

The Office of Service Learning

Since the year 2001, California State University, Stanislaus has been implementing the landmark resolution made by the CSU Board of Trustees to provide dynamic and quality service learning pedagogies linking academics with community needs and services.

Office of Service Learning Courses

In 2009-2010, the Office of Service Learning supported

- 41 service learning courses
- Totaling over 97 sections
- An estimated 2,100 students had the opportunity to participate in a service learning course or a service learning event.
- Over \$600,000.00 : Estimated contribution to the local economy in service provided by our service learners to the community.

Recognitions and Awards



2008 Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement Elective Classification

CSU Stanislaus is one of 119 universities and colleges, and one of only eight in the California State University system that has received the honor of being added to Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement listing which recognizes the community connection activities of the nation's higher education institutions.



President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education that support exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs.



Campus Compact

Indicators of Engagement at Minority-Serving Institutions of Higher Education

With funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Campus Compact (a national coalition of 950 colleges and universities) recognized California State University, Stanislaus in 2005 as a national model of civic and community engagement. With initiatives from the Office of Service Learning, our work and role in the community was featured in the Campus Compact publication, *One with the Community: Indicators of Engagement at Minority-Serving Institutions*.

Richard E. Cone Award

For Excellence & Leadership in Cultivating Community Partnerships in Higher Education

Ms. Julie Fox was the 2006 recipient of this prestigious award from California Campus Compact. The Richard E. Cone award honors excellence and leadership in cultivating community partnerships in Higher Education.

The Office of Service Learning: Media Coverage: 2009-2010

The Turlock Journal

University, students honored for community service work

By Andrea Goodwin

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California State University Stanislaus students are making a positive impact on the Turlock community while they work towards a higher education degree. Through the CSU Stanislaus Office of Service learning, over 2,000 students contribute volunteer hours each semester. Students were recognized for this effort and CSU Stanislaus was awarded the national *President's Higher Education Community Service Award* for the fourth straight year.

"We are very excited to have received recognition, again, for the work of our faculty, staff and students," said Julie Fox, director for the Office of Service Learning at CSU Stanislaus. The award is co-sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the USA Freedom Corps and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The recognition is presented in cooperation with Campus Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,000 college and university presidents, and supported by all the major national higher education associations. CSU Stanislaus was one of only seven California State University campuses to win the award for community service.

Every semester more than 50 classes include a service learning element in their lesson plan. Students volunteer their time for projects that relate to the class subject or their education goals. One of the programs recognized by the awarding committee was Chemistry in the Classroom. During this program, university students visit Osborn Elementary School to show 4th and 5th graders how to follow a recipe to make their own play dough from common kitchen ingredients. Recent experiments included using household products to demonstrate the difference between acids and bases.

Susan Fisher, assistant principal at Osborn, said in a July interview that the school welcomes student teachers because they are positive role models for the younger students. They also provide educational activities that the students might not have in their regular curriculum. "I'd like to see more of it," Fisher said.

Service Learning classes don't just work with children. This semester, students in Run Jin's Child Development in Cultural Context class are volunteering their time to help senior citizens at



A CSU Stanislaus student helps an Osborn Elementary School fourth grader arrange home made play dough into molecule models in July 2009.

the Salvation Army make a book of life memories. Students will learn how their senior partner's life experiences shaped the person they are today. Students will write their final paper about the experience and what they learned.

"Those engaged in these projects work both with their minds and with their hearts. We are very proud of them," said Fox.

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The Modesto Bee

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Partnerships preserve personal histories

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TURLOCK — It might seem odd to pair students in a child development class with senior citizens.

But that's what Run Jin does in her [CDEV 3550] Child Development in Cultural Context course at California State University, Stanislaus. Students enrolled in the class work with older folks, making scrapbooks to share their stories and preserve their histories.

"They're learning about the stages of development," said Brett Forray of the university's Office of Service Learning, which coordinates the project. "What better way than to work with senior citizens who have been through them and raised children?"

Students get their senior partners through The Salvation Army. They work together regularly through the semester, gathering photos, clippings and mementoes into books that tell stories.

The pairs presented their projects Tuesday afternoon in The Salvation Army gymnasium. Student Helen Guidino-Arguelles told the story of Eleanor Hendrickson.

"From the beginning, we had a lot in common," Guidino-Arguellas said. "Her life is immersed in music and my daughter also plays."

Hendrickson's family started Turlock's Hendrickson's Music, and the musical theme continued throughout her story.

"She really touched a lot of lives in the community," Guidino-Arguellas said. "Music is the heart and soul of their family and their happiness."

Several students talked about the project taking on a life outside a school assignment.

"We've really found a friendship," Guidino-Arguellas said.

Others described learning about history through their subjects' personal experiences, whether it be wearing dresses made of flour sacks or growing up in a foreign country.

Many of the participants found more in common across the generations than they expected. Just about every presenter noted the importance of family to both sides of the partnership. Tracey Robinson discovered a whole new way of thinking through her partner, Robert Lynch. She described Lynch's longtime participation in Scouting, and his extensive involvement in the community.

"He projects this image of pride and honor and bravery," Robinson said. "He really elevates everybody around him."

She learned probably the most important lesson of the project: "Just because people get older doesn't mean they get less interesting."



California State University, Stanislaus students presented the lives of senior citizens in the form of an album, preserving their life stories for the next generation. Eleanor Hendrickson, 84, stands next to CSUS student Helen Arguelles during a reflective presentation at the Salvation Army in Turlock. May 20, 2010 - (BART AH YOU/bahyou@modbee.com)

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The Modesto Bee

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Keeping fit at CSUS

California State University, Stanislaus, hosted a sports day for young children Friday, encouraging them to lead healthy lifestyles.

College basketball and soccer players led the activities, which included running, jumping, stretching and throwing.

Children as young as 3 from Turlock's Head Start program participated in the games.

Others came from Crane, Cunningham, Osborn and Wakefield elementary schools. Above, Wilder Diaz, 5, runs around a pole on an obstacle course.



(BART AH YOU/bahyou@modbee.com)
Wilder Diaz, 5, runs around a pole on an obstacle course at California State University College's sports fitness clinic, Friday morning. Turlock Head Start program children ages 3-5 participated in the activity lead by CSUS basketball and women's soccer team members. The various activities included running, jumping, stretching and throwing. The program encouraged children and their parents to adopt and maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. April 30, 2010 - Modesto Bee - Bart Ah You

The Turlock Journal

Fitness made fun

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Pre-school students took on the fitness challenges of college athletes on Friday at California State University, Stanislaus. This is the fifth year for the Headstart Fitness Clinic with over 120 students taking on eight different physical fitness activities with the help of Stanislaus athletes from track and field, women's soccer, men's basketball and the sorority Lambda Sigma Gamma. Students in attendance were from Crane School, Cunningham Elementary, Osborn Elementary and Wakefield Elementary.

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Events aim to foster community relationships

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Creating a forum for community conversation is the goal of three local organizations. Vision y Compromiso, CSU Stanislaus Office of Service Learning and the Turlock Community Collaborative are sponsoring two public forums on Jan. 19 and Jan. 21, 2010 in an effort to build relationships within the Turlock community.

"We just want to bring people together and be in conversation," said event organizer Hugo Ramirez.

According to Ramirez, there is no agenda for the meetings. Event organizers just hope to create an environment where community members can come together and talk about the issues that concern them most, whether it be housing, health care, education, financial literacy or food supply.

The first meeting will be held in English from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 19. The second meeting

will be held in Spanish from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 21. Both meetings will take place at Osborn Elementary School, 201 N. Soderquist Rd., in Turlock.

Ramirez said that although the forums are for the entire community, organizers are hoping to specifically reach out to the Spanish-speaking residents of Turlock.

“Sometimes there’s a disconnect between the Spanish-speaking community and city organizations,” said Ramirez.

The forums are made possible through a grant from the Chancellor’s Office of the California State University system.

For more information about the public meetings, contact Hugo Ramirez at 996-4336.

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College students make science fun

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Students at Osborn Elementary love to get their hands dirty in the name of science. Fourth graders in Celia Montes’ class got the opportunity to do just that when they made their own play dough molecules on Wednesday.

California State University, Stanislaus Service Learning students guest-taught this special science lesson as part of their Chemistry in an Elementary School Classroom class. The college students are all pre-service teachers working towards their credentials. As part of their educational program, these future teachers spend time in elementary classrooms giving lessons that they help to prepare.

On Wednesday, the college class showed Osborn Elementary students how to follow a recipe to make their own play dough from common kitchen ingredients, including Kool-Aid as a food coloring. College students then guided the elementary students through building models of simple molecular structures using play dough and toothpicks. The lesson was prepared by Koni Stone’s biochemistry class last semester and was specifically geared towards fourth and fifth grade students.

Stone said that the lesson taught much more than just science and molecular structure. It also taught elementary students how to follow directions, how to read a recipe and how to properly measure ingredients. Stone said that students learn and remember the lesson better when they have hands-on involvement.

“We want to reinforce that you can read, write, and learn science all at the same time,” Stone said.

The CSU Stanislaus students did one classroom visit during the summer semester. During winter and fall the students in Stone’s classes will make up to five separate visits to elementary school classrooms.

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Cesar Chavez honored at university event

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Chants of ¡Sí, Se Puede! rang across California State University, Stanislaus Thursday evening, as students and community members joined together to celebrate the memory of César E. Chávez.

The 15th annual César E. Chávez Memorial Celebration featured a mock farm worker protest for children, led by Teatro Los Hijos del Campo, ethnic dancers, and a performance from Mariachi Rayos del

Sol, of Stockton's César Chávez High School. Attendees ate chips and salsa, drank horchata and tamarindo, and even had pastel — cake — for Chávez's birthday.

The event was keynoted by a speech from Esteban Villa, a renowned Sacramento-based artist who worked with Chávez. Villa drew parallels between Chávez and Chief Estanislao, both noted rebels, and pointed out the need for rebellions to enact change today.

Villa also helped to award the winners of a county-wide poster and essay contest.

Chávez led a farm worker strike and boycott in the 1960s and 1970s, resulting in unionization of farms and the groundbreaking 1975 Agricultural Labor Relations Act. He died in 1993 while continuing to fight against the use of pesticides.



A mock farm worker protest, led by Teatro Los Hijos del Campo, was one event featured at Thursday's celebration.

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Tadpoles Encourage Students to Make a Splash into Science

CSU Stanislaus Website May 14, 2010

California State University, Stanislaus Biology students led by Dr. Mark Grobner will host 100 students from Walnut Elementary School in Turlock as a culmination of a semester-long Service Learning science Life Cycles project. The Life Cycles Project helps 2nd grade students learn about the vertebrate life cycle by following the development of young tadpoles as they mature into frogs.

CSU Stanislaus biology students in Dr. Mark Grobner's Vertebrate Embryology course set up aquariums with tadpoles in elementary school classrooms throughout the Turlock school district. In addition to Walnut Elementary, tadpoles are maturing at Crowell, Julien, Wakefield, Dennis Earl and Whitmore Elementary schools. Throughout the semester, the younger students watch the transformation from tadpole to frog. The project culminates in several schools releasing the maturing tadpoles into Willow Lake on the CSU Stanislaus campus.

More than 100 students from Walnut Elementary School will visit the CSU Stanislaus campus from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on **May 21 and 24** to release their tadpoles. In addition, the elementary students will take a tour of the new Naraghi Hall of Science.

This fun and educational event will take place at Willow Lake next to the CSU Stanislaus Naraghi Hall of Science, which is off Monte Vista Avenue.

If you would like more information about this exciting project, please call Julie Fox, Director, Office of Service Learning at 667-3311 or e-mail: jfox@csustan.edu.

CSU Stanislaus students and Salvation Army Seniors Leap Generation Gap to Create Personal Histories

CSU Stanislaus Website May 14, 2010

California State University, Stanislaus Child Development students enrolled in Dr. Run Jin's course, *Child Development in Cultural Context*, are learning about human developmental stages in an innovative and community-based way. Students enrolled in this Service Learning class are helping seniors share their stories and preserve their history and memories.

Seniors and students work together to create a personal history album that showcases the different stages and accomplishments of the seniors' life. Seniors get the opportunity to share their experiences and traditions with a younger audience. Students learn about the struggles and rewards of an individual's life journey. Students also learn about life in different at times, like when the nation struggled through the Great Depression or watched in awe as men first walked on the moon.

The students and seniors will both celebrate and present their personal history albums, as well as reflect on their experiences together, **Thursday, May 20** from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Julie Fox, or Brett Forray at the Office of Service Learning, CSU Stanislaus at (209) 667-3311.

Turlock Head Start Kids, Parents to Learn Fitness Tips with Men's Basketball Team on Friday

CSU Stanislaus Website April 28, 2010

The Office of Service Learning at California State University, Stanislaus is partnering with Head Basketball Coach Larry Reynolds and his men's basketball student/athletes to co-sponsor a sports fitness clinic for 3 to 5 year old students and their parents enrolled in the Turlock Head Start program.

Head Start students from Crane Elementary, Cunningham Elementary, Osborn Elementary, and Wakefield Elementary schools will learn fitness tips from Warrior athletes and coaches through fun sports-related activities. The soccer field will be transformed into different sport "stations" for activities such as Dodgeball, Soccer and Kickball. Under the direction of Coach Reynolds, CSU Stanislaus students interested in fitness education and health will be showing younger students sports related activities and information on healthy eating habits. The young students and their parents will also receive information about healthy foods along the way. Coach Reynolds will also be sharing age appropriate activities and positive ways to encourage children and their parents to adopt and maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

This fun and educational event will take place at the CSU Stanislaus Recreation Soccer Field on Friday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Enter the campus off Geer Road and park in Lot 8, across the street from the soccer field and near the Faculty Development Center.

CSU Stanislaus receives fourth straight national community service recognition

CSU Stanislaus Website February 26, 2010

For the fourth straight year, California State University, Stanislaus has received the President's Higher Education Community Service Award.

CSU Stanislaus was one of only seven California State University campuses to receive the national honor roll distinction.

"This award showcases the excellent work faculty, staff and students are doing in our community. As evidenced by this recognition, CSU Stanislaus is working diligently during these very difficult economic times to be an agent for positive change," said President Dr. Hamid Shirvani.

The CSU Stanislaus Office of Service Learning works closely with faculty on more than 50 classes per academic year that support over 2,000 students' learning experiences through community involvement. In addition, participants provide some 30,000 volunteer hours of service.

The award is co-sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The recognition is presented in cooperation with Campus Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,000 college and university presidents, and supported by all the major national higher education associations.

"We are very excited to have received recognition, again, for the work of our faculty, staff, and students", said Julie Fox, Director of the Office of Service Learning. "Those engaged in these projects work both with their minds and with their hearts. We are very proud of them."

Some examples of the University's community engagement activities include mentoring at-risk youth, a reading readiness program, high school mathematics access program, science education in K-12 classrooms, public policy, healthy families and environmental sustainability. Programs highlighted in the award recognition included:

Annual Head Start Fun and Fitness Camp: Parents and children enrolled in the Turlock Head Start programs from Crane, Cunningham, Wakefield and Osborn elementary schools attend a fitness camp to learn how to stay healthy through fun sports-related activities and healthy eating habits. The CSU Stanislaus soccer field is transformed into different sport "stations" for activities such as dodgeball, soccer and kickball. Under the direction of the Men's Basketball coach, CSU Stanislaus students teach elementary school students sports-related activities, provide information on healthy eating habits and encourage them to think about higher education in their future.

Chemistry in the Classroom: Upper division students enrolled in the course "Chemistry in the Elementary School Classroom" conduct exciting science experiments with 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders at Osborn Elementary School in Turlock. The CSU Stanislaus students worked with the students from Osborn as they used ordinary household ingredients to make their own play dough and then mold the dough into simple molecular structures. Other exciting experiments used household products to demonstrate acids and bases. Students also performed experiments demonstrating science topics such as phases of matter, physical and chemical properties of matter, temperature dependence of reactions, and graphical interpretation of data using ordinary household products. This innovative program meets the California standards for education.

Make a Splash into Science: Dr. Mark Grobner and CSU Stanislaus biological sciences students worked with over 300 2nd grade students on the Life Cycles Project. CSU Stanislaus students enrolled in the course "Vertebrate Embryology" set up aquariums with tadpoles in 17 local Turlock elementary school classrooms so children could learn about the vertebrate life cycle by following the development of young tadpoles as they mature into frogs. The project culminated with the elementary students visiting the CSU Stanislaus campus over three days to release the maturing tadpoles into Willow Lake and tour the new Naraghi Hall of Science.

Outstanding Service Learning Courses and Programs

- **ACC 3170: Real World Accounting. Dr. Steven Filling. Volunteer Return Preparation Program (VRPP).** *Community Partners: the Internal Revenue Service, Empire Elementary, Community Trust Credit Union, the Turlock Salvation Army.* This program is in its 7th year at CSU, Stanislaus. Accounting students assist low income families and individual prepare their federal and state income tax returns.



- **CDEV 3040: Child Development in Cultural Context. Dr. Run Jin. Life Scrapbook Project.** *Community Partner: Salvation Army Senior Center.* CSU Stanislaus students learn about human developmental stages in an innovative and community-based way by partnering with senior citizens to create a personal history books that showcases the different stages and accomplishments of the seniors' life. This program is in its 4th year and was featured in a Modesto Bee article in the fall 2006.



- **CDEV 3550: Early Intervention with High Risk Children. Dr. Jennifer Henk. Parent Child Home Program.** *Community Partner: Family Resource Center.* This project was initiated by Dr. Gary Novak and is currently in its 6th year. Students work with low income families to assist young children and their parents with literacy development.



- **CHEM 3090: Chemistry in Elementary School Classroom. Dr. Koni Stone and Dr. Shane Phillips. Science Outreach.** *Community Partners: Osborne/Crane Elementary Schools.* Students and faculty bring dynamic science experiments to local elementary schools to encourage an appreciation and excitement for the sciences while meeting the standards. This program is in its 5th year and has been featured in a numerous articles in the Modesto Bee.



- **COMM 4160: Advanced Presentational Speaking.** *Community Partners: The Bridge Community Resource Center, League of Women Voters, Salvation Army, Transitional Learning Center (Stockton), Paramount Parks Retirement Community.* Students have the opportunity to help community agencies with issues of intercultural communication needs.



- **EDMS 4130: Science and Health Methods. Dr. Nancy Jean Smith. Nightingale Elementary Garden Project.** *Community Partners: faculty at Nightingale Elementary, Stockton Unified School District.* Students work with faculty and K-6 students on the development of a learning garden and a mural that assists with science and math skill development to meet the standards.



- **EDMS 4100: Foundations of Educating a Diverse Society. Dr. Nancy Jean Smith. Montezuma Elementary School Mexican Heritage (Cinco de Mayo).** *Community Partner: faculty and parents at Montezuma Elementary School.* University students work with parents and young children in this innovative multi-year project to celebrate and learn about Hispanic culture and its meaning.



- **HONS 2850: Honors Service Learning Project. Dr. Jim Tuedio and Dr. Helena Janes. Numerous Projects, such as Project Citizen, Educating for Democracy, and John Muir and Rose Elementary School programs.** *Community Partners: Stanislaus County Office of Education, Civic Education Collaborative, Modesto Parks and Neighborhood After School Programs, Modesto City Schools.* Various dynamic programs over the years center on University Honors students working with low income elementary and junior high school students to understand areas such as government policy and how it can be changed to meet the needs of the community, or develop projects with Modesto school teachers to help younger students achieve in the classroom and consider college in their future. University students have presented their findings and recommendations to community leaders and local school board members.



- **PSCI 3304: Introduction to Public Administration. Dr. David Colnic.** *Community Partner – Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL).* University students visited polling sites on Election Day to ensure that the sites were accessible to the disabled. Ultimately, the student's information was forwarded to the State Attorney General's Office for further study.



- PADM 5940: Public Administration Internship. Dr. April Hejka-Ekins and Dr. David Colnic. Non-Profit and City Internships:** The Office of Service Learning assists the MPA program with internships at city and county agencies, such as Stanislaus County, City of Modesto, City of Hughson, and the City of Turlock, as well as non-profit organizations.



- ZOOL 3130: Vertebrate Embryology. Dr. Mark Grobner. Community Partner: Turlock Unified School District – Crowell Elementary, Dennis Earl Elementary, Julien Elementary, Wakefield Elementary, Walnut Elementary, Whitmore Elementary.** CSU Stanislaus biology students set up aquariums at local Turlock elementary schools to help the younger students learn about vertebrate development by following the lifecycle of tadpoles into frogs. CSU students give a presentation at the Elementary schools when aquariums are set up. The Turlock elementary students are invited to the CSU campus at the end of the semester to release their maturing tadpoles in Willow Lake and tour the Naraghi Hall of Science building.



Other Service Learning Collaborations and Programs

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. 2006 Mural Project. University Participants: Alpha Theta Zeta Sorority, Omega Nu Omega Fraternity. Community Partners: Evelyn Hanshaw Middle School, Mark Twain Junior High School, King Kennedy Memorial Center, Maddux Youth Center, Stanislaus County Office of Education Prevention Programs, City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department, Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee, Mr. Joaquin Garcia.** University students and local junior high students learned about Dr. King and painted a mural at the King-Kennedy Memorial Center in Modesto to showcase the value of community and to put an end to the graffiti on the facility.



- Service Learning Summer Institute. University Participants: Teacher Education Faculty and Students. Community Partners: San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County Offices of Education.** This annual two-day institute offers presentations, guest speakers, and workshops on service learning for schools and community based agencies throughout our six-county region. In 2006, many teachers from the new Pittman Elementary School located on our Stockton campus attended the Summer Institute.



- Cesar E. Chavez Day Celebration.** Currently in its 15th year, this regional event celebrates the life and values for civic engagement promoted by the late Cesar Chavez. The Office of Service Learning, in collaboration with Community Trust Credit Union, Stanislaus County Office of Education and the Cesar E. Chavez Celebration Committee, co-sponsored the 8th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Poster, Essay and Poetry Contest. The contest is countywide and this year over 200 K-12 participants submitted entries. The 3rd annual University Poster Contest also brings in beautiful entries. Students with exemplary submissions were honored at the Cesar Chavez Celebration.



- “Are You On the Bus?”** In the fall, faculty, students, and staff have the opportunity to take this afternoon bus tour of community service agencies in Turlock. Passengers discover the challenges and services available to those in need within our community.



- Head Start Fitness Clinic. University Participants: Coach Larry Reynolds, Men’s Varsity Basketball team, Women’s Soccer Team, Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority.** *Community Partner: Turlock Head Start – Crane Elementary, Cunningham Elementary, Osborn Elementary, and Wakefield Elementary Schools.* Coach Reynolds and CSU Stanislaus athletic students welcome local Head Start families to the campus, often for the first time, for healthy fun and fitness. Head Start youth ages 4-6 and their parents learn healthy fitness activities when the CSU Stanislaus soccer field is converted into eight different sports ‘stations’.



- Pittman Elementary School (Stockton Campus).** The Office of Service Learning is working with faculty and teachers to develop a strong strand of service learning throughout the curriculum for both the university students as well as k-6 students. Faculty and Participants: Dr. Nancy Jean Smith, Dr. Chris Roe, Dr. Whitney Donnelly, Dr. Noelle Won, Dr. Adrienne Machado, Principal.



- **Rodgers Scholars Alumni and Student Community Outreach.** Current CSU, Stanislaus Rodgers Scholars and alumni gathered before Easter 2006 to dye eggs and prepare spring goodies for those in need. Participants: United Samaritans Foundation, Rodgers Scholars, Alumni Association.



Community Advisory Partnerships

- **Civic Education Collaborative.** The Office of Service Learning is an active participant on this committee whose mission is to encourage, support and empower K-16 students and other members of the community to be active, responsible and informed citizens. The collaborative sponsors several events each year.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Committee.** The Office of Service Learning works with other regional agencies and non-profits to sponsor a yearly commemorative event honoring the life and values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Delta Sierra Region 6 Service Learning Advisory Commission.** The Office of Service Learning is a strong participant in this consortium of educators and county administrators within the six-county region. Members meet quarterly to discuss methodologies to improve their service learning programs.
- **Head Start Parent Delegate Committee.** The Office of Service Learning sits on this committee and has been instrumental in bringing the parents onto the university campus to showcase the value of California State University, Stanislaus for them both as returning students and in the future, for their children.
- **Turlock Community Collaborative.** The Office of Service Learning sits on the Turlock Community Collaborative and has been a leader in the development of the Collaborative goals and development. One outcome of these efforts is the C.A.R.E.S. Resource Center. The collaborative continues to assist those in need in a variety of programs.
- **Leadership Turlock – Social Services/Non-Profits Day.** The Office of Service Learning gives presentations on service learning, and the Turlock Community Collaborative. These presentations assist participants in learning about local agencies and how they meet community needs.

These partnerships include meetings, trainings, events and outreach necessary to maintain reciprocal high quality partnerships throughout the campus and our community.

Extramural Funding

Current grants include:

- Chancellor's Office Service-Learning Infrastructure Development Initiative - \$45,000.00

Past grant allocations include:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant. A three-year grant 2006 - 2008 - \$596,399.00. (Note: this grant solely supported the C.A.R.E.S. Resource Center in downtown Turlock, which was also the site for numerous service learning courses.)
- California Campus Compact – Carnegie Foundation Faculty Fellows Service-Learning for Political Engagement Program. A two-year grant 2007 – 2008 - \$4,000.00 with a university in-kind and cash match of \$9,495.00.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: A Best Buy and Learn & Serve America grant - \$6,000.00
- Learn & Serve America Grant: Realizing the Civic Mission of Education in the California State University. A two-year grant 2004 – 2006 - \$31,343.00 with a university match of \$32,280.00.
- California Lottery Funds: The Bridge Service Learning Video - \$3,500.00.