

Dickinson College
Service-Learning and Community-Based Research
Community Partnerships
(As of Fall 2013)

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Animal Welfare

West Shore Humane Society	
The organization:	The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area is a nonprofit organization that has been providing care for homeless animals, as well as education for the community, since 1911. The organization is an open admission “no kill” shelter, not euthanizing any adoptable animals due to a lack of space. Each year, the shelter takes in up to 10,000 animals.
Current affiliation:	Policy Management 401: Policy Management Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jim Hoefler, Policy Studies
Student tasks:	Students compiled an informational DVD for the West Shore Human Society. The DVD, made using iDVD software, aided the community partner in communicating its story to key stakeholders. At the conclusion of the semester, the short 3-5 minute video was used by the Humane Society to secure donations of pet food and supplies as well as to encourage pet adoption.

Arts

Carlisle Regional Performing Arts Center	
The organization:	Since reopening in 1993, the Carlisle Theatre has brought entertainment, joy, culture, and a renewed sense of pride to downtown Carlisle. The marquee is lit and provides a beacon of excitement to all who stop in or pass by. The Theatre presents a wide variety of musical and live performances, independent and foreign films, and programming designed to accommodate the interests and tastes of the Carlisle area community.
Current affiliation:	Policy Management 401: Policy Management Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jim Hoefler, Policy Studies
Student tasks:	Students will compild an informational DVD for the Theater. The DVD, made using iDVD software, will aid the community partner in communicating its mission and history. At the conclusion of the semester, the short 3-5 minute video will be used by the Theater to secure sponsors for various shows and performances.

Business

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The organization:	A mexican Resturant loacate in Carlisel, PA.
Current affiliation:	Spanish 238, Spanish for the Business Professions
Dickinson partners:	Professor Erin McNulty
Student tasks:	The Service Learning component of this course gave students the opportunity to have hands-on, real life experience with members of the community whom are Spanish speakers and work with the Spanish speaking population. In consultation with Chaparritas and discussing their needs, this service learning project culminate in the creation of a one year marketing plan.

Community Services

Carlisle CARES	
The organization:	Carlisle CARES provides overnight shelter for homeless people during the winter months (October-April). The program is sponsored by various community churches, each of which provide space in their sanctuaries for one month. Homeless persons are offered a warm place to sleep as well as snacks and a community presence.
Current affiliation:	Economics 496D: Urban Policy in Central Pennsylvania
Dickinson partners:	Professor Bill Bellinger, Economics
Student tasks:	Students prepared an analysis of homelessness for the United Way traded volunteer services. They assisted with nightly sign-ins and spent the night at the shelter.

Employment Skill Center

The organization:	The Employment skills center's mission is to empower clients through education and training to achieve job betterment and personal growth.
Current affiliation:	ENGL 212, The Politics of Literacy
Dickinson partners:	Professor Claire Bowen, English
Student tasks:	Students designed a quarterly newsletter template for the Employment Skills Center that included photographs, upcoming and recent events. Developed content for the news letter and distributed it to clients, volunteers and donors.

High I Project

The organization:	The Hope Station Opportunity Area, located in the borough of Carlisle, is a non-profit entity designed to enhance the quality of life, health, safety, and economic opportunities for the people who live in the neighborhood it comprises. Hope Station serves as a catalyst for neighborhood improvement by collaborating with community members throughout the Carlisle area; creating innovative projects, fostering community development through education, technology, and job opportunities; decreasing crime; and enhancing the quality of life while promoting unity and respecting and celebrating diversity of all kinds.
Current affiliation:	Policy Management 401: Policy Management Senior Seminar, International Business & Management 300AO: Nonprofit Management
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jim Hoefler, Policy Studies, Professor Dave Sarcone, International Business & Management
Student tasks:	Students compiled of an informational DVD for Hope Station. The DVD, made using iDVD software, will aided the community partner in communicating its mission and story to key stakeholders. At the conclusion of the semester, the short 3-5 minute video was used by Hope Station for various tasks. Students worked on a proposal for a \$50,000 grant that Hope Station was seeking from the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). Another student developed a marketing plan for a walk-a-thon sponsored by Capital Blue Cross. A portion of the funds raised by the June 24, 2006, walk benefited Hope Station.

Hope Station

The organization:	The Hope Station Opportunity Area, located in the borough of Carlisle, is a non-profit entity designed to enhance the quality of life, health, safety, and economic opportunities for the people who live in the neighborhood it comprises. The Hope Station Opportunity Area Council seeks to lift up the entire neighborhood by tackling our most difficult problems through education, technology, job development and most importantly, teaching our children to become leaders by learning to respect themselves and others.
Current affiliation:	ANTH 241: Measurement and Quantification in the Social Science; SOCI 244: Quantitative Research Methods, Spring
Dickinson partners:	Professor Kjell L Enge, Anthropology
Student tasks:	The students designed a questionnaire asking a random sample of residents in the Hope Station service area about HS and its services. See questionnaire also attached.

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Project SHARE	
The organization:	Project SHARE is an interfaith cooperative mission that focuses on providing supplemental food, clothes, and nutritional education to individuals and families that meet income requirements. Project S.H.A.R.E. distributes food boxes in the third week of each month. Over 25 local farms & farm markets allow Project SHARE volunteers and food bank recipients to glean in their fields or pick up items they can not use or sell.
Current affiliation:	International Business and Management 300-02: Nonprofit Management International Business and Management 110: Fundamentals of Accounting Economics 496D: Urban Policy in Central Pennsylvania International Business & Management 300AO: Nonprofit Management First-year Seminar: Class Matters: Women and Inequality First-year Seminar: Food for Thought First-year Seminar: Transforming Lives: Social Justice Leaders in the 19th and 20th Centuries First-year Seminar: Shared Futures
Dickinson partners:	Professor Dave Sarcone, International Business & Management Professor Donald Hasseltine Professor Michael Blue, International Business and Management Professor Bill Bellinger, Economics Professor Julie Winterich, Women's Studies Jennifer Halpin, Garden Coordinator for Environmental Studies Professor Amy Farrell, American Studies Associate Provost Bylander
Student tasks:	Students assisted in the set up for distribution days as well as working distribution days. In addition they helped the staff research the history of the nonprofit in preparation for their 25 year anniversary celebration

Safe Harbour	
The organization:	Safe Harbour is a not-for-profit organization that provides a continuum of housing services for the homeless of Cumberland County. Safe Harbour is governed by an independent Board of Directors and derives its financial support from individuals, organizations, churches, fees paid by residents, commercial rents, investments, foundations, federal and state grants, as well as the United Way. Our services include operating an emergency shelter for families and single females who are in desperate need of a secure place to live and an environment to begin getting their lives under control. The bridge housing program helps individuals and families in need of longer-term assistance continue to acquire the skills necessary for independent living and a productive life style.
Current affiliation:	Psyc 375 Research Methods in Community Psychology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Sharon Kingston, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students participated in a "participant conceptualizer" role by integrating scientific evidence on homeless women and families with the lived experience of Safe Harbour clients and staff to develop suggestions for service delivery and evaluation.

The Carlisle House (S.T.A.R. Center)

The organization:	The Carlisle House is a daycare facility for mentally disabled adults. The organization tailors learning programs to help individuals develop social or other everyday skills.
Current affiliation:	English 349: Representations of Bodily Difference Psych 165: Psychopathology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Suman Ambwani, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students assisted coordinators in organizing activities and interacted with members to aid them in developing their social skills and basic life skills (e.g., cooking).

The Salvation Army

The organization:	The Salvation Army provides basic social services as an outward visible expression of the Army's strong religious principles. In addition, the Army has programs that address contemporary needs of the local Carlisle community. These include services for the aging, shelter for homeless males, shelter for homeless women and children, holiday assistance, medical referrals, family and career counseling, and a clothing donation store. The Army operates My Brother's Table, a soup kitchen that provides three meals a day to shelter residents and local community members.
Current affiliation:	Economics 496D: Urban Policy in Central Pennsylvania
Dickinson partners:	Professor Bill Bellinger, Economics
Student tasks:	Students prepared an analysis of homelessness for the United Way traded volunteer services. They secured donations and cooked Easter dinner for the Salvation Army soup kitchen.

The United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County

The organization:	The United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County's mission is to activate and expand resources to meet the community's evolving human needs. The organization is at the forefront of identifying and addressing needs and is a cornerstone of community initiatives, sponsorships and leadership activities which help strengthen the social fabric of the community.
Current affiliation:	Economics 496D: Urban Policy in Central Pennsylvania
Dickinson partners:	Professor Bill Bellinger, Economics
Student tasks:	Students completed an analysis of homelessness in the Carlisle area. The analysis included gathering information on the number and characteristics of the local homeless population and analyzing the adequacy of local housing, counseling, employment, and other social services. The research required visiting and volunteering at local shelters outside of class, interviewing local residents and experts, and generally contributing to research on local homelessness.

YMCA

The organization:	YMCA- The Fit for Life Program-(FFL) is an inclusive fitness program for adults aged 16 to 90 who are rehabilitating from an injury or illness, or who have a disability.
Current affiliation:	HEST 400: Health Studies Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor David Sarcone
Student tasks:	Students conducted research to answer the question of whether or not participants of this program continue to practice health behaviors (exercise and nutrition) learned in the class after they complete the class. Students completed interviews/surveys of participants by telephone and reviewed source documents. The students completed a five chapter research document and presented their findings to the community partners in place of a final examination.

YWCA

The organization:	YWCA-The New Face of Fitness Program is a program that combines exercise and wellness. New Face of Fitness is part exercise, part lifestyle modification and part support group. Provides the skills necessary to mainstream a person who is significantly overweight.
Current affiliation:	HEST 400: Health Studies Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor David Sarcone
Student tasks:	Students researched the program's effectiveness, how program participants value these measures and whether or not participants practice what they learned outside of the program. Students completed interviews/surveys of participants by telephone and reviewed source documents. The students completed a five chapter research document and presented their findings to the community partners in place of a final examination

Education

Autism School	
The organization:	The NHS Autism Schools are Licensed Private Academic Schools in Pennsylvania that specialize in the education of children and adolescents with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in grades K-12 (ages 5-21). The goal of the NHS Autism Schools is to provide academic instruction while increasing each child's environmental engagement with a focus on the development of social skills, life skills, and pro-social behaviors.
Current affiliation:	Psych 165: Psychopathology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Suman Ambwani, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students acted as additional teachers' aides in classrooms, assisting students with certain tasks (e.g. homework, puzzles, meals, etc.). In most cases, each student was assigned to assist one individual with an autism-spectrum disorder throughout his/her visit.

Carlisle Area School District	
The organization:	The CASD, composed of seven elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school, has been ranked as one of the top 100 public school systems in the nation. In 2000, the District was selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as one of three school districts in the state to be awarded a \$4 million grant to develop a digital school of the future. The District serves approximately 5,000 students, including international students from the U.S. Army War College, students with physical and mental disabilities, and those from diverse neighborhoods and backgrounds.
Current affiliation:	Education 121: Social Foundations of Education Education 221: Educational Psychology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Sarah Bair, Education
Student tasks:	Students interacted with mentor teachers at various sites, including Carlisle High School, Wilson Middle School and Lamberton Middle School. Throughout the semester, students researched a topic of interest for their mentor teacher. At the conclusion of the semester, students presented their findings during a research symposium and provided the mentor teacher with an annotated bibliography on the research topic.

Carlisle High School	
The organization:	Carlisle High School is a public high school located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in the United States, and includes grades 9–12.
Current affiliation:	FREN 364: Theatre as Public Service: Culture Theater, and French Society
Dickinson partners:	Professor Ian Andrew Mac Donald, French
Student tasks:	Students practiced theatrical animation in French and developed their skills experience as a group leaders and then used this gained experience with the students of Carlisle High School.

Carlisle OIC	
The organization:	The Carlisle Occupational Industrial Center (OIC) serves Carlisle residents through adult and general education programs that include computer training, literacy programs and survival skill classes. English as a second language classes (ESOL) are one of the largest program at the Carlisle OIC.
Current affiliation:	International Business & Management 300AO: Nonprofit Management
Dickinson partners:	Professor Dave Sarcone, International Business & Management
Student tasks:	Students searched for external funding sources for the OIC and located three organizations to which the Carlisle OIC will applied for grants.

Cumberland Valley School District

The organization:	The Cumberland Valley School District is composed of seven elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school and one vocational school. The district serves approximately 7,650 students from the Hampden, Middlesex, Monroe, and Silver Spring townships.
Current affiliation:	Education 221
Dickinson partners:	Professor Liz Lewis, Education
Student tasks:	Students spent 20 hours a semester observing and co-teaching in a classroom. Students also conducted a research project on a topic of interest in which they wrote a research paper and gave a multimedia presentation. The teachers were invited to attend.

Dickinson College Children's Center

The organization:	The mission of the Dickinson College Children's Center is to provide high quality child care for the employees of Dickinson College and members of the surrounding community so that parents are able to fulfill their professional commitments secure in the knowledge that their children are cared for in a safe, nurturing environment. The Children's Center follows established early-childhood philosophy and research and recognizes that children learn through play experiences. Teachers plan developmentally appropriate activities and focus on children's individual abilities.
Current affiliation:	Education 121: Social Foundations of Education
Dickinson partners:	Professor Sarah Bair, Education
Student tasks:	Students observed lesson plans and interacted through play with children. The students helped with curriculum activities and outside play. Specific duties depended on the room in which they volunteered. For example, in the toddler room and pre-school rooms, the students read to the children and helped them draw pictures. In the kindergarten rooms, they assisted with curriculum activities such as math and writing.

East Side Neighbors

The organization:	East Side Neighbors is a volunteer group that is improving Biddle Mission Park on East North Street.
Current affiliation:	Health Studies 400 – Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor Andy Skelton, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students made observations of park usage and user activity levels during two consecutive weekends in Sep 2010. They also carried out a phone survey one weekend in Nov to assess neighborhood residents' use of the park and awareness of the improvement plan, and to obtain suggestions for improvements.

Henry LUCE Foundation

The organization:	During the LUCE semester, students enroll in a single interdisciplinary, integrated course, for the equivalent of a student's normal 4-course load. The course combines classroom activities, community-based fieldwork research, independent study, and extensive travel and immersion. During the LUCE semester, students develop an understanding of the deep connections between natural resources and humans from multiple perspectives and within an immersion experience while gaining training in ecosystem analysis field techniques and being exposed to the cultural contexts in which environmental problems are created and in which solutions are conceived and implemented.
Current affiliation:	Environmental Studies 310: Estuarine Management, Environmental Studies 335: Analysis and Management of the Aquatic Environment, Environmental Studies 330: Environmental Disruption and Policy Analysis
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jim Ellison, Anthropology, Professor Michael Heiman, Environmental Studies, Julie Vastine, Director of ALLARM, Professor Candie Wilderman, Environmental Studies
Student tasks:	Student service is provided through community-based fieldwork research, independent study, and extensive travel and immersion in two comparative watershed regions: the Chesapeake Bay and the lower Mississippi River Basin. Students spent a week in September in the Chesapeake Bay and along the Atlantic coast and three weeks in November in southern coastal Louisiana, studying the ecosystems and learned from the local residents. The remaining nine weeks of the semester were spent closer to campus, in the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay drainage basin. All students completed an independent research project in consultation and collaboration with a community group.

Mechanicsburg Area School District

The organization:	The Mechanicsburg Area School District is composed of one kindergarten academy, five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The district serves approximately 3,750 students from the Mechanicsburg and Shireman boroughs and Upper Allen township.
Current affiliation:	Education 221
Dickinson partners:	Professor Liz Lewis, Education
Student tasks:	Students spent 20 hours a semester observing and co-teaching in a classroom. Students conducted a research project on a topic of interest which they wrote a research paper and gave a multimedia presentation. The teachers were invited to attend.

Rock River Academy

The organization:	Founded in 2005, River Rock Academy and Day Treatment is a premier provider of customized alternative education services for students in grades 6 - 12. They provide comprehensive community-based services for delinquent and dependent male and female youth 11 - 18 years of age from Adams and York County School Districts.
Current affiliation:	Psychology 475: Advanced Seminar in Community Psychology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Sharon Kingston, Psychology
Student tasks:	Dickinson students mentored students from an alternative high school, River Rock Academy, to do a Photovoice project on challenging and positive aspects of their communities. Photovoice is a technique designed to empower community members who are often not given the opportunity speak for themselves an opportunity to define and present their own communities and perspectives through photographs and brief narratives accompanying the photographs.

South Middleton School District

The organization:	The South Middleton School District is composed of one elementary school, two middle schools, and one high school all located in the same educational center. Students in kindergarten through grade three attend W.G. Rice Elementary School; students in grades four and five attend classes at the Iron Forge Educational Center; students in grades six, seven, and eight attend the Yellow Breeches Middle School; and students in grades nine through twelve attend the Boiling Springs High School. The district serves approximately 2,250 students from the greater South Middleton Area.
Current affiliation:	Education 221
Dickinson partners:	Professor Liz Lewis, Education
Student tasks:	Students spent 20 hours a semester observing and co-teaching in a classroom. Students also conducted a research project on a topic of interest in which they wrote a research paper and gave a multimedia presentation. The teachers were invited to attend.

The Carlisle School

The organization:	The Carlisle School was part of the Harrisburg School District and served students with emotional disorders who had been removed from classrooms due to behavioral problems and conduct disorders. The Carlisle School unexpectedly shut-down in July 2006 due to funding problems.
Current affiliation:	Education 121: Social Foundations of Education
Dickinson partners:	Professor Sarah Bair, Education
Student tasks:	Students had field placements in which they worked observed in classrooms. The small class sizes facilitated interactions; Dickinson students would play games and help students as well as serve as educational aides.

The Cumberland County Historical Society	
The organization:	The Cumberland County Historical Society collects, preserves, interprets and promotes research on the history of Cumberland County. Based in Carlisle, the Society runs a museum with ongoing exhibits, a virtual museum, a library and education programs.
Current affiliation:	First-Year Seminar: Art and Memory, American Studies 302: Workshop in Field Methods
Dickinson partners:	Professor Elizabeth Lee, Art History, Professor Cary Cordova, American Studies
Student tasks:	Students studied how stories of the nation's history has been recorded locally through monuments, archives, gravesites, historical buildings, historical markers and museum exhibitions. Students produced individual research projects on a particular local site of memory, and the class collectively considered how their findings might lead to new variations on the Borough's "official walking tour" or contribute new insights into the ongoing research of local historians who are writing books, designing websites and teaching school groups about its history.

Environment

Appalachian Trail Conservancy	
The organization:	The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is a volunteer-based, private nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of the 2,175-mile Appalachian National Scenic Trail, a 250,000-acre greenway extending from Maine to Georgia. Our mission is to ensure that future generations will enjoy the clean air and water, scenic vistas, wildlife and opportunities for simple recreation and renewal along the entire Trail corridor.
Current affiliation:	Policy Studies 200: Foundations of Policy Studies, Policy Management 401: Policy Management Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	
Student tasks:	Students assisted representatives of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in conducting research on how to function as a more sustainable organization. Based on interviews with clients, students developed a policy for the Organization.

Capital RC&D

The organization:	Resource Conservation & Development is a program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, with funding from the US Department of Agriculture.
Current affiliation:	SUST 301/ENST 311 Practicum in Sustainability: Building Sustainable Communities
Dickinson partners:	Professor Neil Leary, Sustainability Education
Student tasks:	Working in teams of three or four students, each in partnership with a community organization, students conducted a Community-Based Research (CBR) project designed to help the partner organization to identify and assess strategies, programs or projects that built community assets for advancing the organization's mission as well as sustainability in the greater Carlisle community.

Cumberland County Planning Department

The organization:	The Cumberland County Planning Department is responsible for comprehensive planning, subdivision and land development. There are also responsible for municipal zoning maps, open Spaces, greenways, and parks, oversight of the agricultural Land Preservation Board, planning studies and transportation.
Current affiliation:	SUST 301/ENST 311 Practicum in Sustainability: Building Sustainable Communities
Dickinson partners:	Professor Neil Leary, Sustainability Education
Student tasks:	Working in teams of three or four students conducted a Community-Based Research (CBR) project designed to help the partner organization to identify and assess strategies, programs or projects that built community assets for advancing the organization's mission as well as sustainability in the greater Carlisle community.

Dickinson College Student Garden

The organization:	In 1999, a small group of students who were interested in sustainable agriculture and organic gardening founded the Student Garden at Dickinson College. In addition to daily gardening work, students are involved with community outreach projects, field trips to local farms, hosting monthly workshops relating to food and food production, and related semester research projects.
Current affiliation:	First-year Seminar: Food for Thought
Dickinson partners:	Jennifer Halpin, Garden Coordinator for Environmental Studies
Student tasks:	Students worked on gleaning and garden maintenance. They also baked organic goodies.

Greater Carlisle Project Steering Committee

The organization:	The Greater Carlisle Project brings people together from the communities of the Greater Carlisle area to improve the quality of life for the inhabitants by creating a sustainable, healthier, economically robust and culturally vibrant future. The project encompasses the boroughs of Carlisle, Mount Holly Springs and Newville and the townships of Dickinson, Middlesex, North Middleton, South Middleton, and West Pennsboro.
Current affiliation:	SUST 301/ENST 311 Practicum in Sustainability: Building Sustainable Communities
Dickinson partners:	Professor Neil Leary, Sustainability Education
Student tasks:	Working in teams of three or four students, each in partnership with a community organization, students conducted a Community-Based Research (CBR) project designed to help the partner organization to identify and assess strategies, programs or projects that built community assets for advancing the organization's mission as well as sustainability in the greater Carlisle community.

Las Lajitas	
The organization:	Las Lajitas is an agricultural cooperative focused on sustainable food production, intensive compost production and value-added dairy products. The agency is located in the state of Lara, west of Caracas, in Venezuela.
Current affiliation:	Sociology 214: Venezuela: Democracy, Development, and the Bolivarian Process
Dickinson partners:	Professor Susan Rose, Sociology Jen Halpin, Environmental Studies
Student tasks:	Students worked with the cooperative farmers and learned about sustainable practices and conduct in-depth interviews about the cooperative's practices and philosophy. Students were divided into small groups for the hands-on portion of our learning experience at Las Lajitas. The small groups will provided students the opportunity to engage fully in the work at hand as well as benefit from a low student: farmer ratio gaining a deep understanding of the practices being used at Las Lajitas. The students contributed labor hours to the farm cooperative in exchange for the transfer of knowledge from each farmer.

South Mountain Association	
The organization:	South Mountain Association actively promotes land conservation, hunting and quality deer management. We are licensed to use 7075 acres of woodlands mainly for the purpose of hunting.
Current affiliation:	SUST 301/ENST 311 Practicum in Sustainability: Building Sustainable Communities
Dickinson partners:	Professor Neil Leary, Sustainability Education
Student tasks:	Working in teams of three or four students, each in partnership with a community organization, students conducted a Community-Based Research (CBR) project designed to help the partner organization to identify and assess strategies, programs or projects that built community assets for advancing the organization's mission as well as sustainability in the greater Carlisle community.

The Green Building Initiative

The organization:	The mission of the Green Building Initiative is to accelerate the adoption of building practices that result in energy-efficient, healthier and environmentally sustainable buildings by promoting credible and practical green building approaches for residential and commercial construction.
Current affiliation:	Environmental Studies 310: Land Development: Policies, Practices, and Impacts
Dickinson partners:	Professor Dave Sheridan, Environmental Studies
Student tasks:	Students worked with Carlisle area business owners and organizations to research how partners could advance their sustainability initiatives. Based on research and field interviews, students devised reports on how partners could incorporate more sustainable residential and commercial buildings into their businesses.

Westside Neiborhood Association

The organization:	Carlisle's West Side Neighborhood is a vibrant, diverse community anchored by many supportive community organizations and churches. Their goal is to look for opportunities to enhance public spaces in the Westside Neighborhood through personal and organizational partnerships, address areas of concern by working with local law enforcement, and providing a voice for their residents as the landscape of the West Side changes through the Carlisle Urban Redevelopment Plan.
Current affiliation:	SUST 301/ENST 311 Practicum in Sustainability: Building Sustainable Communities
Dickinson partners:	Professor Neil Leary, Sustainability Education
Student tasks:	Working in teams of three or four students, each in partnership with a community organization, students conducted a Community-Based Research (CBR) project designed to help the partner organization to identify and assess strategies, programs or projects that built community assets for advancing the organization's mission as well as sustainability in the greater Carlisle community.

Government

Borough of Carlisle	
The organization:	Carlisle Borough comprises 5.5 square miles in the center of the Cumberland Valley in south-central Pennsylvania. The population of Carlisle according to the 2000 Census was 17,970. Seven council members are elected for four-year overlapping terms. The Borough Council is responsible for setting policies, adopting a budget, and major decision making. The Council is assisted by a Borough Manager who acts as chief administrator and an elected Mayor. Most recently, Carlisle was honored as the 2003 “Outstanding Community of the Year”. Carlisle has made strides in rehabilitating and preserving properties of historical importance, while also recognizing the need to encourage a strong economically viable community.
Current affiliation:	Community Studies 225: Community and Environment
Dickinson partners:	Lauren Imgrund Director of ALLARM and Enviomental Studies Professor Jim Eillison, Anthropology
Student tasks:	The Borough of Carlisle had to meet federal guidelines for storm water management; students researched various facets of storm water management. The federal guidelines included education; before the Borough developed an education campaign, students surveyed local residents to find out about community perceptions and knowledge relating to storm water.

Cumberland Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission	
The organization:	The Cumberland Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission strives to ensure that a full continuum of quality substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services is available to all eligible Cumberland and Perry County residents. These services include substance abuse prevention, tobacco abuse prevention, student assistance program support, local treatment, and case management.
Current affiliation:	Psychology 475: Advanced Seminar in Community Psychology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Sharon Kingston, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students gained experience working on a policy advocacy campaign. They applied course material on successful substance abuse policy to an advocacy campaign and gained direct experience working with substance abuse prevention professionals and lawmakers.

Cumberland Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission, Youth Advisory Board

The organization:	The Cumberland Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission strives to ensure that a full continuum of quality substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services is available to all eligible Cumberland and Perry County residents. These services include substance abuse prevention, tobacco abuse prevention, student assistance program support, local treatment, and case management.
Current affiliation:	Psychology 475: Advanced Seminar in Community Psychology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Sharon Kingston, Psychology
Student tasks:	Dickinson students mentored high school students from the Youth Advisory Board of the Cumberland Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission to produce a public service announcement related to substance abuse. The project was designed to allow the students to gain experience working with high school students, as high school is the typical time of onset of substance use, to translate course material on the successful design of media campaigns into the production of a PSA.

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties

The organization:	Domestic Violence Services (DVS) provides support to victims of domestic violence and their families. DVS staff are committed to provide safe, temporary respite from violence for those who are not safe in their own homes. Specific client services include: 24 hour emergency shelter, 24 hour toll-free hotline, legal advocacy, individual and group victim counseling, accompaniment to medical/police/court-related appointments & hearings, community education and prevention programs, and information & referrals.
Current affiliation:	First-year Seminar: Discourse and the Social Poet, International Business & Management 300AO: Nonprofit Management
Dickinson partners:	Professor Ashley Finley, Sociology, Professor Dave Sarcone, International Business & Management
Student tasks:	Students worked with the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties to increase community awareness by staffing an information booth at community events and festivals. Students provided office support and general assistance with special projects. Student service enhanced discussions that focus on hearing voices that are often silenced, and understanding the social consequences that underlie their words. One student organized a renovation project of two bedrooms and a bathroom in the shelter. The student recruited over 50 volunteers to help with planning, purchasing, organizing, transportation, and the final execution of the actual makeover. A student developed a first-draft of a pamphlet on elder abuse that DVS was then able to send to a publication company for mass production and distribution. Other students assisted the shelter secretary with administrative tasks and general housekeeping duties.

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Current affiliation:	Psych 165: Psychopathology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Suman Ambwani, Psychology
Student tasks:	Although students were unable to have direct contact with survivors of DV (as they did not complete the requisite 60 hours of volunteer training), they assisted the DVS volunteer coordinator by distributing materials about DV, tabling at the Stevens Center, and assisting with the Clothesline Project on campus. They additionally assisted the Women's Center on campus by distributing information about domestic violence.

Downtown Carlisle Association

The organization:	The Downtown Carlisle Association is a community-based organization working to restore and revitalize the economic, physical, and social health of Downtown Carlisle. It has been working through education, training, advocacy and strategic partnerships since 1851 to maintain the vitality of the downtown community.
Current affiliation:	American Studies 302: Workshop in Field Methods
Dickinson partners:	Professor Cary Cordova, American Studies
Student tasks:	Students worked with the partner to conducted research on the economic and social vitality of the downtown area. They conducted interviews with local business owners and presented their research to local organizations. The research formed a web-based museum that highlights the economic and social history of the downtown area and how businesses moving into Carlisle like Wal-Mart influence the downtown life.

The Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority	
The organization:	The Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority develops affordable housing options for seniors, persons with mental health and developmental disabilities, and families. One of the keys to its success is its willingness to be innovative. The organization has taken the lead in developing programs for first-time home-buyers, developing housing initiatives for special needs populations, and pursuing alternative sources of financing to accomplish a variety of housing and community development projects.
Current affiliation:	Economics 496D: Urban Policy in Central Pennsylvania
Dickinson partners:	Professor Bill Bellinger, Economics
Student tasks:	Students completed an analysis of homelessness in the Carlisle area. The analysis included gathering information on the number and characteristics of the local homeless population and analyzing the adequacy of local housing, counseling, employment, and other social services. The research required visiting and volunteering at local shelters outside of class, interviewing local residents and experts, and generally contributing to research on local homelessness.

Health

AIDS Community Alliance of South Central PA	
The organization:	The AIDS Community Alliance of South Central PA serves individuals and families impacted by AIDS and HIV through confidential services, such as comprehensive HIV care and housing, as well as education programming.
Current affiliation:	Health Studies 400: Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor Dan Schubert, Sociology
Student tasks:	Students conducted interviews with individuals who received services from the organization. The interviews were integrated into documentaries that the organization showed to recipients, donors and the community. The student work for this course is part of an ongoing collaboration between Professor Schubert and Phil Goropoulos, CEO of the AIDS Community Alliance.

Carlisle Area Health & Wellness Foundation

The organization:	The Foundation was created in June 2001 from the sale of the Carlisle Hospital and the transfer of income from related endowments and trusts. Its focus is to support priority health-centered programs through the awarding of grants and to be proactive in identifying, addressing and funding healthcare challenges in our service area.
Current affiliation:	International Business and Management 300-02: Nonprofit Management Health Studies Senior Seminar, Professor Dave Sarcone, International Business & Management
Dickinson partners:	Professor Dave Sarcone, International Business & Management
Student tasks:	The student assigned to this site assisted with the review and updating of foundation policy positions papers – specifically the foundation's policy paper's on mental health. Working with the Director of Grants and the Director of Planning, students completed two policy position papers on access to prescription medications and health literacy.

Carlisle Life Time Adult Day Care

The organization:	Life Time staff provide individualized care to older adults with physical and psychological needs. Medical concerns, dementia, social isolation, inactivity and risk of falling are some of the reasons an older person might need our care and supervision. Adult Day Care is an alternative to nursing home placement and allows participants to remain in their homes
Current affiliation:	PSYC 165 Psychopathology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Suman Ambwani, Psychology
Student tasks:	In this course, students explored the different forms of psychopathology, including issues in case conceptualization, diagnosis, etiology, and treatment. They reviewed bio-psycho-socio-cultural perspectives on psychopathology as a way to think critically about such phenomena and their impact on individuals, families, and systems.

Catholic Worker House	
The organization:	The St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania seeks to provide care and community for recovering drug and alcohol addicts in Central Pennsylvania. Not only is it a refuge for homeless people in Harrisburg and surrounding areas, but it is a provider of meals, clothing, and relationships for many hungry, naked, and lonely people.
Current affiliation:	First-year Seminar: Transforming Lives: Social Justice Leaders in the 19th and 20th centuries.
Dickinson partners:	Professor Amy Farrell, American Studies
Student tasks:	Students took field trips to the Catholic Worker House to volunteer in service work with the community. They compared the social justice work of contemporary activists with that of 19th and 20th century activists.

Hamilton Health Center	
The organization:	The Hamilton Health Center is committed to providing patient-centered health and related social services to Central Pennsylvania residents regardless of health, economic, or insurance status. The center conducts a variety of programs including medical and dental services; women's health services; service to women, infants, and children; HIV/AIDS testing, treatment and prevention; and prevention education programs.
Current affiliation:	Spanish 231B: Spanish for the Health Professions
Dickinson partners:	Professor Wendell Smith, Spanish
Student tasks:	Students were required to serve once a week in a setting where healthcare is being delivered to Spanish-speakers. Students volunteered at the Hamilton Health Center serving as interpreters during patient visits and providing document translation.

Hanover Street Neighbors	
The organization:	This is a drop-in facility for adults with more severe developmental and behavioral disabilities (as compared to the S.T.A.R. Center).
Current affiliation:	Psych 165: Psychopathology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Suman Ambwani, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students assisted employees in planning activities for clients, coordinating out-door trips, and teaching clients basic social and life skills.

Healthier from the Start	
The organization:	Healthier from the Start provides free transportation for Latino women to their prenatal care appointments. Workers act as interpreters; provide education for the women, as well as filling out paperwork and finding more referrals for the program. Additionally, the organization provides a home visit program for basic education for Latino mothers. This program teaches women about month-to-month pregnancy expectations, diet and exercise guidelines and the importance of maintaining health for a healthy pregnancy.
Current affiliation:	Spanish 231B: Spanish for the Health Professions
Dickinson partners:	Professor Wendell Smith, Spanish
Student tasks:	students interned with Cynthia Romero, a Spanish/English bilingual interpreter in Gettysburg whose clients are Spanish-speaking pregnant women. The student accompanied Cynthia and the client to doctor's appointments.

Hospice of Central Pennsylvania	
The organization:	The Hospice of Central Pennsylvania gives support and care to individuals who are suffering from an incurable illness. They work to give medical and emotional support to individuals nearing death and families losing a loved one.
Current affiliation:	Psychology 380-01: Research Methods in Health Psychology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jennifer Devlen, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students worked with the chaplain at the Hospice of Central Pennsylvania designing a questionnaire about the understanding of death and dying among local clergypersons. The questionnaire was given to local clergy the results of which will assist the Hospice chaplain to better educate local clergy about issues surrounding death.

Keystone Health Center	
The organization:	The Keystone Health Center is affordable, assessable health care to people of various income levels in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. When it was founded, Keystone primarily offered health services to migrant farm workers in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.
Current affiliation:	Spanish 231-B: Spanish for the Health Professions, Spanish 239: Spanish for the Health Professions
Dickinson partners:	Professor Wendell Smith, Spanish Professor Asunción Arnedo, Spanish
Student tasks:	Students were required to serve once a week in a setting where healthcare is being delivered to Spanish-speakers. Many students accompanied nurse practitioners from Keystone Health Center to labor camps for migrant fruit workers to register clients for health service at Keystone's clinic in Gettysburg. Students assisted with filling out forms and paperwork for Spanish-speaking clients.

Missionaries of Charity, Gift of Peace Hospice

The organization:	Run by Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity, provides a home environment for men and women with AIDS and terminal illness, as well as the homeless and indigent in Washington, DC.
Current affiliation:	FYS Profile in Courage: Nobel Peace Prize Laureates
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jeremy Ball, History
Student tasks:	Students made two visits to the Gift of Peace Hospice and spent 5 hours on each visit. Students' work included a combination of working on the grounds (weeding, trimming, raking) to visiting with residents in the building. Visiting consisted primarily of talking and playing games (in particular dominoes on the men's floor).

One West Penn- S.A.G.E. Program

The organization:	One West Penn, S.A.G.E. (Seniors Aging with Grace and Energy), program offers five fitness classes each week in yoga, aerobics, easy chair, a walking program and fitness center.
Current affiliation:	HEST 400: Health Studies Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor David Sarcone
Student tasks:	Students conducted research to answer the following: why did residents complete the fitness center orientation and routinely use the center, why did some complete the orientation, but not use the fitness center? Students conducted on site interviews to gather information. The students completed a five chapter research document and presented their findings to the community partners in place of a final examination.

Pennsylvania Department of Health	
The organization:	The Department's mission is to promote healthy lifestyles, prevent injury and disease, and to assure the safe delivery of quality health care for all Commonwealth citizens.
Current affiliation:	International Business & Management 300: Applied Empirical Analysis of Middle School Obesity
Dickinson partners:	Professor Stephen Erfle, International Business & Management
Student tasks:	Students interviewed W@W representatives to assess their use of and satisfaction with training and informational materials available through their membership in the national organization, Wellness Councils of America (WelCoA).

R.A.S.E. Project	
The organization:	This is a non-profit organization that strives to assist (socially, emotionally, legally) individuals with substance use disorders.
Current affiliation:	Psych 165: Psychopathology
Dickinson partners:	Professor Suman Ambwani, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students were initially able to visit and interact with clients at the R.A.S.E. house (for women with substance use disorders) but this was no longer possible after some staffing changes. They attended treatment court, a meeting with the Substance Abuse Coalition and provided suggestions on how to raise awareness about substance abuse problems on college campuses.

Sadler Health Center	
The organization:	The Sadler Health Center Corporation is a community-based non-profit institution that provides medical, dental, and behavioral health services and education to Carlisle residents regardless of ability to pay.
Current affiliation:	Psychology 380-01: Research Methods in Health Psychology Health Studies 400 – Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jennifer Devlen, Psychology Professor Andy Skelton, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students worked with the Sadler Health Center in Carlisle volunteering in the office and assisting in the collection of data and education classes. Students to conducted interviews with staff, patients, and Carlisle residents to provide Sadler with information about why people come or do not come to Sadler for medical care.

Tibetan Meditation Center	
The organization:	The Tibetan Meditation Center in Frederick, Maryland is a community of ordained and lay practitioners dedicated to offering Dharma classes and various meditation practices for people of all levels of experience
Current affiliation:	Religion 201: Buddhism in Tibet
Dickinson partners:	Professor Dan Cozort, Religion
Student tasks:	Students conducted a survey research project on the attitudes and understandings of people in the United States who are drawn to Tibetan Buddhism and the Center.

Wellness at Work	
The organization:	Wellness at Work (W@W) is a consortium of businesses, educational institutions, and government agencies that meets regularly to share information about employee wellness programs.
Current affiliation:	Health Studies 400 – Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor Andy Skelton, Psychology
Student tasks:	Students interviewed W@W representatives to assess their use of and satisfaction with training and informational materials available through their membership in the national organization, Wellness Councils of America (WelCoA).

Wellspan Health Connect	
The organization:	HealthConnect is a community based medical outreach program designed to “connect” uninsured families with the medical services and health care programs that they need. The most visible part of the HealthConnect program is a special van which transports health care services throughout the community. All tests and exams ordered through this program are provided free for those who meet program guidelines, and there is often assistance with medical supplies and prescription medications.
Current affiliation:	Spanish 231B: Spanish for the Health Professions
Dickinson partners:	Professor Wendell Smith, Spanish
Student tasks:	Student served as a bilingual intake receptionist and medical interpreter for the Wellspan Health Connect van in Biglerville. The facility is located in a mobile home that comes to the parking lot of Biglerville High School on Monday nights. Work involved everything from helping with paperwork to medical interpreting during patient appointments. This assignment required a very deep cultural and linguistic understanding on the part of the students.

LGBT Services

Common Roads	
The organization:	Common Roads supports and enhances the physical and emotional well-being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered youth (ages 14-22) in Central Pennsylvania. The organization hosts social events and guest speakers, as well as providing a forum for youth dialogue.
Current affiliation:	Policy Management 401: Policy Management Senior Seminar
Dickinson partners:	Professor Jim Hoefler, Policy Studies
Student tasks:	Students compiled an informational DVD for Common Roads. The DVD, made using iDVD software, aided the community partner in communicating the challenges faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teens. At the conclusion of the semester, the video, which features interviews with Common Roads youth members, was used as a general training tool and to communicate with school principals and counselors.

Silent Witness, PA	
The organization:	Silent Witness Peacekeepers Alliance (SWPA) is an organization of gay and straight allies dedicated to providing a non-confrontational buffer between the LGBT (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender) community and those who would protest LGBT events.
Current affiliation:	WGST: 202: Lesbian and Gay Communities
Dickinson partners:	Professor Stephanie Gilmore
Student tasks:	Students produced and directed three films: a film on the history and impact of Silent Witness, one on how to organize a Silent Witness Chapter in a different city and a third on fundraising for the organization. Students conducted research and interviews, created story boards and completed rough cuts and final cuts for each film. The fundraising group raised over \$1,000.00 for Silent Witness.

Religion

Beth El Temple	
The organization:	Beth El Temple was founded in Harrisburg in 1926. It combines traditional Jewish observances with the modern spiritual needs of a rapidly changing world. From modest beginnings, Beth El has grown to become the largest synagogue in Harrisburg and in Central Pennsylvania. Beth El, a traditional, egalitarian, and fully participatory congregation, is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.
Current affiliation:	Judaic Studies/ Environmental Studies 215
Dickinson partners:	Professor Andrea Lieber, Religion
Student tasks:	Students researched practical solutions for their partner organization, such as geothermal heating options, recycling policies in the city of Harrisburg, alternative lighting sources, compostable disposable tableware, etc. They made four site visits and on their forth meeting presented their ideas to stakeholders.

Chisuk Emuna Congregation	
The organization:	Chisuk Emuna, a warm and welcoming congregational family founded by Eastern European immigrants in 1883, continues to provide a traditional, Jewish home to members of the Greater Harrisburg Jewish community from all ages, backgrounds and levels of observance. Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Chisuk Emuna offers religious, educational, cultural, social and youth programs in a hamishe (unpretentious, friendly) atmosphere. Chisuk Emuna is a "hands-on" Jewish family that partners with other local Jewish institutions to involve all who are interested in Jewish life.
Current affiliation:	Judaic Studies/ Environmental Studies 215
Dickinson partners:	Professor Andrea Lieber, Judaic Studies
Student tasks:	Students researched practical solutions for their partner organization, such as geothermal heating options, recycling policies in the city of Harrisburg, alternative lighting sources, compostable disposable tableware, etc. They made four site visits and on their forth meeting presented their ideas to stakeholders.

Jewish Community Center	
The organization:	The greater Harrisburg Jewish community is the home of many thriving Jewish organizations and facilities, as well as seven diverse congregations. The Rabbi David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy, located within the Jewish Community Center building, provides a solid Jewish and secular education for students in kindergarten through eighth grades. Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg, located on the Federation campus, provides a wide variety of social services, ranging from Kosher Meals on Wheels to counseling to adoption.
Current affiliation:	Judaic Studies/ Environmental Studies 215
Dickinson partners:	Professor Andrea Lieber, Religion
Student tasks:	Students researched practical solutions for their partner organization, such as geothermal heating options, recycling policies in the city of Harrisburg, alternative lighting sources, compostable disposable tableware, etc. They made four site visits and on their forth meeting presented their ideas to stakeholders.

Keshet Israel Congregation	
The organization:	Keshet Israel Congregation was founded in 1902 by men and women who were determined to create a religious presence in Harrisburg that focused on the study of Torah, acts of loving kindness and, foremost, a belief in the G-d of Israel. Keshet Israel continues to hold true to these principles and thrives as an Orthodox synagogue. Now in its' 106th year , the shul continues to maintain daily minyanim , Chevra Kadisha services, chavrusah learning, Scholar-in-Residence programs, Summer Kollel, and an NCSY chapter along with other youth programming.
Current affiliation:	Judaic Studies/ Environmental Studies 215
Dickinson partners:	Professor Andrea Lieber, Religion
Student tasks:	Students researched practical solutions for their partner organization, such as geothermal heating options, recycling policies in the city of Harrisburg, alternative lighting sources, compostable disposable tableware, etc. They made four site visits and on their forth meeting presented their ideas to stakeholders

Temple Ohev Sholom	
The organization:	Temple Ohev Sholom is the center for Reform Judaism in the greater Harrisburg PA area. They are an active congregation with members of every age, income, and lifestyle. They are united by their commitment to Reform Jewish values, religious education, caring for fellow congregants, and fulfilling their role in the Harrisburg community.
Current affiliation:	JUDST 215/ENST 215
Dickinson partners:	Professor Andrea Leiber, Judaic Studies
Student tasks:	Students researched practical solutions for their partner organization, such as geothermal heating options, recycling policies in the city of Harrisburg, alternative lighting sources, compostable disposable tableware, etc. They made four site visits and on their forth meeting presented their ideas to stakeholders.