How USU Changed The World

The Center for Civic Engagement & Service-Learning

Student Sustainability Office
Aggie Blue Bikes
Service-Learning
Education Outreach
Val R. Christensen Service Center
Utah Conservation Corps

CCESL Annual Report 2014
At the close of 2014, the staff from the Utah State University (USU) Center for Civic Engagement and Service-Learning (CCESL) celebrated another successful year of developing engaged citizens through service and education. CCESL programs play a vital role in the development of USU students and the institution’s outreach to the community. USU President Stan Albrecht cited CCESL programs as one of the reasons USU was among the nation’s elite in 2014 Washington Monthly College Rankings (http://www.usu.edu/ust/index.cfm?article=54351).

President Albrecht also stated “For many of our students, it isn’t even about getting credit, but about making a difference.” CCESL staff agree and look forward to improving department programs to make a difference in 2015!

- SEAN DAMITZ
CCESL DIRECTOR
"I have greatly enjoyed my time working for America Reads because of the first hand experience that I get dealing with kids before I become a teacher. It has helped me to develop my explanation skills. I have also learned that I am a patient person. I feel like I am a real help to the teachers and students while I am in their class."

- GERI DOMINGUEZ

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.

3 NEW SITES - were successfully implemented by The Smart Girls program

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

147 TUTORS - for America Reads, including 50 Americorps Members who served 43,478 HOURS, and mentored 1411 STUDENTS per day

8 EVENTS - were hosted by Uncommon Collective, which helped raise $6,175 for various causes.

20 SCHOOLS - were represented in the Oct. 10 “Lights On!” concert, put on by a partnership of Education Outreach and the USU Music Dept. Over 600 ATTENDEES, from the community came

$10,000 GRANT - to the Music Dept, GEARUP, and EO to implement a Math, Music, and Technology program with GEARUP students around the state

11 CAMPUS VISITS - 670 STUDENTS

C5 - Education Outreach hosted six C5 visits throughout the summer. 210 high school sophomores from Boston, Atlanta, Texas and Los Angeles spent an evening and a day on the USU campus. 10 USU volunteers held a dinner, then led campus tours.

SOUTH CACHE MIDDLE SCHOOL - 50 students from the South Cache ESL program spent a day on USU Campus attending workshops and a lunch presented by fifteen USU student volunteers.

LOGAN HIGH - Ten Burmese students spent a day on USU campus and attended classes and workshops with four USU volunteers.

REFUGEE OUTREACH - Twenty refugee students from Salt Lake area schools visited USU, performed traditional dances for USU Social Work Classes and answered questions regarding their experiences.

MOUNT LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL - Education Outreach hosted 80 ESL students (mostly Burmese refugees) at USU for a day of activities and workshops.

GEARUP SUMMER CAMP - Six USU Students from Education Outreach developed two activities and participated in a three-day on campus experience for 300 visiting GEARUP students.
**How USU Students Enhanced Their Education**

"I love what we learned, and I love that you helped us learn how to ACTUALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

- **USU Student**

**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.

**NEW COMMUNITY BRIDGE INITIATIVE!**

The Community Bridge Initiative (CBI) is an intentional approach to Service-Learning that lets students utilize knowledge obtained in the classroom to tackle real-world problems identified by the community. CBI was launched in Fall 2014, with 35 City of Logan and University representatives.

**2014 Highlights**

- **36 Courses -**
  - 2014-2015 school year
  - Were designated as Service-Learning courses for the 2014-2015 school year

- **6 Mini Grants -**
  - Were awarded for Service-Learning courses and projects including:
    - $378 - for a bicycle maintenance program for Cache Valley Homeless Youth.
    - $500 - to Dan Blair for a Bear River Land Conservancy Student Volunteer Day.
    - $275 - to Cache High Greenhouse & Garden Project.
    - $346 - for the Plant Start program for local Migrant Headstart.
    - $786 - for an idling reduction public awareness campaign.
    - $500 - for Dietetics Outreach Toolkits to be used with Service-Learning courses.

- **15 NEW -**
  - Service-Learning Scholars were accepted into the program and participated in workshops

- **NEW HONORS TRACK -**
  - for Service-Learning Scholars to fulfill requirements in both programs, simultaneously.
“I started working at Aggie Blue Bikes last semester, and it’s been a great experience for me so far. I had a little bit of bicycle knowledge coming into it, but I have learned a lot about bikes and I’ve improved immensely. It’s just given me a great opportunity to provide a service to all of the students at Utah State and to learn more about bikes.”

- Jared Christensen

**OUR 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.

**SLUG MAGAZINE**

Aggie Blue Bikes was **FEATURED** in SLUG Magazine during National Bike Month!

Link: http://bit.ly/1y6KVuv

**2014 STATS**

563 - 3-month rentals

817 - 24-hour rentals

$2,000 - Grant from facilities to replace air compressor.

$1,180 - BGG Grant to launch a winter bike seminar, free to students!

$1,540 - BGG Grant to buy two NEW tandem bikes.

**2,053 STUDENTS**

**31 KIDS BIKES**

**40 BIKES PARKED**

**28 VENDORS**

At the 2nd Annual Open Streets Festival!
“This office gives USU students a place where the values important to future generations can be acted upon. I, personally, would not have attended USU without the opportunities presented through the SSO. This program has improved my view of the school and the state as a whole.”

- JAMES WIRTH

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!

12,580 GALLONS OF STUDENT BLOMGINGS

diverted from the landfill through the True Blue Re-use collection/sale

Student Sustainability Office and council interns met Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, at the 2014 Intermountain Sustainability Summit!

INTRODUCING:

The Student Sustainability Corps! Student Sustainability Office interns paired up with Sustainability Council, Student Organic Farm, and Aggie Blue Bikes interns to create a more cohesive sustainability community.

HOW USU STUDENTS HELPED THE PLANET

BLUE GOES GREEN

2014 BGG GRANTS

$12,000

To install an Earth Flow industrial composting system. Students can volunteer and learn about compost on an institutional scale.

$10,715

To install 116 new recycling bins with interchangeable lids labeled “paper”, “glass, plastic, aluminum” & “trash.” This provides a convenient and standardized system that is easy to understand and use.

$8,000

To purchase air hand dryers replacing paper towel dispensers in the Engineering Building. Dryers have 80% less carbon emissions compared to towels. Waste stream and expenses will be tracked to determine reduction.

$7,150

To replace four street lamps with better shielded LED fixtures. This reduces light pollution, decreases the cost of night lighting, improves conditions for the USU observatory, and improves safety.

$5,420

To purchase 1200 13-qt recycling bins were given to freshmen during Connections. Students completed a survey at the beginning and end of the fall semester. This project will increase recycling behavior among incoming freshmen.

$5,000

To fund Presidential Student and Sustainability Institute programs and interns. The RSSI engages students living on campus in sustainability initiatives, such as Energy Wars, Recycling, Campus Gardens, and True Blue Reuse.

$1,540

To replace tandems in an effort to increase tandem check-outs. Tandems can serve as a catalyst for using bikes for transportation.

$1,540

To install one water bottle filling station in the Quinney College of Natural Resources and one water bottle filling station in the Engineering building.

$1,180

Provide fenders, lights and a seminar on winter commuting to students who commit to renting an Aggie Blue Bike for three winter months. It is anticipated that this program will lift the barriers and increase the number of winter bicycle commuters.

$52,545 AWARDED
The Val R. Christensen 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.

How USU Students Make a Difference

“This program has changed my life up here at Utah State, and I love it!”

- JD

2014 Highlights

- 6,954 lbs of food collected during Stuff-A-Bus!
- 400 hours of service was given by the 23 participants in Alternative Spring Break!
- 65 Buddies participated in Best Buddies
- 25 Seniors participated in Senior University
- 2,776 lbs of food collected by SNAC
- 2,400 lbs of food given to students by SNAC
- 142 Students helped by donations
- 28 Teachers visited by Spanish Ambassadors
- 310 Students served by STAR
- 60 Athletes participated in Aggie Special Olympics
- 200 Athletes hosted at the Special Olympic Games swim meet
- 50 Participants helped during Sub for Santa
- 6 Kids served by STAR
- 350 Volunteers for United Campus Volunteers
- 16 Nominations for Robins Award
- 1 New Program - Aggie Outdoor Volunteers!

Aggies Served: 21,211.88 Hours in 2014!
The mission of the Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) is to develop the conservation leaders of tomorrow through service and education. UCC successfully completed its thirteenth year of operation with conservation field crews, individually placed AmeriCorps members.

"This year was incredible. I worked hard, I had fun, I made the best friends, but most importantly I really learned what the UCC mission statement means."

- Aaron Deininger

UTAH CONSERVATION CORPS

GETTING THINGS DONE

2014 STATS

- 4,214 - Utah Conservation Corps AmeriCorps members mobilized
  - 1401 Children
  - 985 College Students
  - 1305 Baby Boomers
- 9,582 - Hours served by mobilized volunteers
- 37,489 - K-12 children reached through environmental education
- 11,903 - Adults reached through environmental education
- 49,392 - Individuals reached through environmental programming led by UCC AmeriCorps
- 14,996 Acres - of land restored or improved
- 177.6 Miles - of trail created or improved
- 8.54 Miles - of fence constructed or maintained
- 47 Miles - of waterway improved

THE UCC MISSION

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THE “BIG PICTURE” OF CCESL

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UCC OUTREACH

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1,411 STUDENTS MENTORED

65 BEST BUDDIES SERVICE CENTER

15 NEW SCHOLARS SERVICE LEARNING

4,720 STUFF-A-BUS!

142 STUDENTS HELPED

36 SERVICE-LEARNING COURSES THIS YEAR

6,954 LBS OF FOOD FROM STUFF-A-BUS!

12,580 GALLONS OF STUFF DONATED TO TRUE BLUE RE-USE!

1,380 BIKES RENTED

SSO AWARDED THROUGH BLUE GOES GREEN

43,478 BIKES DONATED TO SUB-FOR-SANTA

$52,545 NEW STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY CORPS

$4,720 IN GRANTS RECEIVED