



## Student Stories

### William Poindexter-Haven of Rest

William is a paralegal student at KCC. For his service-learning project, he served at the Haven of Rest, a local homeless shelter, giving legal advice to a Life Skills group at the men's shelter. He says "I have the same issues, at a different level, as they have. I have some personal issues that we talk about here. So not only am I helping them, they are helping me."

### Tammy Phillips-Community Action

Tammy served with the Community Action agency. Tammy said: "Before I served I had no idea what Community Action was, where they were and how many people they served. Serving at Community Action helped me learn a lot about what different agencies are about and, since I'm studying Human Services, should help me with directing my clients for these services if they have problems in these areas."

## How to Get Started

If you are interested in taking a service-learning endorsed class to fulfill your service-learning graduation requirement, or you just want a chance to give back to your community, there are a few things you can do to get started.

- ◆ Talk with an advisor about service-learning or connect with the Service-Learning Manager
- ◆ Find service-learning courses by checking the service-learning box on the KRIS course search screen.
- ◆ After you have decided to pursue a service-learning experience, talk to your instructor or the Service-Learning Manager: [servicelearning@kellogg.edu](mailto:servicelearning@kellogg.edu), to explore service opportunities. Office is at Severin 139 L.

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Combines service to the community with academic objectives to equally benefit the community and the student. Students participate in projects that meet community needs and that involve self-reflection, self-discovery, and the acquisition of values, skills, and content knowledge.

## Mission

To promote the personal and professional growth of students, faculty, and staff through collaboration on service projects in the community.



## Service-Learning at KCC

## Benefits of Service-Learning

- ◆ KCC students graduating from the 2012-2013 catalog with an Associate in Arts, Science, General Studies, International Studies, Elementary Education or Criminal Justice are required to complete a service-learning experience.
- ◆ Before instructors offer service-learning in a class, they complete a service-learning certification.
- ◆ Over 20 classes in different disciplines offer a service-learning option or requirement each semester. Students can earn a service-learning endorsement on their official transcripts by completing at least 15 hours of service-learning and relevant class work.
- ◆ There are opportunities for scholarships and student recognition, including the Service-Learning Commitment Award.

- ◆ Bridges classroom learning with real-life applications.
- ◆ Increases confidence and self-esteem.
- ◆ Helps build your resume or college applications with skills that apply to your future career.
- ◆ Allows you to build your community network for future jobs and references.
- ◆ Broadens your perspective on diversity issues.
- ◆ Increases awareness of societal challenges and resources.

