Welcome New Faculty!

On behalf of the University of San Diego’s Center for Community Service-Learning (CSL), I would like to welcome you all to USD and share with you some of the incredible ways that your colleagues on campus and in the community engage our students through academic service-learning opportunities.

All of USD’s service-learning faculty members and community partners inspire us in CSL with their ability to think critically, deeply, and intentionally about our commitment to local engagement and social change.

We are excited to welcome you to the university and look forward to working with you on developing a service-learning component in your course whenever you are interested. It is your vision and commitment that sustains the collaborative spirit of our work.

Welcome to the USD and San Diego community!

Gratefully,
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Service-Learning in the Community

Service-learning at the University of San Diego provides graduate and undergraduate students an opportunity engage with the community through intentional partnerships that link the learning in the classroom to the wisdom of the community. The goal behind USD’s service-learning efforts is to help students become “active learners, bringing skills and information from community work and integrating them with the theory and curriculum of the classroom to produce new knowledge. At the same time, students’ classroom learning informs their service in the community” (Mitchell, 2008).

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Thank you for your time and commitment to the engaged campus.

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community partners
sharing wisdom and passion

American Indian Recruitment Program
Bayside Community Center
Carson Elementary School
Cesar Chavez Service Clubs
Chesterton Elementary School
Chicano Park
Children's Defense Fund Freedom School
Community Book Center
Community Coaching Center
Duchesne House
Excel Youth Zone
Familia Indigena Unida
Fourth World Movement
French Cottage
Head Start
Holy Family Elementary School
Juvenile Hall
Linda Vista Elementary School
Mark Twain High School
Migrant Outreach
Nubia Leadership Academy
Pro Kids Golf Academy
Southeast San Diego Tutoring Project
Southern Sudanese Community Center
Toussaint Academy
Urban Corps San Diego
Via International

students
empowering our changemakers

Over 1,250 USD undergraduate and graduate students engaged with the community through an academic service-learning component in their classes throughout the 2010-2011 academic year.

Every student contributes and grows through their service-learning experiences in profound ways. Much of the credit for the success of their experiences in the community goes to our outstanding student leaders. Over 25 site coordinators and 18 course-based student leaders participated in ongoing training and advising from the CSL staff to develop their skills, reflect on their ideas about social change, and to feel empowered to strengthen and grow our programs with their own ideas and passions.

Student leaders boldly took up their role as university-community liaisons by engaging our student participants in the following ways:

- facilitating thoughtful reflection
- authentic relationship building
- looking at systemic causes to local issues
- staying tethered to their purpose
- asking the difficult questions
- unpacking the role of power and privilege
- thinking critically and compassionately

We are thrilled to support all of our student participants and student leaders in the many ways they shape and guide our work.