The University Service-Learning (USL) Program has been named as a recipient of the 2015 ASU President’s Medal for Social Embeddedness, an ASU award that recognizes ASU teams that have demonstrated excellence in fostering mutually-supportive partnerships with the community to identify a community need and to co-create and implement a solution that leads to positive social change in the community and in the research, teaching and service practices of ASU. The USL program partners with over 160 community partners to provide service in multiple areas of community need and last year 735 students participated completing 57,390 hours of service!

Additionally USL has also been chosen to receive the Governor’s Volunteer Service Award in the large organization group category. The mission of the Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards is to promote an ethic of service and volunteerism and to recognize volunteer efforts that strengthen communities and improve quality of life for Arizonans. USL strives to do just that pairing in depth coursework on community issues and civic engagement with meaningful service to the community. One of the program’s goals is to create civically engaged live-long service providers and responsible and productive citizens.

Thank you to all the students, staff and community partners who contributed the hard work and dedication to this program and are grateful to be awarded the President’s Medal for Social Embeddedness and the Governors’ Volunteer Service Award.
USL Student Making an Impact

Michelle Daut offered a surprise to the staff at her service organization, IntelliSchool Charter High Schools, when she presented them with a projector, three tablets and $200 to buy something for the school. Michelle was doing fundraising for the school as just a part of her USL 497 capstone project. The other part of her project has been developing and delivering an elective class to senior students which helps prepare them for the next step in their educational journey. Great job with all your hard work Michelle!

USL Coordinator Laura Tan Accepts New Position at Access ASU

With a heavy heart the Community Engagement Programs team would like to congratulate and bid farewell to Laura Tan, former USL Coordinator, on her recent acceptance of the Coordinator Senior position with Access ASU. As many of you know, Laura has been an integral part of the USL team for the past 4 years. Her work cultivating new and existing USL partnerships, acting as a liaison between organizations and students for placement for both USL and AmeriCorps, and her hard work as a USL instructor have made a huge impact on the growth and accomplishments of USL and she will be dearly missed. Good luck Laura!

We are also excited to introduce our new University Service-Learning Coordinator, Erica Schwartzmann. Erica comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in both service-learning and national service programs. She has extensive experience working in the community and with AmeriCorps. Please join us in welcoming Erica.

The Phoenix Suns Donate Basketballs to America Reads Tutoring Program

Recently the America Reads Tutoring Program received a donation of basketballs from The Phoenix Suns for the Boys and Girls Club Red Mountain location. The basketballs will be used for educational activities for the tutoring program. With a limited budget for new supplies, the program is thankful for the donation and the kids are ecstatic to use basketballs signed by former Suns players. Thank you to The Phoenix Suns for your donation!
Urban Outreach is a program within the Tempe First United Methodist Church (UMC), partnering with the University Service-Learning program, that provides services and resources for the homeless population in Tempe. The mission of Urban Outreach is to connect homeless people with services that can help them move from crisis to stability within a relational environment that is supportive, respectful, and easily accessible.

The program started in the late 80’s as a vision of a Master’s student in one of the ministry programs when he found out the facility had showers. Not long after, Tempe First UMC opened its doors on Friday’s for homeless individuals to come in for a shower and coffee. In the early 2000’s the Napoleon Foundation offered a grant to expand the program and it continued to grow and become established, increasing its services to three days per week.

Now Urban Outreach provides approximately 90-120 homeless individuals with a place to come have some coffee, take a shower and receive fresh clothing and nutrition two days per week. The program is 100% volunteer based and utilizes the University Service-Learning program’s student interns to help continue providing services to the homeless. “USL interns bring a youthful enthusiasm to the program that makes our facility a more relatable environment to the community; they are a valuable asset to the program.” says Doug Akins, an Urban Outreach volunteer leader.

When asked about the program impact Akins says, “There aren’t many places in the area where showers are provided for free; cleanliness and good nutrition are a necessity for this population.”

To get involved or donate resources for Urban Outreach visit: [http://tempefirstumc.org/serving-the-homeless](http://tempefirstumc.org/serving-the-homeless)
Mark Your Calendars for the Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service-Learning

Arizona’s only statewide event dedicated to deepening, elevating, and supporting the state’s extensive community of volunteer and service-learning leaders and programs, the Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service-Learning allows individuals and groups to further develop and foster their skills to better serve Arizona’s community needs through a collaborative effort.

The fifth annual Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service-Learning will occur November 5-6 at the Arizona State University, West Campus in Glendale, Arizona.

Online Registration Opens in September: [http://www.azsummit.org/](http://www.azsummit.org/)

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You can have a direct impact on meeting critical needs in our community and cultivating civic engagement among ASU students. Your donation will go directly to supporting programming that places ASU students at under-resourced schools and nonprofits that serve a broad range of community needs. You may designate a specific program if you wish: University Service-Learning or America Reads.

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