



The mission of the Center for Civic Engagement is to make USF St. Petersburg distinctive in its commitment to civic and community engagement through the development of the “**Citizen Scholar**” program. The objective of the “citizen scholar” model is to combine academic instruction with implementation of concepts learned in the classroom into the local community. The “local community” is broadly defined to include business, educational, and social service agencies as well as the local “laboratories’ faculty use to further their research agendas. We envision that these types of experiential and service learning opportunities will become a feature in every academic program at USFSP.

THE STATE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON CAMPUS:

All syllabi from all three colleges from the 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07 academic years have been reviewed and a compilation of courses we consider to be a part of the “Citizen Scholar” program has been completed. Preliminary data from our Community Engagement Inventory reveal

- 2003-04 Academic Year
 - 128 citizen scholar courses/sections
 - 2,213 students
 - 114,189 hours of service (\$2,045,124.99)
- 2004-05 Academic Year
 - 132 citizen scholar courses/sections
 - 2,332 students
 - 107,333 hours of service (\$1,922,334.03)
- 2005-06 Academic Year
 - 135 citizen scholar courses/sections
 - 2,228 students
 - 107,039 hours of service (\$1,917,068.49)
- 2006-07 Academic Year (not including summer):
 - 128 citizen scholar courses/sections
 - 2,165 students
 - 108,159 hours of service (\$1,937,127.69)

4-Year TOTALS: 2003-07

- **526 citizen scholar courses**
- **8,938 students**
- **436,720 hours of service (\$7,821,655.20,**
(at \$17.91 per hour (HUD figure, industry standard))

The next phase of the inventory will review the Academic Learning Compacts of each Department to learn about each program’s assessment of civic engagement. We will also identify the programs that offer required courses or exit courses that are citizen scholar courses. We will soon have a page on our website devoted to the Citizen Scholar Program, with a detailed listing of our Citizen Scholar Course Catalogue.

Citizen Scholar Transcript Designation (Certificate Program?) (Work in Progress)

Goal: To develop a Citizen Scholar Certificate Program (that would include a transcript designation, recognition at Commencement, recognition on diploma). Research other Citizen Scholar Major/Certificate programs and find out what information would be required to submit a proposal to the appropriate academic program committees on campus. Recruit faculty in all three Colleges to help design this program. This will be our major focus for the 2007-08 academic year.

CCE INITIATIVES TO EXPAND THE CITIZEN SCHOLAR PROGRAM AT USFSP

Faculty Development Workshop Series (Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007)

Fall 2006: Curriculum Integration Workshop facilitated by Campus Compact's Luciano Ramos (October 2006), New York Times Knowledge Network (October 2006), Introductory Meeting with faculty (September 2006)

Spring 2007: New York Times Knowledge Network (March 2007); Curriculum Integration Workshop facilitated by Campus Compact's Luciano Ramos (March 2007); Insights into a Civically Engaged Classroom: Roundtable with Spring 2007 Course Development Grant Recipients (April 2007)

Fall 2007: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Workshop with former Carnegie Fellow John Ishiyama (October 2007)

Course Development Grant Program (Spring 2007 and Fall 2007)

*Funded 6 faculty members who created 6 new courses with civic engagement components for Spring 2007 semester. (Information about the courses can be found on our website) Supported by Florida Campus Compact

*Course Development Grant Program for Fall 2007 (2 new courses with civic engagement components, including the first course in Economics) (Information about the courses can be found on our website) Supported by Florida Campus Compact

Are You Engaged? Civic Engagement Fair (January 2007, September 2007)

*The purpose of the Fair is to assist faculty in securing placements for their students enrolled in their courses and to network with agencies to develop opportunities for future semesters. Planned in conjunction with the Office of Volunteer Services.

* We plan to organize Civic Engagement Fairs the second Wednesday of the Fall and Spring semesters; the next Fair will be Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Community Partner and Service Learning Placement Directory (January 2007, ongoing)

*A copy of this directory can be found in the CCE offices (BAY 205) and in the CCE Library (on reserve at Poynter) as well as on our website.

Center for Civic Engagement Library (January 2007, ongoing)

*More than 200 sources regarding civic engagement and service learning as well as the *CCE Community Partner and Service Learning Placement Directory* can be found in the CCE Library (on reserve at the Poynter Library) (The bibliography can be found on our website.)

Assessment Tools (August 2007, ongoing)

Identify tools for faculty to assess their Citizen Scholar courses. The bibliography is available as a RefWorks document using the USF Libraries website. It is included as a part of the CCE Library available at the Poynter and through our website.

Develop Training Modules for Student Workshops (prior to community placement) (Work in Progress)

Work with the Bonner Foundation to develop a Bonner Leader Program on our campus. Utilize the Bonner Leaders to develop workshops for students who will be sent out into the community in service learning or civic engagement placements.

Citizen Scholar Program Syllabi (Work in Progress)

We will be reviewing the syllabi from our Citizen Scholar courses and compiling a binder for faculty to review as they seek to add civic engagement components to their courses. This will be a part of the CCE Library of faculty development resources.

WORK WITH STUDENTS TO PROMOTE A CULTURE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON CAMPUS

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement: Individual Student Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement: Student Organization

Award announced January 2007; Winners announced during Honors Week, April 2007
Andrew J. Wilson, student winner, Spring 2007

Creation of CCE Scholarship Program

Announced May 2007, for the 2007-08 academic year: \$1,200 (\$600 per semester)
Undergraduate Winner: Sarah Farnan; Graduate Winner: Lily Alcott

CCE Student Advisory Board (Spring 2007)

Organization, creation of Executive Board
Semi-monthly general membership meetings, January, February, March and April 2007

Bake Sale (February 2007)

Spring Break Beach Clean Up (March 2007)

Clothes to Kids Clothing Drive (April 2007) in partnership with Residence Hall One

(3 carloads of clothes collected at the end of Spring 2007 semester; we plan to coordinate a clothing drive with Residence Hall One at the end of every semester)

Student Association of Citizen Scholars (Fall 2007)

Students are organizing a club to be formally recognized by the Student Government Association to advance the goals of the Citizen Scholar program on campus

Creation of CCE Internship Program

Develop a **Washington Center Program** on our campus

Professor Susan Toler is our Washington Center Liaison (Spring 2007)

Finalized agreement paperwork

Organized Washington Center Information Session (October 2006, February 2007, October 2007)

First students sent to Washington, DC, Summer 2007

And see **Election 2006** activities, below.

OTHER CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:

Constitution Day

with Chief Justice Fred Lewis of Florida Supreme Court (September 2006)

with Chris Zuppa, *St. Petersburg Times* reporter, on his "We the People" series (September 2007)

Election 2006 (September – November 2006)

*Campus-wide Voter Registration Drive (supported by a grant from the American Democracy Project)

*Political Campaign Internship Fair

*Gubernatorial Debate Watch Party (supported by Leadership Florida)

*Get Out the Youth Vote Rally (supported by Leadership Florida)

*Essay Contest: What is at Stake and Why Should You Vote in November 2006? (supported by Leadership Florida)

The Giving Tree (December 2006)

Partnered with All Children's Hospital and USFSP Barnes & Noble to provide books for needy children who were to be hospitalized over the holidays

USF Day 2007 (April 2007) (overnight field trip to Tallahassee; visits to Florida Supreme Court, the Capitol and FSU Law School)

Election 2008 (Fall 2007)

*Campus-wide voter registration drive

*Event in conjunction with the Republican Presidential YouTube Debate at the Mahaffey, Nov. 28th?

*Presidential debate watch parties, January 2008 (in conjunction with Leadership Florida)

Conversation with Senator Bob Graham (October 2007) (with Florida Studies Program)

DEVELOPED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The CCE Has forged a number of partnerships with Tampa Bay community organizations. See our website for more information about and a listing of our thirty-one partners.

OPERATIONS: CCE Inaugural Year: 2006-07

Hired Staff and Interns: Conduct weekly staff meetings; weekly and monthly reporting

Director, Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan

Program Assistant, Jennifer Meier

Washington Center Liaison, Susan Toler

College Liaisons:

College of Arts and Sciences: Professor Jay Sokolovsky

College of Education: Professor Brie Reck

College of Business: Professor Richard Smith

The Program Assistant and Student Assistant moved into offices in Academic Affairs (BAY 205)

Created Website: www.stpt.usf.edu/community

Newsletter: *Engage-a-Bull*.

Inaugural Edition is drafted; need to print and distribute; Professor Morgan Gresham's technical writing class/students are assisting with this project

Created CCE logo and created "lit piece" for the Center

Created Display Board and photo album of CCE events and activities for use at events

Fundraising efforts with private and corporate prospective donors; research grant opportunities

Outreach on campus (meetings with all Deans, with Student Life and Student Activities staff, with Volunteer Services, Career Services, Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership, University Relations, etc.)