Dear Friends,

For the USU Center for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning (CCESL), 2017 was a banner year. Our programs continued to expand USU’s level of engagement with local, state, national and international communities. This year CCESL not only expanded the Alternative Breaks program to four locations throughout the US, but also offered the first international service-learning program with USU students spending almost four weeks serving in Peru. The Utah Conservation Corps sent multiple crews in the fall and winter of 2017 to respond to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in Texas and Florida respectively. CCESL is looking forward to continuing its mission of developing active citizens through community engagement in 2018 and working with the broader USU community to begin the application process for the 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement institutional classification.

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Mission:

Developing active citizens through community engagement and scholarship.

Vision:

Furthering USU’s land-grant mission, CCESL empowers students to explore civic identity, develop leadership skills, and address community-identified needs, locally and around the world.
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core values:

- Mutually beneficial partnerships that inform community-driven change
- The public purpose of higher education
- The strong tradition of national service and conservation in American society
- Active and informed citizenship
- The inclusion of diverse and underrepresented populations
- Critical and reflective thinking
2017 STATS

186 - AmeriCorps members enrolled

50 - Individual placements

136 - Field crew members

5,473 - Community volunteers mobilized by AmeriCorps members

13,016 HRS - Served by community volunteers

40,629 - K-12 students reached in environmental education

11,359 - Adults reached through environmental education

6,650 ACRES - of habitat restored

170 MILES - of trail built / improved

62 MILES - of waterway improved

27 MILES - of fence built
The Utah Conservation Corps strengthened their **DISASTER RESPONSE TEAMS** and sent out 3 crews to help with Hurricane relief efforts in Texas and Florida after Hurricanes Irma and Harvey.

**QUOTES:**

“This work keeps me excited about life. It’s so cool to gain knowledge and experience alongside interesting people, in beautiful places.”

– 2017 Crew Member
2017 STATS

23,527 lbs - of food recovered by the Food Recovery Network

7,500 lbs - of food collected during Stuff-A Bus 2017

3,441 visits - to the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC)

1,806 hours - Served by Service Center AmeriCorps members

910 pints - of blood collected for American Red Cross

$2,033 - raised for the Cache Community Food Pantry

5 trips - Led by USU Alternative Breaks to: San Diego, Seattle, southern Utah, and Salt Lake City

2 NEW!! - Student-led service programs (Utah YOUth Connect, No Lost Generation)

2 Winners - of the Robins Awards: Best Buddies for Organization of the Year and Becca Huppi for the Val R. Christensen Service Award

120 - Audience members for “Facing Depression in Cache Valley” performances

25 - local storytellers contributed to the “Facing Depression in Cache Valley” project

174 - Best Buddies participants
HIGHLIGHTS

The Service Center and Academic and Instructional Services purchased a new software called “AggieSync” to better track students’ service hours and their impact!

AggieSync

QUOTES:

“My favorite thing about being associated with the Service Center is being surrounded by people who genuinely love to serve their community and achieve unity here at USU and in Logan.”

“My favorite thing about the Service Center is being able to provide resources and serve as a bridge between those that want to help and those that need help.”
**2017 GRANTS**

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18 grants totaling = $59,938 awarded!
HIGHLIGHTS:
The SSO hosted the Second Annual **Campus Farmers Market** that was very successful with over 350 students taking advantage of the “Double Your Bucks” program.

Organized the largest campus **Earth Day Celebration** to date, including an EcoHunt and Stacy Bare (North Face Athlete and Iraq Veteran) as a keynote speaker.

The **True Blue Reuse** move-out collection and student sale raised **over $1,200** for humanitarian projects.

Launched the **first International Service and Sustainability trip** to Peru with the ENVS department, Study Abroad, the Peace Corps and Café Feminino.
2017 STATS

429 - 3-month rentals

277 - 24-hour rentals

1,227 Students - Used the Aggie Blue Bikes open access tool boards

2,697 Hours - Served by Aggie Blue Bikes AmeriCorps members

5th Year - Of hosting the annual “Open Streets Fest”

10 NEW Bikes! - Added to the Aggie Bike Fleet!

20 kid bikes - Donated to Cache County Sub for Santa to families in Cache Valley

9 Bikes - Are checked out to the USU community for a year through the Commuter Club
HIGHLIGHTS:

Participated in the Aggie Homecoming Parade and the Randy Wirth Memorial Ride to raise bike awareness in Cache Valley!

8 Volunteer Mechanics served almost 320 hours throughout the year, helping students and repairing bikes.

Worked with Common Ground Outdoor Adventures to put on a clinic about bike maintenance for people with disabilities.

STUDENT QUOTE:

“I’ve learned how good it feels to share knowledge, I love getting to help people work on bikes and getting them excited about working on their next projects.”

- Gretchen Blackburn
2017 STATS

72 Courses - Designated as Service-Learning in 2017

31 - Spring semester 2017

11 - Summer semester 2017

30 - Fall semester 2017

2,432 students - Took Service-Learning courses in 2017

1,061 - Spring semester 2017

129 - Summer semester 2017

1,242 - Fall semester 2017

69 students - Enrolled in the Service-Learning Scholars program in 2017

25 graduates - Received the distinction of “Service-Learning Scholar” at their graduation

7,720 hours - Served by Service-Learning Scholars
STUDENT QUOTES:

“The success of our community project meant/means everything to me. A career in sustainability is what I hope to obtain when I graduate and this class has been very influential in helping me develop skills that I know I’ll need for a future job that will require so much outreach! It has made me really appreciative of the field I am going into and more passionate about the subject.”

“It is a special experience to realize that because of the knowledge I have learned, I am able to positively influence a child. It gives me a small reminder and glimpse into why I am pursuing this major.”

“Being able to help others and work with other professionals and individuals has opened my eyes and helped me learn how to apply the skills I’ve learned in class.”

“I think that everyone should take a Service-Learning course. All of the Service-Learning courses I have taken, including this one, have helped me to learn more about different cultures and people. They have also allowed me to serve others.”
2017 STATS

AMERICORPS

117 MEMBERS – Completed terms of service

41,550 HOURS – Served by the members

$154,631 – Earned in AmeriCorps Education Awards

AMERICA READS

148 – Work-Study tutors went into nineteen schools in Cache County and Logan School Districts

50,133 HOURS – Served by the tutors

$440,590 – Earned by Work-Study tutors in wages

1,437 students – Taught daily by tutors

UNCOMMON COLLECTIVE

237 HOURS – Served by six USU student club members

$630 – Raised for the “My Young Mother” scholarship by Smile on Your Sister
HIGHLIGHTS:

Changing Fate, Raising Hope: was performed twice in the community. This performance addressed complex social issues through music, art and spoken work poetry. A CD was made available of the performance as well.

STUDENT QUOTE:

“I just wanted to say thank you for this amazing opportunity to work for America Reads. I am so grateful and loved every minute of it. Thank you again for everything you’ve done!”

- Kilee Bullock
66 Members — Of AmeriCorps joined PSP’s ranks in 2017

54,600 Hours — Of service were served by those AmeriCorps members

$292,630 — Donations obtained by AmeriCorps members (cash + in-kind)

25 Local Orgs — Were Served by PSP AmeriCorps members

2,550 Volunteers — Were coordinated by AmeriCorps members

3,950 Volunteers — And staff were trained by AmeriCorps members

195 New Services — Were created by AmeriCorps members to benefit community members

15,700 — Members of under-served communities were served by PSP
HIGHLIGHTS:

PSP was able to put on the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, which in 2017 consisted of a food drive.

STUDENT QUOTE:

“Without my service experience with PSP, I would not have been successful at getting into grad school and being able to get the teaching position I have in the program.”

-Graduate Student Stacie Denetsosie (English)
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