

Engagement, Involvement, & Service Learning



The First Year Experience Community Update

April 2013

862 students took the Cornerstone Experience class college wide during Fall 2012 and Spring 2013.



This academic year, students along with faculty and staff have volunteered **1047.5 hours** with the FYE office.

These volunteer opportunities provided help to various community organizations such as:

- Habitat for Humanity
- The Imaginarium
- Harry Chapin Food Bank
- The Lee County Heart Walk
- The SWFL Reading Festival

I was privileged to teach the SLS 1515 Cornerstone Experience course this past fall semester. I very much enjoyed providing support to the students as they endeavored to become self-reliant learners who use critical thinking in their daily lives. In each class session I challenged the students to think critically about their academic and career paths. We began the course by examining each individual student's motivation for attending college. Over the course of the term, students engaged in activities leading to self-discovery, which included analyzing learning styles, personality traits, and aptitudes. Students applied the insights gained from the exercises to choosing majors and setting career goals. My favorite part of teaching the course was seeing the students establish positive relationships and support networks with one another. Frequently, students that I taught in the fall will come by and visit to provide updates on their progress, as well as updates about the friends they made in the course. Sharing in student victories is one of the greatest rewards of being a teacher.



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Southwest Florida Reading Festival



On March 16th, 23 students volunteered 123 hours in support of the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. This event was held in downtown Fort Myers, students helped at a children's craft station, a book for every child table, a teen craft area, a book for every teen table, a teen graffiti wall, along with various other areas.



Lee Campus



Hendry Glades



Charlotte Campus



Collier Campus