

**Office of Service Learning**  
California State University, Stanislaus

**2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan**

**Vision Statement**

Service Learning is a high-impact practice at California State University, Stanislaus and seeks to be a program of distinction by providing faculty, students and community partners with the opportunities and tools necessary to provide exemplary experiential, multicultural education that bridge academics with responsible community engagement.

**History of Service Learning at CSU, Stanislaus**

The Office of Service Learning has successfully served faculty, students, staff and community members in all areas of community-based learning and engagement for over seventeen years. When the office opened in October 2000, it was estimated that approximately 320 students were involved in community-based programs. In 2017, we estimated that approximately 3,200 students had the opportunity to participate in high-impact community-based learning activities. As the program grew over the years, the office has met the challenges of bringing new community partners into the program and finding support for the office's infrastructure.

**Mission Statement**

The Office of Service Learning is an Academic Unit that:

- Cultivates reciprocal service and learning partnerships among faculty, students, staff and community partners.
- Supports academic learning.
- Offers opportunities for intentional and diverse community engagement.
- Provides meaningful service to the community.

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## Strategic Plan Goals: 2018 - 2021

*Goal 1: Increase the integration of service learning into the curriculum and the broader campus community*

1. Continue direct support to faculty.
2. Create targeted outreach to involve more faculty and students.

*Goal 2: Maintain and expand communication with the campus and the community*

1. Develop and seek to implement a plan to raise awareness of service learning opportunities and successes.
2. Update the website.
3. Maintain S4 database to comply with current Risk Management policy and procedure.
4. Increase opportunities to meet with community members to maintain and develop partnerships.

*Goal 3: Improve quality of service learning experience*

1. Support faculty in the development of community partnerships and service learning curriculum.
2. Assist with building a culture of engagement by collaborating with other campus groups on events with a community focus.
3. Provide support to faculty on assessment and curriculum development.

*Goal 4: Support program growth and staffing needs to support Goals 1, 2, and 3*

1. Actively work with campus leadership to explore avenues for additional staffing and professional development.
2. Actively seek external funding.
3. Continue to plan for improvement in service learning work flow, assessment and program development.