What is Academic Service-Learning?

- Provides an opportunity for students through service-learning courses to greater engage and collaborate with the community.
- Provides faculty training, support & opportunities to integrate community within their scholarship and teaching.
- Provides community members and organizations an entry point to university collaboration and communication.

AS-L Programs

The B. Side: The Business Side of Youth incubates ideas and projects of youth to foster a culture of entrepreneurship. These projects are supported through enterprise and business education, and mentor relationships, which teach self-sufficiency and initiative in realizing self-defined goals. Through The B. Side youth are promoted as an asset within the local business landscape.

www.bsideofyouth.com

Digital Inclusion is a social enterprise dedicated to bridging the digital divide through the refurbishing and reselling of computers to non-profits, low-income residents and construction of computer labs in low income housing communities. College students provide the refurbishment training to area youth who in turn become digital bridges in their own homes and communities.

www.direcycle.com

CrossTown Theatre Troupe fosters youth voice through theatre. CTT is comprised of local middle school and high school youth who want to have an impact on their community. Graduate students in Applied Drama, Performance Studies & Theatre for the Young serve as program teaching artists where youth are provided year-long opportunities to practice improvisational skills, interactive theatre, dramatic text interpretation and an understanding of theatre for social change.

www.crossstowntheatre.com

Bridging the university and the community
AS-L Seminars & Institutes

AS-L Faculty Fellow Seminar
AS-L Faculty Fellows learn the theories, trends, methods, and assessment of service-learning. Specifically, faculty will be exposed to various approaches to integrating AS-L methods into their courses. The Office of Academic Service-Learning supports release time for a group of AS-L Faculty Fellows each fall and winter semester. The AS-L Faculty Fellows attend a weekly faculty development seminar, which prepares faculty to integrate an academic service-learning component into courses or curriculum. Faculty leave the seminar with a revised syllabus or curriculum, community partners, and membership in a university-wide academic service-learning network.

AS-L and Community Integration Workshop for Full- and Part-Time Lecturers
This series of workshops provides full- and part-time lecturers who teach 100 or 200 level courses and/or core curriculum courses training in integrating academic service-learning or a community component into their courses or curriculum.

Community Engagement Panels
To encourage faculty and community collaboration, The Office of Academic Service-Learning hosts two annual community panels open to all past and present faculty fellows. Recent community organizations and offices have included Fair Housing of Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services, EMU’s International Student Office, SPARK East, SDS Community Services, and 21st Century Bright Futures program.

Initiatives & Projects
Ypsi Rising
a quarterly event intended to create conversations around core city issues while shaping, baking, and breaking bread.

Highlighted Community Organizations
AS-L annually highlights two local organizations to build stronger community & university collaborations, assist with organizational capacity & increase student learning.

Community & Academic Service-Learning (CAS-L) Grants
Our CAS-L grant program supports programming expenses related to faculty initiated innovative community and/or AS-L classes, programs & projects.

College Positive Volunteers (CPVs)
CPVs are EMU students who provide information and workshops on college access as part of MCAN (Michigan College Access Network).

A different world cannot be built by indifferent people.
-Horace Mann

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