



# The First Year Experience Community Update

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## Cornerstone Faculty Feature



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### **What do you enjoy most about teaching the class?**

What I most enjoy about teaching the Cornerstone class is interacting with and learning from the diverse group of students. Each student, from the 17 year old dual enrollment student to the 50 year old returning student, from the future nurse to the future lawyer, has a unique purpose and perspective, and in the Cornerstone course they get to share that perspective to the benefit of everyone in the class, myself included.

### **Why did you choose to teach SLS 1515?**

I chose to teach SLS 1515 because I believe in its mission. I think it is a vitally important course and it has the most potential to influence student success. I also chose to teach SLS 1515 to join a great department with outstanding faculty and administration.

### **How did the course change you?**

The course has made me a more effective teacher. In my previous position, for the most part, I taught 5 different courses each fall and then 5 other courses each spring, and I was the only person at the College who taught most of the courses. I was somewhat concerned about transitioning to teaching the same course 5 times per semester but I have found many benefits to it. For example, previously, when I thought of a better way to explain something or new activity related to some material I would have to wait a year to implement it. Now, in the same situation, I can try something different a couple hours later. I enjoy experimenting with different teaching styles and techniques. I also get to benefit from the resources and experiences of other instructors.



Professor VanSelow's Cornerstone Class

## Service Saturday: SWFL Reading Festival

On Saturday March 21, 2015, 37 FSW volunteers including students, faculty, and staff volunteered 184 hours helping to promote literacy with the SWFL Reading Festival in downtown Fort Myers. FSW volunteers distributed free books in the “Book for Every Child” and “Book for Every Teen” tents.



## Service Saturday: Charlotte County Heart Walk

On Saturday February 28, 2015, FSW students, faculty, and staff volunteered 15 hours with the Charlotte County Heart Walk at Laishley Park in Punta Gorda, FL.



## Service Saturday: Special Equestrian

On Saturday March 28, 2015, 21 FSW volunteers spent 63 hours helping to maintain the grounds at the 10 acre Special Equestrian facility in Fort Myers, FL.

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