From the desk of: Ms. Tannya Artis, Program Assistant, Academic Community Service Learning Program

Greetings Everyone!

I have served as the Program Assistant for almost 14 years at North Carolina Central University. What excites me as an employee here at this fine institution is our students’ energy to serve, our faculty who support and incorporate service learning opportunities, our staff who embrace our students with love and compassion, our Administration Office who has shown continued support of the service requirement and it never hurts to have a strong, confident female Chancellor.

During 2015-2016, students have logged more than 218,000 service hours and for that— you should be commended. I am looking forward to seeing hours increase as students are more involved and become more tuned-in to the needs of the community, both on and off our campus. As preparation for the increase of service hours, we are bringing new user-friendly software to campus. Students will be able to view their service hours online, look up events, check out our partner’s needs and website and most importantly— no more time sheets! I am looking forward to serving everyone in a newer capacity once Get Connected has become a permanent entity here at NCCU.

To our Service Learning Faculty, I want to thank you in advance for enriching the education of our students and making our students more marketable through your service learning classes. These established service learning classes are the gateway for our students to receive first-hand experiences, networking opportunities, resume’ building, and possibly permanent employment. Your work is not in vein and although they have passed on, Wendell Andrews and Dr. Jesse Mann’s service learning classes will forever be engrained in my heart and we hope other faculty members join their efforts.

As a fellow staff member, we make up a huge population of the people who are often the first face our students interact with. Your commitment to maintain our beautiful campus atmosphere and serve our students in any capacity is remarkable. Our students ARE our priority and just like you, I am purposed to serve with love.

The Academic Community Service Learning Program is unique in its own right. We are a staff of three, but are supported by many. To help us keep up with the demands, our Administration Office is listening to our needs and providing support for us. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and you are empowered to continue your engagement with NCCU and with our mission.

I am blessed to be a blessing!

Tannya Artis
During the 2015-2016 academic year, 3436 students were engaged in the community for a total of 217,526 hours. The greatest impact for the academic year within the Durham county community was in the area of education and literacy.

The year began with the 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service event, where book bags filled with school supplies were collected over a month and distributed to local area elementary schools on 9/11/2015. Students were able to get off to a great start with the materials and supplies needed to be successful. This event was followed by the October Homecoming week activity “The Power of Reading” - Staff Senate partnered with ACSLP to go to area elementary schools to read to elementary school students.

The America Reads federal program initiative at NCCU hosted 47 students to individually tutor over 200 students in kindergarten through third grade. Throughout the year, other groups and organizations hosted tutors and mentors: the Honors programs provided tutors to the James E. Shepard IB Middle School, the Men’s Achievement Center volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, students tutored at C. C. Spaulding Elementary School and the NC Bar Association sponsored program hosted law students who read once a week with second grade students at W. G. Pearson elementary.

The academic year closed with a donation of 340 books to the R. N. Harris elementary school as part of the NC Department of Public Instruction’s statewide Initiative, Take Five, Read Five. Students were provided books to take home over the summer to continue reading and staying on level.
Chancellor’s Walk

The 20th Annual Chancellor’s Walk was held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Miller Morgan building on NCCU’s campus. It was designed to raise awareness about health disparities in the community and to support service activities.

Students, faculty, staff and community participated in the walk. There were 154 NCCU students, 25 NCCU faculty and staff, 1 NCCU student organization, and 7 Community partners who participated in the event. Students visited community partner’s health and wellness booth displays, listen to presentations, wrote reflections about their experience and made donations.

In addition to the service activity, students, faculty and staff raised $1,580.00.

The Chancellor’s Walk Challenge Winners are as follows: Most Participation-Student Affairs Team, Most Donations-Jubilant Academicians Team, Most Represented Community-Organization-Health Coalition, Inc., Most Represented Student Organization-Men’s Achievement Center Team.

Students at the Height of Service …

We would like to congratulate our newest recipients of the Student Service Impact Award for meaningful service impact to the Durham and surrounding community. Each student received a Service Honor Cord.

The May 2016 Student Service Impact Award Recipients:

- Briana Austin
- Lashawn Barnett
- Quameya Basnight
- Yolonda Black
- De’Ajree Branch
- Dquayvion Cloud
- Adrienne Eure
- Garrison Farmer
- Shanetal Graham
- Carla Harper
- Briana Jenkins
- LaCarrole Jones
- Cyndavia Judd
- Peyton Lambert
- Raqueta Lassiter
- April Lewis
- Jasmine Lewis
- Taquan Lynch
- Elizabeth Matadly
- Lovie Matthews
- Sharnella McCrae
- Brandi McKenney
- Cierra Mosley
- Victor Nwanguma
- Rhonda Palmer
- Alonza Pamplin
- Justice Parker
- Jamal Percy
- Mayte Ramirez
- Timothy Ray
- Demarre Richmond
- Yvonne Roberts
- Yazmin Rodriguez
- Jamie Steed
- Vicki Weeks
- Melissa Wooten
- Jasmine Young
- Kayla Britt, Public Administration
- Anne Keyworth, Law Administration
- Adam Dillard, Law
- Ashley Hilliard, Law
- Alicia Davis, Law
- Leticia Shapiro, Law

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

Coming Soon…

Eagle Mania: Service Fair
Saturday, August 13, 2016

Food for the Soul
Sunday, October 9, 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.

Animal Protection Society of Durham is located at 2117 E. Club Blvd. in Durham, NC. Their mission is to educate the public about the humane care and treatment of animals, promote spay/neuter and encourage the adoption of homeless animals. Volunteers are needed to assist with the care of animals and administrative needs.

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. Volunteers are needed to escort guest to providers for the types of services they need.

Durham Arts Council is located at 120 Morris Street, in Durham, NC. Their mission of is to promote excellence and access in the creation, experience and active support of the arts for all the people of our community. Volunteers are needed for an annual event called the Centerfest.

Diverse Family Services is located at 2402 S. Miami Blvd. Ste 108 in Durham, NC. Their mission is to provide families with quality care in all aspects of life; mentally, physically and emotionally while enabling all individuals to become productive and self-sufficient in today’s society.

Durham County Library is located 300 North Roxboro Street in Durham, NC. Their mission is to encourage discovery, connect the community and lead in literacy. Volunteers are needed for assisting with reading and shelving books.

DREAMWORKS ACADEMY is located at 3204 NC Hwy 55 in Durham, NC. Their mission is to provide after-school programs for children. Volunteers are needed for tutoring youth in mathematics, homework and assisting teachers as needed.

Healing With CARRE, Inc. is located at 214 Broadway Street in Durham, NC. Their mission is to provide community health and resources for the underserved groups. Volunteers are needed to organize records, plan health events, basic health screenings and assist with the office and programming.

NBA Sports is located at 2410 Presidential Drive, Suite 114 in Durham, NC. Their mission is a commitment in building the emotional, physical and social foundations of youth in the Raleigh/Durham and surrounding areas through athletic, educational, financial and mentorship programs. Volunteers are needed for website updates, social media management, events, assisting with fundraising efforts, digital/online metrics & campaign management.

Durham Center for Senior Life is located at 406 Rigsbee Avenue Ste. 202 in Durham, NC. Their mission is to enhance the lives of older adults through education, recreation, nutrition and social services in welcoming community settings.
Your Generous Donation to the next NCCU Habitat Build Is Appreciated

NCCU’s 5th Habitat for Humanity home build was completed in 2015 in the Northeast Central Durham community thanks to the support of students, faculty, staff, alumni, community volunteers and donors. But, it does not stop there. NCCU is committed to continuing to support the Durham community. Yes, the 6th Habitat partnership build fundraising is underway.

Beginning this Fall, 2016, NCCU will have a Campus Chapter Charter with Habitat for Humanity International. Students will become more engaged with the planning, fundraising and building for the university.

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 order payable to:

NCCU Foundation
P O Box 52466
Durham, NC 27717

Please note Habitat on the Memo line. If you are interested in donating time, talents, or food to the build effort, please call: Ms. Ruby Messick at 919.530.5384.

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