

Service Learning Awards

Nominations from Institutions

15 programs nominated
Reviewed by committee chaired by Cyndi Mosteller

Selected on three criteria

Number of students involved
Impact on Community
Integration into academics

Winners chosen in three categories

Public Four-year (7 nominees)
Public Two-year (3 nominees)
Private (5 nominees)

Service Learning Award Winners

Award winners will be presented with a plaque and a \$500 check courtesy of Bruce White, Director of Corporate Affairs for South Carolina for State Farm Insurance; we should express our gratitude to Karen Horne for coordinating this monetary award.

Clemson University *Client-Based Writing Program*

Project Director: **Dr. Summer Smith Taylor** (Will Attend)

For this program, more than 2300 students have produced communication deliverables that help non-profit agencies and other clients raise funds, educate the public, improve operations and serve the community.

The program has produced more than 700 communication deliverables including:

- an employee manual to train workers and streamline operations at the Anderson Free Clinic
- a website encouraging donations for Habitat for Humanity
- grant proposal to support the creation of Blue Ridge Field, a community recreation area to be used by Code Elementary school, a low-income housing complex and an assisted living facility.
- marking plan to help Upstate South Carolina Red Cross educate the public about the use of CPR and defibrillators.

This program exposes students to the complexities of real workplace writing situations requiring them to conduct research and contribute effectively as a team.

Trident Technical College *The Charleston Clemente Courses Project*

Project Director: **Dr. Mary Ann Kohli** (Will Attend)

This program offers free college-level humanities courses to homeless and disadvantaged individuals in the Charleston area, with the idea being that abstract, critical thinking skills can provide these individuals with the tools needed to escape multi-generational poverty.

Student success rate for this program is 65% compared to the national average for Clemente classes, which is 50%.

Trident students are involved in a wide range of support and fund-raising activities for these students, some of which have changed the campus culture (e.g. The Clemente Players theatre project).

Students from the College of Charleston also participate in the project.

Newberry College *Grant Homes Youth Development Project*

Project Director: **Dr. Joe McDonald** (Will Attend)

This campus-wide program aims to improve the lives of over 300 children who reside in the Grant Homes Community, which is a subsidized apartment community operated by the Newberry Housing Authority.

To help these children, this project includes several activities such as:

- After-school tutoring
- Field days - three Saturdays a semester, Newberry College students organize activities in the gym and on the playground
- Sports clinics
- A video project
- Holiday gift program

Time spent at Grant Homes involves lessons about identifying community problems, initiating steps to resolve problems, and being able to design and implement an action plan.
