

Dickinson's Office of Community Service offers numerous options for community engagement, ranging from one-day projects to weeklong service trips. Community service offers the chance to jump start your path to engaged citizenship and learn more about the Carlisle community.

Dickinson was named to the 2010-11 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This federal agency recognized Dickinson for its overall commitment to service in service learning, co-curricular and volunteer involvement.



Community Partners

Dickinson partners with local nonprofit organizations such as Project S.H.A.R.E., the YMCA and Rotary International. From working with kids to assisting with disaster relief, there is an opportunity for everyone to do service at Dickinson.

- Carlisle Area Employment Skills Center
- Carlisle Area School District
- · Carlisle Arts Learning Center
- · Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.
- Carlisle Family Life Center
- Carlisle Family YMCA
- · Carlisle Health and Wellness Foundation
- Claremont Nursing Home
- Court Appointed Special Advocates

- Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- Cumberland County Prison
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Habitat for Humanity
- Project S.H.A.R.E.
- Rotary International
- Sadler Health Center
- Salvation Army
- YWCA

CommServ

Interested in committing to a weekly service program in the community? Check out one of CommServ's 13 programs. Time commitments vary depending on the program. Background checks are required for all CommServ volunteer programs. If one of these programs interests you, contact the office to complete an interest form.

- America Reads (reading and mentoring kindergarten students)
- ArtWorks! (art enrichment for middle-school students)
- Big Little (one-on-one mentoring of elementary students in the school)
- CARES (mentoring elementary students)
- Carlisle Tutoring (one-on-one tutoring)
- DEEP (college exploration for high-school students)
- Dickinson Friends (one-on-one mentorship with special-needs youth)
- DreamCatchers (mentoring immigrant middle-school students)
- ESL (English classes for adult immigrants)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Prison Inmate Tutoring
- Rotaract (program of Rotary International exploring social-justice issues)
- Senior Companions (friendship with senior-care-facility adults)



"The most rewarding part of working with this program is the knowledge that I am providing students with the foundation for their education—without literacy, higher learning is impossible to achieve."

Day of Service

Want to engage the Carlisle community without the commitment of a weekly service program or weeklong service trip? Sign up for one (or more) monthly Day of Service projects. No special skills or experience are required for these one-day projects.

Past Day of Service Projects

- · Conodoguinet Creek cleanup
- King's Gap park cleanup
- Reading to elementary-school students for Read Across America Day
- Special Olympics field day
- Volunteering with the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association
- Wii bowling tournament with the Salvation Army Senior Center

The Day of Service program also coordinates the annual Giving Tree, a project that collects holiday gifts for residents at a local home for children. Starting in November, interested students, staff and faculty can take an ornament from the Giving Tree listing a desired gift and purchase it for the children during the holidays.

"My service work not only benefits those I work with, hopefully, but me and my future as well. I have learned how to connect with people and how to gain respect and trust from people who do not easily hand it out. In class I discuss intellectual theory; through service I am reminded of why I am so passionate and committed to social justice"

—Emily Eckardt '13

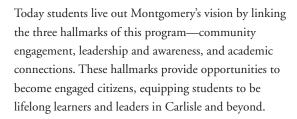


TOP FIVE REASONS TO DO SERVICE

- Develop leadership skills
- Raise awareness about community needs
- Connect with the wider community
- Learn about self, others and the world
- Make connections and build bonds among people in the Dickinson and greater
 Carlisle communities

Montgomery Service Leaders

The John Montgomery Service Leaders program is a distinctive program for students committed to making significant contributions as members of the Dickinson and Carlisle communities. Col. John Montgomery was one of the college's three founders and a U.S. congressman. A significant military, government and community leader, Montgomery was a strong advocate for connecting community and college when Dickinson was formed in 1783.



- Community Engagement Work 6-10 hours a week with a community partner in a developmental process as a volunteer, project assistant and project coordinator.
- Leadership and Awareness Participate in ongoing leadership development that includes using reflection, seeing community needs, applying for grants and deepening personal growth.
- Academic Connections Make intentional connections between a class and service work with a special project and brief paper. Earn an internship transcript notation for the capstone project.

With the potential to last two-and-a-half years, this program enables you to make deep connections between your class work and the Carlisle community.



Service Placements

- Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM)
- Carlisle CARES (homeless shelter)
- Carlisle Health and Wellness Foundation
- Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department
- Cumberland County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Cumblerland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission
- Employment Skills Center (ESL Program)
- Project S.H.A.R.E.
- Sadler Health Center
- United Way
- YMCA
- YWCA

Service Trips

Service trips provide the opportunity to learn about a community need by serving another community. Students are then encouraged to return to Carlisle and see things in a new way. Trips range from a weekend to two weeks. Applications are available generally six weeks prior to the trip.

- Urban Revitalization Cleaning abandoned lots, serving in soup kitchens or painting community spaces is necessary to make areas of a community safer and healthier for everyone. Explore this in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., or Miami, Fla.
- Disaster Relief After a disaster strikes, the camera crews and reporters leave the area within weeks of the occurrence, but the community needs and rebuilding continue for years. Learn more in New Orleans or rural Alabama.
- Poverty and Inequality Poverty touches every community and affects people of all ages. Inequalities in food, housing and job security vary greatly. Projects may include building houses or schools, teaching afterschool programs and working at soup kitchens. See poverty in new ways in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala or South Carolina.

"I grew to be more understanding of the personal effect Katrina had on the people of New Orleans. Everyone understands the statistical/demographic effects of Katrina, but nobody can even try to understand how it personally affects people until they sit down and hear their stories."

—Trip participant, New Orleans 2012

STUDENTS IN SERVICE

- More than half of all Dickinson students engage in some form of community service each year through student groups, internships and college programs
- Student clubs, student organizations and staff complete more than 36,000 hours of service each year.
- Through classes and academic programming, Dickinson students complete another 25,000 hours of service each year.
- More than \$31,000 was raised and donated in 2011-12 to nonprofits by Dickinson students.

For More Information

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