From the desk of: Calleen Herbert, Interim Director

First, we want to thank each of you for your continued support and partnership with North Carolina Central University Academic Community Service Learning Program (ACSLP). Your partnership was essential in helping us to fulfill our mission to enhance the lives of our students and our community, whether - local, national and global. We want to welcome our new partnerships with non-profits, schools and governmental entities that offer our students, faculty and staff a myriad of robust engagement opportunities to meet the needs of the community.

As we approach the New Year, it is a time for reflection. With the upcoming service events for MLK Day of Service and the 40 Days of Peace, it is only fitting to reflect on quotes from two persons of our time, who have inspired so many to serve:

“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

In this newsletter, we have captured just a snapshot of the community-based and community-engaged activities at NCCU, along with other newsworthy information. With your assistance, we will continue to reach the needs of many within our local community. We look ahead to our partnerships creating lasting impact to our students and keeping true to the university’s motto of “Truth and Service”.

As always, thank you for your partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Calleen Herbert
Student Service to Kick-off Homecoming Week

In partnership with the Iota Tau Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda student organization and Stop Hunger NOW, NCCU students and staff supported the inaugural service event for the 2015 Ultimate Homecoming Experience. Each day during homecoming week this year, there was an opportunity to give back to the community. This event, Soulful Celebration: Food for the Soul was held on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Leroy Walker Complex. The participants supported the service project by packaging 10,000 meals for school children. The country is typically not identified, but will be given where there is greatest need. Each meal packaged will provide six meals.

The event was supported by many students and staff. The quarterback, Malcolm Bell and several other football players made it possible to move more quickly by helping to unload the supplies from the truck and assisting Phi Beta Lambda members setup the space for the event, while the NCCU Royal Court served as hosts and hostesses. They could not resist standing with other students to package meals. The Transfer Student Organization president said, “this is the first time we are joining together to support a service event.” With the support of Phi Beta Lambda and other sponsors, students were able to raise over $2500 needed to package the 10,000 meals.

Upon reflection, many students were moved by the notion that families resort to feeding their children mud cookies because there is no other food source. Students now want to do more related to food security everywhere.

The meals were shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from the Raleigh, NC warehouse. Citi Hope International located in the Dominican Republic where 42% of the population is living below the poverty line and food shortage is prevalent received the meals.

“As a dietician, we know the effects that hunger has on infants and children and adolescent learning ability. Just as profound, is the effect on college students with the additional stresses.

How can we expect students to succeed with food insecurity?”

Jason O’Briant
Director
Didactic Program in Dietetics

We continue to use this quote from Mr. O’Briant as the university continues is its efforts to combat food insecurity, both locally and globally.

NCCU Football members helping with setup.

NCCU student volunteers preparing a meal package to get weighed, sealed, and boxed for shipment.
Did You Know?

NCCU is at the forefront of community engagement?

Did you know the Department of Music, the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, and the Department of Art students work with the Hayti Heritage Center through the Hayti-NCCU Cultural Arts Partnership? The partnership develops collaborative events for the Hayti community which are theme-based, and activities that facilitate students learning event and concert production, marketing, promotion, performance, arts entrepreneurship. NCCU students regularly perform or present their work to Hayti constituents.

Did you know that School of Law partners with the NC Association of Black Lawyers with the Land Loss Prevention Project? Founded to assist the epidemic loss of property by black owners, the Land Loss Prevention Project now provides legal support and assistance to financially distressed farmers and landowners throughout North Carolina. To find out more, visit: http://www.landloss.org.

Did you know that Communication Disorders Program (in the Allied Professions Department) students administer hearing screening, hearing testing and aural rehabilitative services for senior citizens at St. Joseph’s African Methodist Episcopal church? They have assisted over 100 senior citizens since 2010. Find out more about this partnership and other news from the Communication Disorders Program by visiting http://www.nccu.edu/soe/alliedprofessions/commdis/news.cfm.

Did you know that the Office of the Chancellor partners with the Durham Workforce Development Board, Durham Public Schools, and the Durham Chamber of Commerce on the project Made In Durham? Made in Durham is a project sponsored by MDC (formerly the North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation) dedicated to ensuring all Durham youth and young adults complete a postsecondary credential and begin a rewarding career by the age of 25. Find out more about this partnership by visiting: http://www.mdcinc.org/projects/made-durham.

NCCU has a rich legacy of community partnerships. More than 200 organizations—including schools, community centers, neighborhood tutoring and mentoring groups, and nonprofits that serve the hungry and homeless—partner with NCCU to ensure that our work fulfills real community needs. Visit the NCCU Office of Community Engagement at http://www.nccu.edu/communityengagement/ to get involved!
Making Stride Against Breast Cancer Walk

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk was scheduled Saturday, October 17, 2015 at North Hills Mall in Raleigh NC. NCCU’s Kinky and Proud (KAP) student organization hosted the event. Approximately, seventy-five (75) NCCU student volunteers participated by providing direct service support for the event.

In addition to the service, students raised $1,985.00 to support the American Cancer Society. Students came out in their maroon and grey demonstrating “Eagle Excellence” and “Eagle Pride”.

Students were eager in assisting with all aspects of the walk from distribution of food and water, cheering participants as they finished the walk to manning stations to support other community partners who supported the event. The students reflected on their experience during the walk, what they learned about Breast Cancer and the significance of the walk.

Students at the Height of Service …

We would like to congratulate our newest recipients of the Student Service Impact Award for obtaining a minimum of 240 hours of service and documenting the impact of their service. Each student received a Service Honor Cord.

The December 2015 Student Service Impact Award Recipients:

- Wanda Addo
- Shan Trese Cameron
- Gabriela Castillo Hernandez
- Sarah Collins
- Shaniquah Cook
- Onashel Hartwell
- Lakayla Heathington
- Khala Huntley
- Jana Jeffreys
- William Jennette
- Shaunika Johnson
- Katelyn McCall
- Lakita Mitchell
- Blessing Nwuofo
- Constance Sanderlin
- Reginald Terry
- Ida Washington
- Wendi Wright

Congratulations to all! Thank you for your service to the university and the surrounding community!

Save the Date

Community Partnership Symposium
Friday, April 15, 2016

More details will be sent out to our partners soon.
Partners New and Old: Meeting the Needs of Durham

There are over 100 community partner agencies networked with North Carolina Central University’s Academic Community Service Learning Program. Annual registration occurs in July of each year to update partner profiles in order to provide our students and faculty with the most current organization information.

AIDS Community Residence Association, Inc. is located at 1017 Cook Road in Durham, NC. The mission is to provide housing for people with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers and donations are appreciated.

Carter Community Charter School is located at 1955 W. Cornwallis Road in Durham, NC. Their mission is to prepare children for college and other productive life-long learning experiences beginning in kindergarten. Volunteers are needed to work one-on-one with kindergarten through 8th grade students.

Cooperative Extension Services – Durham County is located at 721 Foster Street in Durham, NC. The mission is to partner with communities to deliver education and technology that enriches the lives, land and economy of North Carolinians. Volunteers are needed to sort donated children’s items.

City of Durham – Department of Community Development is located at 807 East Main Street in Durham, NC. The mission is to foster safe, decent and sustainable neighborhoods and to enhance housing quality and affordability for the citizens of Durham. They need volunteers to register in advance to assist with the Point in Time Count on January 27, 2016.

Durham Literacy Center is located at 1905 Chapel Hill Road in Durham, NC. Their mission is to empower Durham County residents who want to improve their lives and the lives of their families by improving their literacy skills. Volunteers are needed for one-on-one tutoring. Donations are needed for their food pantry.

Durham Symphony Orchestra is located 120 Morris Street in Durham, NC. Their mission is enhancing Durham's rich cultural heritage, the Durham Symphony performs high quality orchestral concerts that foster accessibility and encourage the development of music appreciation and education. Volunteers are needed for Spring events and concerts.

Healing with CAARE, Inc., also known as CAARE, Inc. is located at 214 Broadway Street in Durham, NC. The mission of the organization is to provide community health and resources for underserved groups. Volunteers and donations are appreciated.

Museum of Durham History is located at the History Hub in Durham, NC. The museum is a 21st century museum that uses stories about people, places and things to foster curiosity, encourage further inquiry, and promote an understanding of diverse perspectives about the Durham community and its history. Volunteers are needed to serve on weekends.

Sarah P. Duke Gardens is located at 420 Anderson Street in Durham, NC. The mission is to create and nurture an environment in the heart of Duke University for learning, inspiration and enjoyment through excellence in horticulture. Volunteers are needed for the Spring and Summer.
Your Donation to the next NCCU Habitat Build Is Greatly Appreciated

North Carolina Central University’s 5th Habitat for Humanity build was completed in Durham, NC thanks to the support of students, faculty, staff, alumni and community volunteers and donors.

But, it does not stop there. The family is barely settled in and NCCU is preparing for the next home build in the community. Yes, the 6th Habitat partnership build fundraising is underway.

The builds are supported by donations from organizations, local business and individuals who share a passion for “decent, affordable and sustainable housing made available to all”.

**Your tax deductible donation of any amount can make a difference.**

Send your check or money orders payable to:

NCCU Foundation
P O Box 52466
Durham, NC 27717

Please note Habitat of Durham in the Memo field. If you are interested in donating time, talents, or food to the build effort, please call:

Ms. Ruby Messick - 919.530.5384

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Academic Community Service Learning Program seeks to guide students, faculty, administrators, and staff in meaningful community service and service learning.

Students learn and develop through active participation in defined activities designed to benefit the community.

In addition, they acquire competencies, which will serve the greater society, through more effective civic responsibility.

Partnerships support mutual access to resources and opportunities, including materials, information for students and faculty through service learning activities.

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