



McHugh Leadership Fund



END OF YEAR SUMMARY 2008/2009

THE CENTER FOR SERVICE AND LEARNING, COLORADO COLLEGE

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The purpose of The Center for Service and Learning's McHugh Leadership Fund is to develop, support, and advance leadership within the realm of community service.

What did they do?

BREAKDOWN

Ashley Young	\$1,000
Melissa Serafin	\$2,200
Adam Kobori	\$700
Total	\$3,900

ASHLEY YOUNG received funds to volunteer on site with the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Otjiwarongo, Namibia last January to study and develop successful conservation programs that inspire local Namibians to take action in preserving the endangered Cheetah populations. She helped feed and care for the cheetahs on site, worked on the Fund's ongoing research projects, and learned about how non-profit conservation organizations can break down socially constructed barriers and initiate social change in local communities.

MELISSA SERAFIN will use the awarded funds to undertake a month-long service project in Prozor, Bosnia-Herzegovina this July. Along with three other students, Melissa will work towards breaking down the social divisions between the Bosnian Muslims and the Croats in Prozor by conducting music lessons and workshops to encourage students of these two divided ethnic groups to interact with one another and exchange musical ideas. The goal for their project is to illustrate how working together towards a common project, such as music, can build understanding and acceptance between different cultures.

ADAM KOBORI received funding to revisit his previous institution, the Mahindra United World College of India in Pune, India to assist current students with their International Baccalaureate exams and give presentations to students about his unique experience as an international student living in the United States and at Colorado College. Adam will also help continue this institution's deeply rooted commitment to service by teaching sixth and seventh grade English in impoverished surrounding village communities.