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CFCC Awarded \$23,000 Service-Learning Grant

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Central Florida Community College has been awarded a \$23,000 grant for a service-learning pilot project.

The Life Legacy Partnership Project will be funded through Florida Campus Compact, and will allow CFCC students to work with community organizations that serve Marion County's elderly population.

Service learning is a teaching methodology that integrates classroom instruction and meaningful community service. Students pursuing a degree in Human Services or similar areas of interest will learn about issues faced by seniors, identify possible solutions, and carry out projects that address the issues. The projects might include students training seniors about computer use, public transportation, or educational opportunities at CFCC.

"CFCC has a group of faculty working on increasing service learning opportunities for students at the college, and this grant will facilitate that goal," said Dr. Charles Dassance, college president. "Civic engagement through service learning benefits both students and the community, and we are looking forward to expanding this learning experience."

According to the Florida Campus Compact Web site, service-learning experiences enhance broader learning outcomes, increase student retention, make learning more relevant, provide opportunities for career exploration and preparation, and overall improve timely graduation rates.

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