



Benefits of Community Service Learning

FOR THE STUDENTS

“We talk about lifelong learners, why not lifelong servers?”

Academic Growth

- **Applied Learning:** Enriches student learning of course material and "brings books to life and life to books" by making curriculum relevant to students' lives.
- **Extra Curricular Activities:** Improves interpersonal skills that are increasingly viewed as important skills in achieving success in professional and personal spheres.
- **Expands Community:** Classmates have longer relationship among themselves and with community partners and the clients they serve.
- **Redefines Education** as life learning knowledge and beyond the classroom experience.

Personal Growth

- **Increases awareness** of current societal issues as they relate to academic areas of interest by developing problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- **Increased self-esteem,** Personal efficacy and Motivation to learn
- **Fosters** social and personal development.

Professional Growth

- **Diversity:** Understanding and appreciation of, and ability to relate to, people from a wide range of backgrounds and life situations
- **Career Exploration:** The activities are great resume builders while also giving you relevant service-related career experience.
- **Leadership:** Fosters an ethic of service and civic participation in students becoming advocates and fulfilling a direct need for community partners and clients they serve.



FOR THE COMMUNITY

- **School as Resource:** Provides substantial human resources to local community partner and/or community-defined needs.
- **Creativity:** Allows the energy and enthusiasm of college students to contribute to community partner programming.
- **Capacity Building:** Creates potential for additional partnerships and collaboration with the campus and campus resources.
- **College Readiness:** Share first hand college experience with community partners and their clients
- **Directly contribute** to the organizational development of community partners and the direct communities that they serve through the building of social capital

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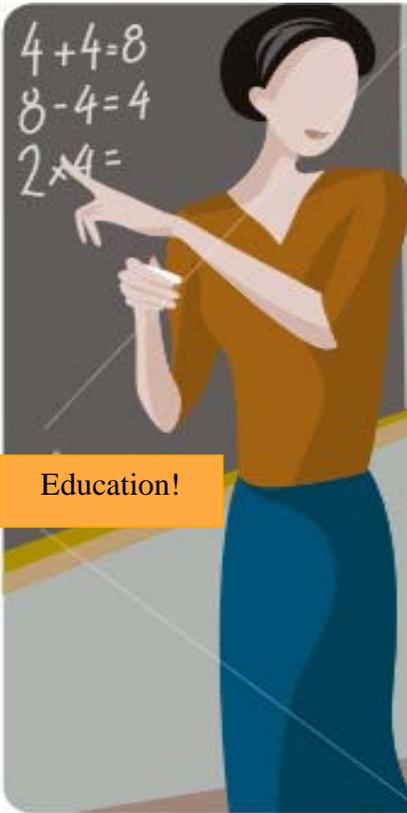


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FOR THE FACULTY MEMBERS AND INSTITUTION

- Enriches, enlivens and validates teaching and learning
- Creates new areas for professional development through expanded professional recognition.
- Extends campus resources into the community and reinforces the value of the scholarship of engagement.
- Networking opportunities!

“we have an opportunity to train and influence and sensitize people to deal with issues the clients of our agency face. It can influence their family relationships, career choices, and everyday experiences.”



FOR THE INSTITUTION

- Builds reciprocal partnerships with the local community.
- Contributes to the college's public relations, recruitment and retention efforts
- Community partners become advocates for De Anza college and for the courses with whom they teamed up
- Creates positive college publicity for community impacted activities
- Expands De Anza's "community" beyond the campus and the educational sector
- Gains additional resources, in-kind, monetary, and capacity building
- Students and faculty become role models for college aspirations but also for career objectives and creative entrepreneurship
- Creates a culture of community and civic engagement

Transformational relationships develop to serve the greater good of society!

