

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

During 2015 the USU Center for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning (CCESL) made great strides in expanding the reach of the department while improving the quality of service experiences we provide to USU students. Among notable achievements in the past year CCESL:



- Expanded Alternative Spring Breaks program from a single trip, to three in one year, addressing a variety of social issues.
- Launched the highly-successful Community Bridge Initiative in partnership with Logan City, to help address needs that were determined by the community.
- Completely remodeled Aggie Blue Bikes shop with a grant from UDOT, and reopened for the ABB 10-Year Anniversary.
- Received the Project of the Year Award from The Corps Network for the highly innovative Utah Conservation Corps Bike Crew.
- Began a great new relationship with the Public School Partnership program at USU, to accomplish even more service in the community.

- SEAN DAMITZ
CCESL DIRECTOR

As we continue to improve our programming and assess the effectiveness of that programming in anticipation of seeking the "Carnegie Community Engagement Classification" in 2020, we need your partnership and support for these service efforts to remain community-driven.

OUR PROGRAMS

- ➔ EDUCATION OUTREACH
 - ➔ SERVICE-LEARNING
 - ➔ AGGIE BLUE BIKES
 - ➔ STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE
 - ➔ VAL R. CHRISTENSEN SERVICE CENTER
 - ➔ UTAH CONSERVATION CORPS
- AND FEATURING STATS FROM
- ➔ THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

HOW USU HELPED CACHE VALLEY



PSP, THE SERVICE CENTER, & USU DINING SERVICES PARTNERED TO BEGIN THE FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK TO HELP END FOOD WASTE AND FEED STUDENTS IN NEED!

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

37 AmeriCorps VISTA Members served **40,000** HRS

1,589 VOLUNTEERS were recruited by PSP and served **6,497** HRS

3,588 VOLUNTEERS were managed by PSP and served **29,192** HRS

18 GRANTS RECEIVED WORTH **\$4,500**



THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MISSION

To provide community members with access to the resources, education, and opportunities to elevate themselves and their neighbors out of poverty.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

135 AmeriCorps members successfully completed terms of service

47,750 HRS - were served by those **135** AmeriCorps members

\$169,340 - was earned in AmeriCorps Education Awards

157 tutors went into Cache & Logan District schools

51,250 HRS - were served by those **157** tutors

22 SCHOOLS - benefitted from tutors helping in on-location afterschool programs

1,327 STUDENTS - were individually tutored daily by USU students

5 MIDDLE SCHOOLS - came to USU to experience a day on the campus, and receive a campus tour

257 STUDENTS - received tours from **9** USU STUDENT VOLUNTEERS.

270 HOURS - were given by USU volunteers and students organizing the tours

22 - USU student volunteers served **2,112** HOURS

\$4,815 - was raised for charitable causes.



HOW USU HELPED KIDS SUCCEED



NEW THIS YEAR: "MY YOUNG MOTHER" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
PROVIDING A BATE FEE WAIVER, \$1500 CASH AND 2000 DIAPERS TO A TEEN MOTHER IN CACHE VALLEY!

TWO NEW CLUBS STARTED: "NORTH CACHE GIRLS" & "BLOOM"
IN CACHE VALLEY SCHOOLS TO HELP YOUTH ENGAGE AND CONNECT WITH THEIR COMMUNITY



THE EDUCATION OUTREACH MISSION
Through the unified efforts of mentors, administrators, and teachers, students in the Logan City and Cache County School Districts will be provided with additional support that will help each student develop the necessary academic and social skills to be successful in school. Mentors will be used by each individual school to enrich the student's education experience through targeted academic activities while helping to meet overall federal, state and district requirements.

SERVICE-LEARNING

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

26 COURSES - designated as Service-Learning for the 2015-2016 school year, including **12** NEW COURSES

2,201 STUDENTS - enrolled in Service-Learning courses

15 NEW SCHOLARS - were accepted into the Service-Learning Scholars program, and the program had **12** GRADUATES

5 MINI GRANTS - awarded for Service-Learning courses and projects:

- \$500** - Dr. Doug Jackson-Smith - SSWA: Food Sustainability Project
- \$500** - Dr. Joyce Kinkead - ENGL: School Garden Project
- \$500** - Dr. Ryan Dupont ENGR: Service Project Assessment tool
- \$840** - Dr. David Anderson - LAEP: Housing Plan for Logan Downtown District
- \$600** - Dr. Kristina Sharp - LPCS: Feeding families in Cache Valley

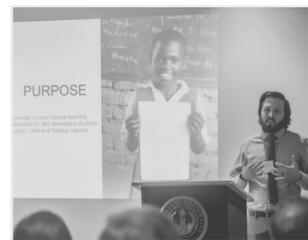
\$2,940 AWARDED

\$4,500 - in external funding to support Service-Learning courses

4,800 HOURS - of service completed by graduating Service-Learning Scholars



HOW USU STUDENTS APPLIED THEIR EDUCATION



THE COMMUNITY BRIDGE INITIATIVE (CBI) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS PILOT YEAR WITH 92% OF STUDENTS REPORTING POSITIVE IMPACT

189 STUDENTS TACKLED **8** LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED ISSUES THROUGH CBI



WHAT IS SERVICE-LEARNING?
Service-Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

AGGIE BLUE BIKES

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

\$89,660 GRANT - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant for a complete remodel of Aggie Blue Bikes.

1,107 TOTAL

- 656** - 3-month bike rentals
- 451** - 24-hour bike rentals

1,610 STUDENTS - used the Aggie Blue Bikes open access tool boards.

32 KIDS BIKES - refurbished and donated for Sub for Santa.

23 VENDORS - participated in the 3rd Annual, "Open Streets Festival!"

34 STUDENTS - attended the "Winterize Your Wheels" Clinics.

212 BIKES - Parked by the Aggie Blue Bikes Bike Valet at Open Streets Fest.

9 SKATEBOARDS -

1 STROLLER -



USU'S ALL INCLUSIVE BIKE PROGRAM



AGGIE BLUE BIKES CELEBRATED ITS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

AGGIE BLUE BIKES NOW GETS A 5c DONATION EVERY TIME A MUG IS REFILLED ON CAMPUS!

Help Dining Services Help Aggie Blue Bikes Help YOU



AGGIE BLUE BIKES MISSION
Our mission is to get more people on more bikes, more often. This is achieved through: bicycle lending, education and advocacy. We believe that cycling promotes healthy and sustainable communities, better air quality in Cache Valley and a reduction of on-campus congestion and motor accidents. By removing the barriers students identify with cycling, we help them discover the potential it has for transportation and recreation.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

OVER **3,066** USU STUDENTS GAVE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN 2015

12,912 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WERE MOBILIZED THEY SERVED **129,460** HRS

358 AMERICORPS MEMBERS

OVER **\$2.2 MILLION** IN OUTSIDE GRANTS RECEIVED

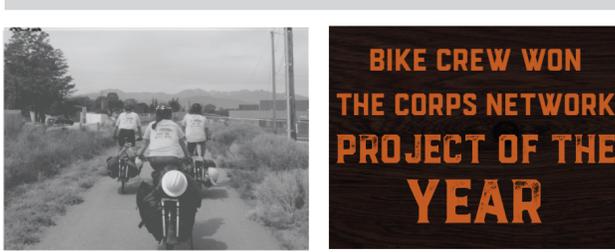


UTAH CONSERVATION CORPS

2015 STATS

- 173** - Utah Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Members
- 4,711** - Community volunteers mobilized by UCC
- 12,570 HRS** - Served by mobilized volunteers
- 45,062** - K-12 children reached through environmental education
- 9,145** - Adults reached through environmental education
- 8,558 ACRES** - of land restored or improved
- 85.3 MILES** - of trail created or improved
- 58 MILES** - of fence constructed or maintained
- 184.8 MILES** - of waterway improved

GETTING THINGS DONE FOR AMERICA



BIKE CREW WON THE CORPS NETWORK PROJECT OF THE YEAR



UCC BECAME A KEEN PROJECT BUILD CORPS



THE UCC MISSION

The mission of the Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) is to develop the conservation leaders of tomorrow through service and education.



VAL R. CHRISTENSEN SERVICE CENTER

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- 635** - Volunteers logged into Aggies Giving Service
- 21,839 HRS** - Given by student volunteers
- 2,223 HRS** - Served by **12** AmeriCorps members
- 7,460 LBS** - Of food collected during Stuff-A-Bus
- 1,328 PINTS** - Of blood collected for American Red Cross
- 1,216** - Visits to the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC)
- \$2,700** - Raised for community hunger organizations
- 70** - Special Olympic athletes
- 82** - Best Buddies matches
- 130** - Quilts and blankets tied for donation
- 5** - Alternative Break trips ran throughout the year, including: San Diego, San Francisco, Las Vegas, and Moab (twice!)

Aggies Served: **21,839** HOURS IN 2015!

HOW USU STUDENTS MADE A DIFFERENCE



SNAC HAD OVER 5x MORE VISITS THAN 2014



ALTERNATIVE BREAKS WENT ON 3 TRIPS FOR SPRING BREAK! INCLUDING SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, AND MOAB



THE SERVICE CENTER MISSION

We will prepare students to make life-long contributions through genuine service, provide all students the opportunity to serve, and foster positive attitudes, personal growth and change through service of our community and environment.



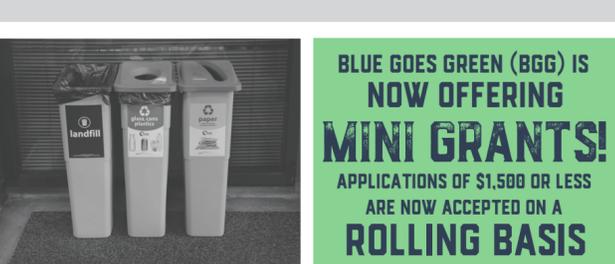
STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

2015 GRANTS

- \$34,655 AWARDED**
- \$8,315** - Was used to create & expand the USU Permaculture garden, which allows dietetics students to see permaculture in action, as well as expanding on the USU Moab efforts.
 - \$7,491** - To install the first solar array on the USU Logan Campus! It will be on the Pump House, and give students a first hand look at solar in action.
 - \$1,000** - For reusable items to be donated to students in exchange for students signing a pledge to be sustainable in their behavior during the annual RecycleMania event.
 - \$1,450** - Installed a water bottle filling station in the WIDT College of Science building.
 - \$1,500** - For refillable mugs to be given free to students who sign a pledge of sustainability promising to reuse the mug.
 - \$1,528** - Created Zimride marketing on the inside, and along the body of one of the CTVD Buses. Zimride is a car sharing program at USU that allows students to share the ride!
 - \$500** - For a composter at the Living Learning Community (LLC) for the EcoHouse students to use. Students learn about composting, as well as reducing the EcoHouse waste.
 - \$1,511** - Installed dual flush toilets for the EcoHouse students to use. This reduces the water usage of EcoHouse, and is a great example to the rest of USU of an easily implemented water saving measure.
 - \$1,330** - Funds campus-wide focus groups, in order to gain an understanding of how sustainability is viewed differently across colleges, students, and cultures.
 - \$1,650** - Bike Demo: A pedal-powered power source that can do anything from charge a battery to power a speaker that can be used across campus.
 - \$2,500** - Electric Vehicle: in combination with aUCAIR grant and USU Facilities, purchased electric truck for compost collection and student clubs (like the USU Organic Farm, etc) use.
 - \$1,492** - To help install solar panels on the LAEP House roof, including a metering system for educational and tracking purposes.
 - \$1,570** - Library Solar Umbrella: a solar powered charging station and rest area for students outside the Merrill-Cazier Library.
 - \$1,275** - For a laptop for the USU Student Organic Farm to help optimize and track their "Community Supported Agriculture" (CSA) workflow.
 - \$1,500** - Funding for 13 sets of recycling bins in the Valley View student housing tower, and materials to encourage and incentivize students to use them.



HOW USU STUDENTS HELPED THE PLANET



BLUE GOES GREEN (BGG) IS NOW OFFERING MINI GRANTS! APPLICATIONS OF \$1,500 OR LESS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS



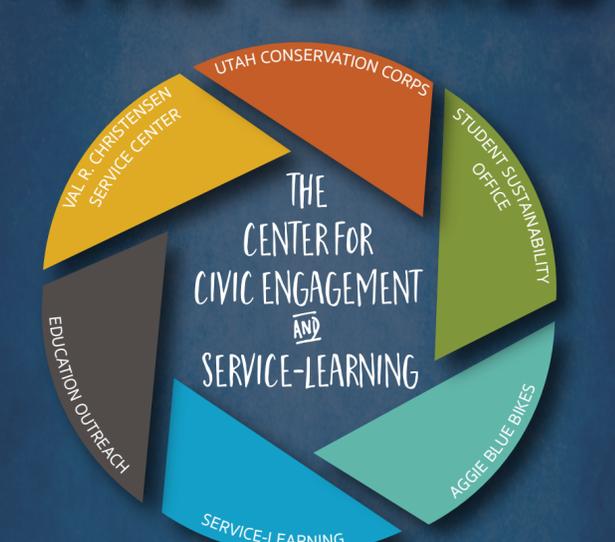
SSO INTERNS CREATED A BGG IDEA LAB TO HELP POTENTIAL STUDENT GRANTEEES



THE STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE MISSION

Our mission is to create a place on campus where students can generate and get help for their green ideas, obtain research grants for sustainability, and gain knowledge about sustainability to take into their future!

HOW UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY CHANGED **THE WORLD**



THE CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE-LEARNING

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