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- USL reached nearly 1 million hours of service in it's 20 years!
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USL Celebrates 20 Years!

What founding director Gay Brack envisioned as a volunteer endeavor to ensure children in the community had structured time for learning and homework afterschool, sparked a movement that would become University Service-Learning. After 20 years the program has reached tremendous heights in the number of hours and volunteers committed to meeting community needs. Overall University Service-Learning has summed a grand total of 11,626 students who completed 925,040 hours of service to the community! Since 1993, both USL and America Reads have made incredible contributions to the overall success of the department:

To commemorate the 20 year anniversary of the University Service-Learning program, community partners, donors, current and former staff and tutors, and USL students gathered at a celebratory event to highlight the past, present and future of the program. Speakers included current director Deborah Ball, former directors Dr. Gay Brack and Jan Kelly, program coordinators Joe Sweet and Laura Tan, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Assistant Dean Hilary Pierce, and USL students Mona Dixon and Holland Crook. In all, the event was a success in showcasing the evolution of Gay



Brack's idea into an entity now including three programs, University Service-Learning courses, America Reads and AmeriCorps, all of which are committed to the same mission to bridge the gap between ASU and the community.

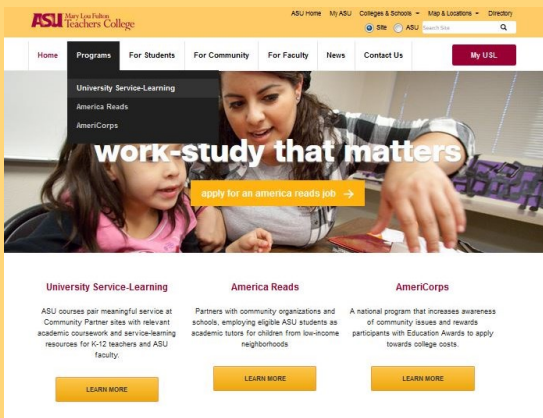
A special thanks to Ken Fagan and the ASU media relations team for creating a video to tell the story of the program.

View online at this link:

[USL Video Link](#)

Service-Learning 1993-2013 — 8625 students
Contributing 613,906 hours of service
America Reads 1998-2013 — 3001 students
Contributing 31,134 hours of service

New website launches for Community Engagement Programs



After countless hours of hard work, we are pleased to announce that our new website has launched. Our website has been updated with a fresh new look and user-friendly navigation. Updates to the format include a drop-down navigation bar, menus for students, community and faculty, news highlights and much more!

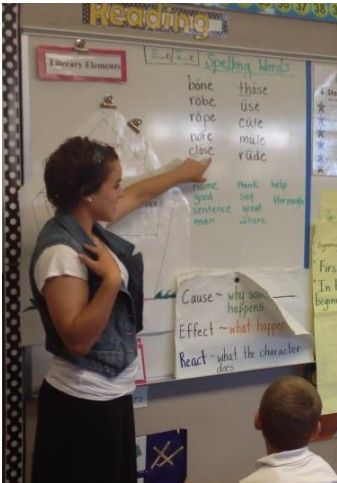
Check it out:

<https://communityengagement.education.asu.edu>

Specific program information can be found at:

<http://servicelearning.asu.edu> | <http://americareads.asu.edu> | <http://americorps.asu.edu>

Holland Crook Puts Her Educational Studies Degree to Work



Holland Crook in the classroom tutoring students.

ASU's Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College's offers an exciting new undergraduate degree program in educational studies designed for future educators looking for careers outside the traditional classroom setting. Ed Studies students will participate in a four semester-series of USL courses completing approximately 370 hours of service including designing and implementing a unique community project that reflects their personal interests, passions, and career goals.

Holland Crook, our first Ed Studies graduate to complete the USL series, served as a GED instructor for Goodwill of Central Arizona tutoring ex-offenders ranging from 14-21 years old. When Holland was informed that the GED program at Goodwill had lost funding and would be closed, her

Capstone project took shape. She developed a fundraiser called *Purposeful Change* to help her current students through the GED process, purchase GED resources and transfer from the Goodwill program to a similar program at Los Artes in Glendale, Arizona.

When asked how the Ed Studies program better prepared her for her career compared with a traditional teaching program she stated "the biggest thing is that I don't want to teach in a traditional classroom so I was exposed to the exact population I want to work with. I'm going to need that background, and there's not a program in traditional that you're going to get the same exposure to that... It was real-world application in an environment that cannot be simulated through the classroom."

Holland also represents ASU as a member of the Women's Soccer Team, and is an all-around inspirational young lady. She is currently pursuing a masters degree in Elementary Education and plans to continue working toward a career teaching GED.

Learn more about the Educational Studies program : <http://education.asu.edu/edstudies>



Holland in action on the soccer field.

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From our Students

“The service learning course really reminded me of how much I love to be involved in my community.” - Christina Hawbaker

“USL really gave me that boost of motivation I needed to get out and become more active with my community!” - Abby Himes

“Service learning was unlike any class I have had at ASU. It was an extraordinary experience, and I think everyone on ASU should take it because we can help the community immensely. It's deeply embedded on how I look at problems and use my learning from my degree related classes.” - Omron Blauo



We Have Moved!

The Community Engagement Programs staff has moved into a new office space! Still located in the Farmer Education Building, you can now find us on the third floor in ED 316. The new office suite not only accommodates the program staff but also provides a resource center for America Reads student staff and tutors. Spread the word!

*Note: There are no changes to mailing address or staff contact info

USL Fall 2013 Photo Contest Winners!

Each semester, USL holds a photo contest for all USL students to submit their best service photo for a chance to showcase their work with our partners and build awareness of the various community needs they meet through their internships.

Congratulations to Jessica Navarette, our 1st Place winner in the USL Fall 2013 Photo Contest! Jessica completed her USL internship at Helen's Hope Chest in Mesa providing free

cloths and other supplies to foster children. Jessica says of her experience, "Seeing the happiness in foster/kinship children's eyes after receiving free clothes reminds me why I want to be an elementary educator- for the better being of children. The memories I've made at Helen's Hope Chest are irreplaceable."

Well done also to our 2nd Place finisher, Alexandra Aguirre, com-



Jessica Navarette



Alexandra Aguirre



Brian Harrison

pleting her service cleaning up graffiti at The Boys and Girls Club and our 3rd place finisher, Brian Danger Harrison, who worked with students at Sunland Elementary school.

Tell other Community Organizations about us

Are you a partner with one of the Community Engagement Programs? Tell your friends about us! We are always looking to build new relationships with community partners so we can better meet a wider range of community need.

Partners have the opportunity to

host a Service-learning intern, attend K-12 service-learning workshops or host a tutoring or mentoring program.

Spread the word! More information about how to become a partner can be found on the community partners page on our website.

<http://communityengagement.education.asu.edu/community>

"I cannot express how grateful and impressed I was with the USL students we had last semester."

-Raul Chavez, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley-North Tempe

Donate on our website!

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.

Give Online today!

<http://communityengagement.education.asu.edu/give>

Thank you to our major donors:

State Farm Insurance (Top from left: Director Deborah Ball, State Farm Representative Gus Miranda, Former USL Director Jan Kelly)

Armstrong Family Foundation (Bottom from left: Founding Director Gay Brack, Deborah Ball, Jo-Ann, Jim, Amy, and Patrick Armstrong)



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn."
– Benjamin Franklin



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