



Community-Faculty-Student Partnerships

Brian Morgan—Database Design

Brian Morgan's Database Management (IST365) students are making an impact on the Huntington area in a very practical way. Brian and his students have teamed up with Unlimited Futures, a business incubator and resource center for the Tri-State that assists entrepreneurs in creating and maintaining successful businesses. Brian's students have been busy creating databases for the organization, and a full implementation of the database system is scheduled to be presented to Unlimited Futures before the end of the semester. The students in Brian's class have taken the initiative of contacting and meeting with representatives from the organization outside of the classroom, and they are enthusiastic about assisting this organization while gaining practical knowledge.

"This opportunity has given my students a chance to experience a real-life scenario while still having their professor there to ensure they were following the right steps," says Morgan. He is certain that his students have learned more from this project than they would have learned from any fictitious project. Brian adds, "I appreciate UF's willingness to work with the university and my students and look forward to similar projects for this class in the future!"

Service Learning News

Advanced Service Learning and Hedrick Workshops

The Advanced Service Learning Workshop (11/03) and Hedrick Workshop (11/11) brought forth several new faculty members to the Service Learning Community. Congratulations to Dick Drass and Sarah McConnell for completing the Advanced Service Learning workshop. Dick and Sarah both intend to begin new Service Learning courses in the spring.

Congratulations also to the faculty members who completed the Hedrick Workshop: Tracy Christofero, Markus Hadler, Frederick Bartolovic, and Donna Sullivan. These faculty members will be implementing new Service Learning courses in the spring as well. The Service Learning program looks forward to establishing new connections in the community and within the university.

Vista Update

The MUSLP staff is currently planning a Service Learning Symposium. Many community agencies have expressed interest in attending the symposium to speak with service minded faculty and students about ways collaborate on upcoming projects. The symposium will highlight the meaningful service that Marshall students and faculty are providing to the area. The symposium will also include students' perspectives regarding the knowledge and experience gained from service learning courses. Our hope is that everyone who has been involved with service learning and those interested in participating in service learning in the future will attend. More information about the symposium will be available next semester!

Special Thanks

The Service Learning Program would like to extend a very special thanks to Kristi Fondren, Brian Morgan, Andrea Criss, Whitney Douglas, Samuel Dameron, and Marie Archambault for their successful Service Learning courses this fall. Your work in the community and commitment to your students is greatly appreciated!

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