

# Service & Learning

80% of Students at CC participate in service....  
...while the national average among college students is 32%



Students pose after a long day of gutting houses in the 9th Ward. New Orleans Spring Break 2007

Colorado College Students provide over 30,000 hours of service each year— that's the equivalent of one person working 8 hours a day for 111 years.

"I learned how important it is to put yourself out there and to meet new people, and enjoyed being with a small group and getting to know them all while helping out in a community"

~ A student talks about his experience at Blue Peaks, providing services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families



Students work together to repair barbwire fences at Sevilleta National Wildlife refuge in New Mexico

"What an amazing experience. We are so appreciative of the Center's and the student's help today. Thank you." ~Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Colorado Springs Center

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## THE CENTER FOR SERVICE & LEARNING

Established 1988



# The Center For

The Center for Service & Learning was created to promote an ethic of service and to develop civic-minded leadership among all members of the Colorado College community. Our purpose is to recognize and understand the civic and social challenges of our world and to act with others in pursuit of a just society.



# Parents

## BENEFITS OF SERVICE FOR YOUR STUDENTS:

### Personal Growth

- Help establish friends with similar interests & values
- Provide chances to participate in healthy activities
- Reinforce social self confidence\*

### Career Development

- Develop professional skills & contacts
- Valuable experience to enhance resume
- Increase leadership ability\*
- Explore academic & or career interests
- Opportunity to be mentored by professionals

### Social Development

- Commitment to their community\*
- Helping others in difficulty\*
- Develop interpersonal abilities & leadership skills\*
- Develop independence & decision-making abilities
- Increase their sense of self-efficacy
- Increased self-awareness & self-appreciation \*
- Gain empathy & multicultural understanding \*

### Cognitive Experience

- Enhances academic performance (GPA)\*
- Increases the likelihood of graduation
- Increases aspirations for degrees sought after college\*
- Improves critical thinking & conflict resolution skills\*
- Increases knowledge gained in academic courses\*
- Increases field or discipline knowledge\*
- Preparation for graduate or professional school\*
- Increases time devoted to studying\*
- Increases amount of contact with faculty\*

\*A.W. Astin, and L.J. Sax (1998) "How Undergraduates Are Affected by Service Participation". Journal of College Student Development, May/June 1998, Vol39(3): 251-263.

# The Center For Service and Learning

## Four full-time professional staff & 13 student staff:

- Support and advise 30-35 student organizations that perform on-going service
- Support over 100 one-time service events each year
- Assist students in finding individual service opportunities in the community
- Coordinate the NSO Priddy Service Experience for First-year students
- Sponsor speakers and events for the campus and local community
- Promote service among students, staff, and faculty
- Collaborate with the local non-profits to host 24 Saturdays of Service each year
- Supervise the CC Community Kitchen, an on-campus soup kitchen
- Support BreakOut – student-lead Block Break and Alternative Spring Break service trips
- Support a yearly International Service project
- Advise student philanthropy efforts



Spending time with the kids at Anansi Day School

- Provide student leadership and leadership development opportunities
- Offer financial support to develop, support, advance service leadership
- Assist faculty in incorporating service into academic courses
- Support the Staff Policy on Community Service
- Participate in the AmeriCorp education award program
- Provide Volunteer Orientation
- Host an Annual Service Awards Recognition celebration
- Provide Special Projects Funds for new service Initiatives
- Support off-campus community service work-study opportunities
- Teach grant writing to support student initiatives
- Partner with over 120 non-pro-fit organizations each year.

*“Once again, Colorado College provided an exceptional group of students to help with La Puente’s mission. Beyond the work, the students played an intricate role in the events surrounding our H.O.P.E. Week. They provided a terrific energy and attitude, which is all too important in this life of work.” ~La Puente Staff, Alamosa, CO*

# The Community

## BENEFITS OF PARTNERING WITH COLORADO COLLEGE:

- 80% of CC students volunteer compared to 32 % of all college students & 28.8% of the general adult population\*
- Increased capacity to deliver an ever increasing need for services
- Provide an opportunity to participate in the education of young people
- New ideas and fresh perspectives for your organization
- Provide expertise that your organization may not have
- Opportunity to mentor new employees
- Help young people develop a sense of care about the community in which they live
- Assist in establishing a life-long values of service
- Tackle projects that have been on the back burner with energetic and motivated volunteers
- Help establish a strong work ethic in tomorrow’s employees
- Increase your giving base—charitable giving begins with volunteering
- Increased awareness of college programs and services
- Greater potential for additional collaborations with Colorado College

*\*College Students Helping America, Corporation for National Community Service, October 2006, p. 2*