CAROLINA CENTER
for
PUBLIC SERVICE
Connecting Carolina & Communities
The CAROLINA CENTER for PUBLIC SERVICE connects the energy and expertise of both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the community to provide students, faculty and staff with deep and transformative experiences. Through engaged scholarship and service, we work together to create collaborative and interdisciplinary solutions to local and global challenges.

MISSION

The Center engages and supports the faculty, students and staff of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in meeting the needs of North Carolina and beyond. The Center strengthens the University’s public service commitment by promoting scholarship and service that are responsive to the concerns of the state and contribute to the common good.
Since its inception more than 15 years ago, the Carolina Center for Public Service has offered a variety of programs that support service and engagement, providing students, faculty and staff many ways to explore opportunities, learn new skills and link their academic endeavors to making a difference in communities across North Carolina and beyond. Building on more than 10 years of the Buckley Public Service Scholars program and more than 25 years of the APPLES Service-Learning program, CCPS continues to provide deep and transformative experiences. Through engaged scholarship and service, we work together to create collaborative and interdisciplinary solutions to local and global challenges.

In 2006, the University initially received the Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and it was reaffirmed in 2015. Carolina has also been recognized on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction by the Corporation for National and Community Service each year since it began in 2006. The President’s Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition that colleges and universities can receive for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.
APPLES Service-Learning is a student-led program that transforms educational experiences by connecting academic learning and public service. Since 1990, APPLES has strengthened civic engagement by bringing together students, faculty and communities in sustained and mutually beneficial partnerships. The primary purpose remains to enhance and deepen learning through community collaboration, academic connection and meaningful reflection. APPLES offers a variety of experiential and reflective programs, including alternative breaks, fellowships, courses, internships and the service-learning initiative.

More than 2,200 students participate in APPLES programs each year, providing nearly 95,000 service hours to local, regional, national and global communities.

Each year, APPLES provides 50 spring and summer internships, 15 alternative breaks, more than 80 service-learning courses and SIX fellowships. Essential to their work is the support and dedication of more than 70 faculty members and 130 community partners.
The Buckley Public Service Scholars program (BPSS) provides a framework for Carolina undergraduate students committed to making a positive impact through service. BPSS challenges participants to expand their understanding of service, connect academic and community-based experiences and build their capacity to help effect change. While completing the program components, participants build portfolios reflecting their learning and unique experiences throughout North Carolina, the nation and the world.

Launched in 2003, the BPSS program is open to all full-time undergraduate students with at least four semesters remaining at Carolina. Participants work toward completing at least 300 service hours, a service-learning course, four skills trainings and a final reflection product to be formally recognized. Special opportunities available to BPSS participants include the Arts in Public Service Fellowships, First-Year Service Corps, North Carolina Outward Bound School scholarships, Philanthropy as a Tool for Social Change course and the SMART Mentoring program. For more than 10 years, BPSS has connected students with similar interests and provided special opportunities for leadership development and community engagement.

Since the program’s inception, more than 7,795 students have participated in BPSS, contributing 1,502,340 hours of service. On average, 10 percent of Carolina undergraduates participate in the program, and approximately 300 scholars graduate from the program each year.
The Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars program is an initiative started in 2007 to promote engaged scholarship across campus by advancing faculty involvement in engaged scholarship and creating a community of engaged scholars from diverse disciplines. In 2013, an endowment honoring UNC’s former chancellor H. Holden Thorp was established to support faculty in the program. Dr. Ronald Strauss serves as faculty director and Mr. Melvin Jackson as community director. The Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars program brings together selected faculty from across campus to engage in a two-year experiential, competency-based curriculum designed to advance their engaged scholarship. The growing network of Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars reports outcomes including new interdisciplinary collaborations, successful grant applications and both traditional and innovative products of their scholarship.

Every other year, eight to 10 faculty members are selected for the two-year program. Since 2007, 43 faculty members in five classes, representing 21 departments from nine of Carolina’s 13 schools, have participated in the program, which is based on fourteen competencies related to engaged scholarship.
The annual **Public Service Awards** honor students, faculty, staff, University units and organizations for extraordinary and exemplary efforts in public service and engagement through the Ned Brooks Award for Public Service, the Office of the Provost Engaged Scholarship Award and the Robert E. Bryan Public Service Award. The Center also coordinates UNC submissions for the Davis Projects for Peace and the Ronald W. Hyatt Rotary Public Service awards. In addition, the APPLES Service-Learning program presents annual awards to community partners, students, faculty and alumni for outstanding work in service-learning teaching and practice.

The **Carolina Engagement Council**, appointed by the Provost as a recommendation of the campus Academic Plan, is convened and administered by the Center. The pan-University Council advises and assists the Office of the Provost in regard to engagement, engaged scholarship and social innovation at the University. The Council recommends policies, programs and actions to promote public service, engaged scholarship and social innovation by Carolina’s faculty, students and staff.

Through the office of Scholarships and Student Aid, the **Macdonald Community Service Scholarship** provides annual tuition support to a select group of incoming students who have demonstrated a commitment to community service. These students receive additional resources to increase their related knowledge and skills through the Center. The scholarships are renewable for four years.

The **Community Engagement Fellowship** program awards up to seven fellowships of up to $2,000 each year to full-time graduate and professional students (individuals or teams) to develop and implement engagement or engaged scholarship projects that employ innovative, sustainable approaches to complex social needs and have an academic connection. Fellows work in collaboration with community partners and faculty mentors from March–October with project implementation typically occurring during the summer.

**Gifts to the Center support students, staff and faculty across all schools and disciplines and connect Carolina to communities across the state and around the world.** CCPS funding is comprised of 35 percent state appropriations, 25 percent student activity fee revenue and 40 percent gifts and grants.

Your support makes all the difference.

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