

Cornerstone Critical Thinking Speaker Series

On November 12th, 2013 New York Times bestselling author, Jeremy Scahill, was featured in a program titled “Critical Thinking in Journalism.” Scahill, a National Security Correspondent for the weekly news magazine, *The Nation*, is widely acclaimed for his two books,

Blackwater: The Rise of the World’s Most Powerful Mercenary Army, and his latest book *Dirty Wars: The World is a Battlefield*. Students were treated to a showing of the award winning documentary based on the *Dirty Wars*, and got to be part of a colloquium where they were given the opportunity to interact directly with the author.



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The First Year Experience Community Update

December 2013

I finished my first term teaching the Cornerstone Experience course, and I believe that I learned more from my students than they learned from me. I learned that my students had personality traits and sets of skills that were far more varied and interesting than I originally imagined; more importantly, through engaging in self-awareness activities, I believe that my students discovered new and intriguing traits, aptitudes, and abilities within themselves. My students taught me that they could effectively engage in constructivist learning; this capacity was evidenced by the manner in which we engaged in critical thinking, note taking, time management, and communication activities. As a first-time teacher of the Cornerstone Experience course, I developed learning plans that (on occasion) required mid-stream modification, and my students' adaptability and patience afforded me the opportunity to learn how to incorporate their desire and capacity for constructivism more effectively into each session's plan. As I reflect on this initial term, I believe that the lessons learned will help me develop as a professional and as a person.



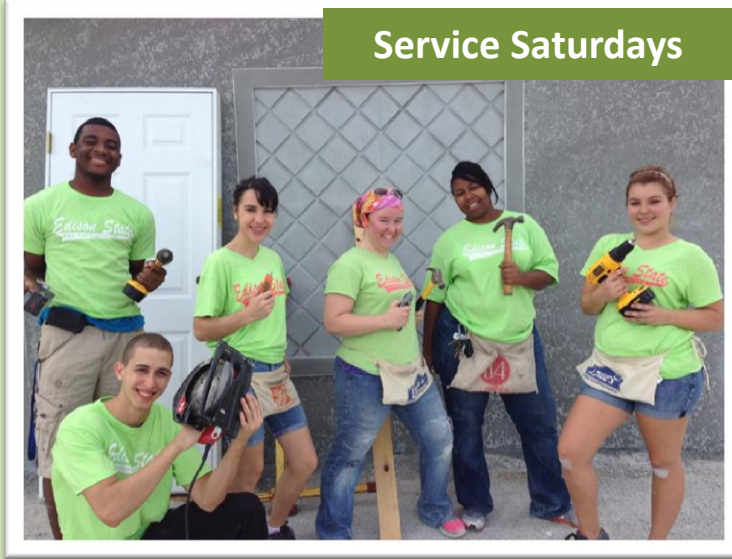
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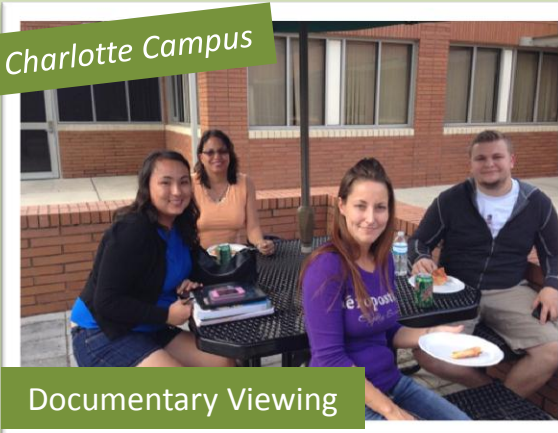
November 23rd, Edison representatives volunteered over 40 hours with Habitat for Humanity. The students hung drywall in a Habitat home in Bonita Springs.

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Microsoft PowerPoint Workshop

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Motivation and Goal Setting Workshop