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Year in Review: Statewide Accomplishments

Russell Carson and Xaviera Leon are Recipients of the Power of 9 Award

WAFB-TV of Baton Rouge, LA awarded Assistant Professor Russell Carson and sociology student Xaviera Leon, both of Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, the WAFB Power of 9 Award.

This award is granted with partners Volunteer! Baton Rouge and Capitol One Bank to recognize members of the community who strive to make their community a better place. Monique Marino of Volunteer! Baton Rouge notes, "Volunteer recognition programs such as our Power of 9 Honors program are important not only from the appreciation and recognition standpoint for volunteers; such programs also tell the story of how any of us can engage in service and make meaningful impact in our community on an issue. Young or old, service-learning student or professor, any of us have the power through service to affect change and to build community!" Each recipient of this award must be nominated by a third party through an application process that is screened by Volunteer! Baton Rouge. One recipient is chosen every month and is featured on the evening news the last Friday of the month by WAFB-TV news anchor Donna Britt.

Dr. Carson was the December 2008 recipient of the Power of 9 Award. Due to Carson's passion to serve and teach, demonstrating effective pedagogy techniques drives many of his volunteer efforts. In 2004, while earning his Ph.D. at Purdue, Carson was awarded the Graduate Teaching Certificate and the Advanced Graduate Teaching Certificate due to his outstanding classroom teaching styles. Also while at Purdue, Carson received the 2005 Service Award.

In Louisiana, too, Carson has worked hard and made worthy contributions to his academic department, local

community, and academic field. With funding from a Learn & Serve America grant awarded through Louisiana Campus Compact, Carson has administered several service-learning programs that have helped to provide a weekly physical challenge to children relocated due to Hurricane Katrina. Currently Carson is also co-organizing Playground Kidz, an afterschool physical activity program that encourages and teaches parents and children to use the local BREC playgrounds as a healthy and safe means for regular exercise and fun.

Leon, a senior majoring in sociology and the July 2009 recipient of the WAFB-TV Power of 9 Award, wears many hats. While performing the daunting task of being a Tiger Talker, a person who calls various sponsors in order to receive funds for various colleges at Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Leon also makes sure she isn't far from work in the surrounding community. Her volunteer efforts include her work with her sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) and the Sweet Olive Cemetery clean-up.

Other service includes helping to improve the reading and writing skills of the elementary school students at Melrose Elementary and Glen Oaks Park Elementary. At these sessions Leon lets the students select books of their choosing and then assists them with reading to advance their academic progress. The volunteer opportunities at Glen Oaks Park were open through her involvement with the LSU-BR chapter of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NACCP). Leon recently retired from being the President of the LSU chapter of the NACCP.

2008 Swearer & CASE Award Finalists

Louisiana Campus Compact has awarded five Carter Academic-Service Entrepreneur Awards from the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation, sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. These \$1,000 grants are given to the community partners of these students, whose applications indicated the most innovative and promising use of the grant to establish or significantly further a partnership between the student's school and a community non-profit organization.

Laura Thomas, Louisiana Tech University:

"Trust Builder" is a student social justice movement created by CDAC, the Community Design Assistance Center, which allows students an opportunity to get out in the SOCA (South of California Avenue) neighborhood to build relationships with SOCA residents while doing repairs, clean-ups, and small construction projects there. The CASE grant will kick-start Trust Builder and enable the purchase of equipment that can be re-used each month for yard work, painting, and minor exterior renovations. The project will also help students gain more awareness about SOCA's conditions by getting them involved in the neighborhood.

Elise Hotard, Nicholls State University:

This grant will be used in order to print marketing materials, designed by Hotard, which will explain the mission and services provided by the local Catholic Charities organization and acknowledge gifts made to the group. In this way, the CASE grant money will help the foundation gain recognition and increase philanthropy in the extended community for many years. The materials will be given to donors who want to make gifts to the foundation at key points in their lives or in the lives of others they love.

Patricia Alexander, Northwestern State University:

The proposed project, "Budding Gardeners and Their Mentors," involves Head Start children and Northwestern State University students jointly creating an outdoor learning space

that provides a natural environment to observe plant and animal life cycles.

Elise James, Northwestern State University:

The funds from this grant will allow Kappa Pi, the International Honorary Art Fraternity, to take their work with Kids Hope USA, a mentor program for at-risk children, to a new level. Each of the thirty children will use the art techniques the Kappa Pi students have taught them over the last three years and execute one 12" x 12" panel. Then all thirty pieces will be installed as one large multi-paneled piece in the hallways of L.P. Vaughn Elementary School.

Todd Borne, River Parishes Community College

This student will use the grant to purchase a computer for the people served by the Ascension Council on Aging. Through this partnership, RPCC students will help the Senior Citizens learn to use e-mail and the Internet, so that they can better keep in touch with their family members as well as check for needed information about the weather and news, get directions, and even follow their favorite political figures, movie stars, musicians, and comedians.

Jennifer Craig, Xinmei Guo, and Lekeith Terrell, Louisiana State University:

The partnership will use the grant money to purchase playground materials for Howell Park Elementary. The labor will be supplied by volunteers, and the students will ensure that the playground is safe and meets all Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards as well as the needs identified by the school students and administrators themselves.

One Louisiana student was selected as winner of a **Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award** through Campus Compact. **Tryna Dalton**, first of River Parishes and then of Baton Rouge Community Colleges, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and has assisted with the United Way's drive.

Louisiana Institutions Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

The following Louisiana colleges and universities were named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll at the American Council on Education's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in February 2009:

- Centenary College
- Delgado Community College
- Louisiana State University and A & M College
- Louisiana State University at Eunice
- Our Lady of the Lake College
- Nicholls State University
- River Parishes Community College
- Southern University and A&M College
- Tulane University - *Honor Roll with Distinction*

About Louisiana Campus Compact

Major Programs and Initiatives



Learn and Serve America - Higher Education

Louisiana Campus Compact administers its Learn and Serve America – Higher Education project in conjunction with Kentucky Campus Compact. The project, known as Ready and Response Service Team, links service-learning with emergency preparation and recovery. Louisiana Campus Compact currently administers Learn and Serve America—Higher Education programs at Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech University, and River Parishes Community College. Through this project Louisiana Campus Compact has also expanded service-learning efforts statewide through a Train-the-Trainer program.

Ready Campus

Ready Campus is designed to strengthen preparation for and response to regional or national emergencies. The Ready Campus model is being implemented in Louisiana in order to assist campuses in responding to local and regional emergencies through the use of campus facilities, training campus volunteers, and providing college students with service-learning opportunities to prepare them to be crisis-ready civic leaders. The project was funded in 2008 by the Louisiana Board of Regents and is currently funded by Citizen Corps.



Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)

Louisiana Campus Compact's AmeriCorps*VISTA project addresses issues related to poverty statewide. Under this initiative, Louisiana Campus Compact member institutions host VISTAs who develop projects that forge partnerships with the community.

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Louisiana Campus Compact is a statewide organization of 30 college and university presidents and chancellors dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement, and service-learning in higher education. Louisiana Campus Compact is an affiliate of National Campus Compact and is hosted at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Training and Professional Development

Louisiana Campus Compact hosts and provides training and professional development activities promoting service-learning and civic engagement among higher education faculty and staff members. Below is a summary of training and professional development activities from 2008-2009. Information about training and professional development activities is disseminated through the service-learning designee for each campus as well as on the Louisiana Campus Compact website.

Workshops

Service-Learning: An Engaged Pedagogy

August 25, 2008 – Natchitoches, LA (Northwestern State University faculty members)

Ready Campus

November 10, 2008 – Lafayette, LA

November 12, 2008 – Shreveport, LA

Learn and Serve Train-the-Trainer

August 5-8, 2008 – Louisville, KY

Presentations

August 13, 2008 – Office of Public Health Volunteer Summit

September 16, 2008 – Brown Foundation Celebration of Service-Learning

September 24, 2008 – Louisiana Association of College &

University Student Personnel Administrators (LACUSPA)

October 10, 2008 – Louisiana Association of Financial Aid Administrators

October 16, 2008 – Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA)

February 27, 2009 – Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers' Association

March 13, 2009 – Louisiana Citizen Corps Conference

March 27, 2009 – Gulf South Summit

April 24, 2009 – Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Conference

Grants Awarded – July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Ready and Response Service Team (Learn and Serve America - Higher Education Year 2)

<i>Principal Investigator</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Amount</i>
M. Jayne Fleener	Louisiana State University	\$ 45,000.00
Aaron Lusby	Louisiana Tech University	6,500.00
Iris Henry	River Parishes Community College	8,484.00
Gail Bowman	Dillard University	3,000.00
Michael K. Cundall, Jr.	Northwestern State University	2,000.00
Yolanda Dupre	University of Louisiana - Monroe	2,813.50
Ivan Gill	University of New Orleans	4,704.00
Tena Long Golding	Southeastern Louisiana University	525.00
Colleen Klein	Southeastern Louisiana University	6,000.00
Vicki Mayer	Tulane University	3,000.00
Jean Meyer	Loyola University New Orleans	3,000.00
Janet Norris	Louisiana State University	3,000.00
Gerra Perkins	Northwestern State University	3,000.00
Henrietta Pichon	Northwestern State University	3,000.00
Cathy Rogers	Loyola University New Orleans	6,439.00

Ready Campus Course Integration

<i>Principal Investigator</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Jack Atherton	Northwestern State University	\$ 3,986.50
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Trey Cunningham	Northwestern State University	9,985.00
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Julie Gill	Louisiana State University at Alexandria	1,580.00
Iris Henry	River Parishes Community College	9,670.00
Rita Hill	Southern University - Baton Rouge	23,936.67
Matt Matusiak	University of Louisiana - Monroe	3,872.00
Kimberly McAlister	Northwestern State University	1,300.00
Josephine Okoronkwo	Southern University - New Orleans	4,850.00
Gerra Perkins	Northwestern State University	5,000.00
Amy Pinero	Baton Rouge Community College	7,195.00
Gillian Rudd	Northwestern State University	4,779.90
Phyllis Simpson	Our Lady of the Lake College	4,998.00
Mary Wells	Southern University System	21,556.00

Ready Campus First Aid & CPR Training

<u>Principal Investigator</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Charity Bryan	University of Louisiana - Lafayette	\$ 2,315.90
Debbie Burkheiser	Louisiana Technical College - Lafayette	2,494.77
Debra Shelton	Northwestern State University	4,681.00
Donna Whittington	River Parishes Community College	1,977.88

Other Grants and Awards

<u>Principal Investigator</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Carter Academic-Service Entrepreneur</i>		
Patricia Alexander	Northwestern State University - Early Childhood Development	\$ 1,000.00
Todd Borne	River Parishes Community College -Computer Science	1,000.00
Jennifer Craig, Lekeith Terrell, Xinmei Guo	Louisiana State University -Biological Engineering	1,000.00
Elise Hotard	Nicholls State University -Design	1,000.00
Sidney Denise Moore/Elise James	Northwestern State University -Art	1,000.00
<i>Kentucky Campus Compact/Louisiana Campus Compact Service-Learning Train-the-Trainer</i>		
Julie Gill	Louisiana State University at Alexandria	1,750.00
Steven Gruesbeck	Northwestern State University	1,750.00
Laura Jewett	Louisiana State University and A&M College	1,750.00

Conference Sponsorships and Support

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
Gulf South Summit	\$ 1,250.00
International Research Conference on Service-Learning & Community Engagement	1,000.00
Louisiana Association of College & University Student Personnel Administrators	1,000.00
Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations	500.00
Louisiana Community and Technical College System	500.00

Support Awarded in 2008-2009: \$234,802.62