grandparent" are encouraged to attend.

Want to learn more? Contact Laura Moodie at [lmoodie@ksc.mailcruiser.com](mailto:lmoodie@ksc.mailcruiser.com) or Mary McEntee at [mmcentee@keene.edu](mailto:mmcentee@keene.edu)

## 2008 Alternative Spring Break Trips

The Community Service Office is gearing up to send about 65 KSC Students South to South Carolina (Habitat for Humanity), Georgia (Boys and Girls Club), Washington DC (Urban School District), Louisiana (Katrina Relief) and the Florida Everglades (Wildlife Preservation) during Spring



**Disaster Relief work in Mississippi on a Spring Break Trip in 2007**

Break. The Alternative Spring Break Program provides a significant leadership opportunity and a memorable learning

experience for all involved. The program exposes students to complex social and cultural issues through direct service, experiential learning,

discussion and reflection. The program allows students to apply classroom learning to real world topics. Service Projects include building homes, environmental protection and assistance to low income populations. Students travel in groups via vans to their destinations and work for five days at their sites. Any Questions? Contact Erica Metevier at 358-2699.

## KSC Reads All Semester Long

This past semester, KSC Reads sent 33 tutors to the local Head Start, Housing Authorities, Day Care, and Public Library to tutor children of middle school age and below in literacy. Each tutor served at least 4.5 hours each week, with the group being comprised of 31 Work Study students and two volunteers.

KSC Reads visited at local Day Care Centers and Elementary Schools in conjunction with Keene Public Library with special guest Curious George in honor of George's Birthday.

In the spring, KSC Reads will be hosting their annual

Dr. Seuss Day. This year's event will be held on March 28th. Local Elementary schools will be invited to come to the Keene State College Campus to celebrate the Doctor's birthday and participate in reading related activities. If you're interested in volunteering for the event, contact Dasha or Caitlin at [kscreads@gmail.com](mailto:kscreads@gmail.com)



## First Book Update

First Book, which is run by the members of the sorority, Kappa Gamma, was able to hold its first grant cycle for the year, and is currently sending out grant applications to local agencies that work with children from low-income families. First Book aims to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books.

Left: Curious George waves to the camera at his birthday party.



## SERVE New Hampshire with AmeriCorps

More than 50,000 Americans are involved with AmeriCorps each year. AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that meet needs of education, public safety, health and environmental issues.

SERVE is a program designed particularly for college stu-

dents only. In this program, students serve anywhere from 300 to 900 hours of community service during a calendar year in their community. After their time of service, the student receives an education award to be used toward paying the costs of their college education.

There are currently 16 Keene State College Students enrolled in the SERVE program. Each of these students strives to reach the goal of 300 community service hours through college organizations as well as personal commitments.

*Go to:*

*[www.compactnh.org](http://www.compactnh.org)*

*for more information*

*about the SERVE*

*program*

## VISTA, Brianne Ito at KSC

This year we are very happy to have Brianne Ito with us as an AmeriCorps VISTA. Brianne is a graduate of Keene State College and her participation in the Community Service Office programs has been a tremendous asset to the Student Center Staff and students. Brianne has previous experience as an Orientation Leader as well as a Resident Assistant. She participates in all programming through the Com-

munity Service Office but her main focus has been on KSC Reads/America Reads, First Book, Big Brothers Big Sisters and CFES/Project Mentor.

Brianne, originally from Woodstock, CT, works for Campus Compact for New Hampshire as part of the AmeriCorps VISTA program. CCNH is an organization of college presidents committed to promoting service and civic

engagement on college campuses throughout the state. Brianne will work with KSC until August and then plans to pursue a career in higher education administration. You can reach her by stopping by the Community Service Office or e-mailing her at [bito@keene.edu](mailto:bito@keene.edu).





## CFES/Project Mentor at KSC

This past fall the MANY Options after-school program partnered with Project Mentor/College For Every Student. Ten Keene State College students met weekly with Keene Middle School students to focus on early college awareness. The MANY Options students came to campus and participated in activities such as tours, early college awareness games, filling out a college admissions application and eating in the dining commons. "It has been very beneficial for the youth to have this glimpse of college life, as many of them otherwise might not have college on their radar" (Rebecca Davis).

The President of CFES/Project Mentor, Julie Arouchon has been meeting with the group of Keene State Students weekly to prepare them for their role as mentors. The group members read books on mentoring and participate in a weekly reflection on the experience. Both the MANY Options program and the CFES/Project Mentor students are looking forward to another semester of mentoring.

Last semesters mentors included: Julie Arouchon, Laura Bartholomew, Kate Curtis, Jeremy French, Ashley Hall, Lauren Johnson, Amanda Langan, Kelly Manning, Christina Reed and Shelly Rines

## Greek Life Community Service (continued from page 1)

Later in the semester, some organizations pulled their own events together including Delta Phi Epsilon's Deeper Dude event and Sigma Lambda Chi's Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

While these organizations hosted their own events, each and every one of the Greek Organizations managed to fill their time helping other organizations on and off campus with their events. Sigma Lambda Chi has a close relationship with the Architecture Club and often finds ways to help them with their service, Tau Phi Xi and Building Bridges have teamed up to sponsor theme

nights and Kappa Delta Phi (Kappa Gamma) and the Community Kitchen worked together to present the community with the Spooky Dinner during Pumpkin Festival this year. The IFC/Panhellenic Council and Sigma Lambda Chi also sponsored what has

become an annual event by partnering with MADD to show students the real life costs of Drunk Driving.

On behalf of the Community Service Office, I'd truly like to congratulate all of the Greek Organizations here at KSC for all of the wonderful work that they do and the support they provide their affiliates. This article doesn't begin to describe the work that the Greek Community does here at KSC, so look for articles in the next edition of *Creating Change*.



Left: Sigma Lambda Chi brother, Ryan Schackner getting pied at Pumpkin Lobotomy

## Circle K Semester Update

Circle K is a community service organization that helps various other organizations in the Keene area. One of the programs that they work with on a regular basis is volunteering at the community kitchen two Friday afternoons each month. They also helped Langdon Place to plan the Alzheimer's Walk early last semester. Circle K provided

volunteers for the Blood Drive that was held on the KSC Campus and plans to help with another in the Spring. During the week of Final Exams, Circle K made and delivered pizzas to residence halls, you can bet on seeing them again in May. During the December event, the club raised \$500.

On March 7th the club is holding their 2nd Annual Dance-A-Thon from 7pm to 12am where everyone will have the chance to win some fabulous prizes! Anyone interested in giving back to the community can join Circle K in the Madison Street Lounge on Mondays at 8pm

## Big's Club gets Big Award

Keene State was one of three NH Colleges recognized by Campus Compact for New Hampshire. KSC was recognized in November for their work with Big Brothers Big Sisters through the Carter Partnership Award. The KSC Big's Club program matches KSC Students with children in the Monadnock Region offering friendship, mentor-

ing, and the gift of time. As of last semester, 60 KSC Student are "bigs."

Mary McEntee, coordinator of community service at KSC, Brianne Ito, KSC VISTA volunteer, and BBBS Monadnock Region Director, Peg Monahan, wrote the campus Compact application on which the award was based.

The Community Service Office would like to congratulate the KSC Big's Club for their award and thank them for their service and work with BBBS Monadnock Region.

# Service Learning Projects Fall 2007

This past fall 2007 semester, faculty from across campus engaged in a diversity of service-learning projects. Academic departments included Education, Music, Art (Graphic Design), Computer Science, Mathematics, Communications, Theater and Dance, and Sociology.

Described below are the projects that faculty incorporated into their courses this past fall. Contact Angela to find out what other classes are including Service Learning in their curriculum.

## **ART 350: Graphic Design II** **Marsha Hewitt, Graphic Design**

Students in ART 350 designed posters for the KSC fall 2007 theater play entitled, "Starting Here, Starting Now," and for the President's Council for a Sustainable Future.

## **COMM 380: Analysis of Organizations** Prof. Beatriz Torres, Communications

In this class, students worked on a service-learning research project with a program of Monadnock Developmental Services (MDS). In collaboration with the MDS partner program, the class carried out a research project using ethnographic methods to describe, explain and understand the culture of the program. Students learned about organizational communication approaches and theories, ethnography and organizational culture. They conducted observations, in-depth interviews and engaged in archival analysis. The class wrote a final report

and formally presented their findings to the client at the end of the semester.

## **CS 340: Internet Programming** Prof. Devon Hubner, Computer Science

This class designed the website for the KSC service-learning office. Using an earlier version of the website produced by a KSC student, the CS 340 students redesigned the webpage, making it even more interactive and user-friendly. Students worked in collaboration with Angela Yang-Handy, Service-Learning Coordinator, and Mike Hanrahan, Computer Science faculty and former co-chair of the service-learning leadership team at KSC.

## **ESEC 250: Development, Exceptionality & Learning** **ESEC 250 Faculty including:** **Betsy Dubois, Tony Dubois, Mia Manning Osborne, Joe Rousseau, Kimberly Sheaf Bohannon, and Andrea Waisman**

Faculty teaching the various sections of the ESEC 250 courses required students to engage in service-learning for 10-15 hours over the course of the semester. Students found individual placements at agencies which included the ACCESS Program, the YMCA, the Recreation Department, Many Options, Keene Housing Authority, and the Franklin School.

## **IQL 101: Serve While You Learn** Prof. Karen Stanish, Mathematics

This class partnered with the Early Spouts Garden Project,

a gardening and nutrition program for preschool children designed to prevent childhood obesity. The project had collected baseline data from its activities of the previous year, and this class assisted in the data analysis.

## **MATH 365: Mathematical Modeling** Prof. Dick Jardine, Mathematics

This class worked with KSC's Energy Management Office to begin the development of an energy forecasting model, using this context to complement issues discussed in the class.

## **MU 486: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music** Prof. Joe Darby, Music

In this class, students conducted research on a collection of rare recordings at the Horatio Colony House Museum, located on Main Street in Keene. The class wrote a catalog and compiled a digital library of the recordings for the museum for use in its educational programs.

## **SOC 475: Social Stratification** Prof. Peggy Walsh, Sociology

Students engaged in a research-based service-learning project involving three before- and after-school programs in the New Hampshire towns of Gilsum, Winchester and Troy. The students performed observations and interviews at each of these three sites, analyzed their data, composed a final report, and presented their findings at an end-of-the-semester presentation. This class' efforts were reported in the Keene Sentinel on Decem-

ber 28, 2007 in an article entitled *Service-learning project focuses on local after-school programs.*

## **SOC 335: Practicum in Sociology** Prof. Peggy Walsh

The Sociology practicum students focused on service-learning related internship placements at various social service organizations across New Hampshire. Students interned at various sites which included Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), the Division for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Many Options, AIDS Services of the Monadnock Region, and other social service agencies.

## **TAD 496: Dance Education Internship** Marcia Murdock

Students enrolled in the Dance Education internship taught dance classes in the after school programs at the Walpole Elementary and Franklin schools.



## Keene State College Service Organizations Contact Information:

Big Brothers Big Sisters- 358-2795

Habitat for Humanity- 358-2786

KSC Reads- 358-2615

Circle K- 358-2154

Greek Life- 358-2641 (Inter Fraternal Council/Panhell) 328-2922 (Student Assistant)

Alternative Spring Break- 328-2699

Global Village- 358-2665

SERVE NH- 358-2665

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## Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve

Keene State College prides itself in a number of ways including being recognized as one of the best schools for Education Majors, and in 2006 we were named the Institution of the Year by the Eastern College Athletic Conference. However, Community Service here at KSC is something else to be truly proud of. During the Fall 2007 Semester alone, KSC students turned in nearly 1,950 community service hours. As a student, I am proud to say that I attend a college that is known for their academics as well for their service. I urge each and every prospective student to enter to learn, and to go forth to serve. On behalf of the Keene State College Community Service Office, I'd like to congratulate all students and service organizations for their efforts in supporting our community and the communities that surround us.

-Amanda Ruest, Student Assistant

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