

What's New?

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Milestone: FSU Office of Civic Engagement and Service Learning Achieves 100,000 Student Service Hours to the Community

The Office of Civic Engagement and Service Learning (CESL) is pleased to announce that, collectively, FSU service-learning students have surpassed a major milestone, completing 100,000 hours of service to the community (100,289.007 to be exact), as of Summer II Session that ended in August 2017. Since fall 2009, when service learning was officially implemented at FSU, students' service-hours data have been collected and reported.

Service learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities (Learn and Serve America National Clearinghouse).

During the past seven years, students' annual hours of service have increased substantially from 1,940 in the first year (2009-2010) to 21,830 this past year (2016-2017). With an administration committed to promoting student engagement and fostering civic responsibility, and an increased number of faculty using service-learning as a teaching pedagogy, the FSU service-learning program is increasingly referred to as a model when compared to an array of other colleges and universities. At FSU, it has been a high impact practice intentionally implemented to develop students' critical thinking skills and their ability to become community leaders. Service-learning is one of the many ways that FSU students give back to the Fayetteville/Cumberland/Sandhills community. With over 100 community organization partnerships, the CESL office is able to facilitate meaningful experiences that are mutually beneficial to all parties.

Originally established as the Institute of Civic Justice in 2007, service learning was added in 2009 after Dr. Melissa Barlow, FSU Professor in Criminal Justice and then Director, received a Learn and Serve America grant. This grant provided the foundation for FSU to develop the infrastructure to assist faculty members with integrating service learning into their course curricula.

Currently, the Office of Civic Engagement and Service Learning's mission focuses on two areas—student engagement in civic life and academically based service learning. Dr. Davis, the director, and the staff that includes Melissa Lyon, Tiara (Monique) Broadhurst, and Brittany Merchant Bazemore are to be commended for their

coordination and facilitation of service learning for all academic majors.

If interested in learning more, contact the Office of Civic Engagement and Service Learning at (910) 672-2460.

FSU Nursing Ranked #2 Best Nursing School in Eastern Region by NurseJournal.org

<http://nursejournal.org/articles/americas-best-nursing-schools/>

The NurseJournal.org's mission is "to find the best nursing schools in each region of the U.S. and share that information..." The FSU Nursing School was recently ranked as the #2 Best Nursing School in the Eastern Region. The evaluation included 1,189 schools and selected 20 metrics in five categories: quality, affordability, convenience, satisfaction, and value.

Other UNC system institutions ranked include: UNC-Charlotte #7, Winston-Salem State #8, UNC-Chapel Hill #11, NC Central #13, UNC-Wilmington #40, UNC-Greensboro #41, and East Carolina #47. No other North Carolina college or university was in the top 10.

Kudos to Dr. Afua Arhin, Associate Dean, FSU School of Nursing, the faculty and staff.

FSU Social Work 5th Annual Boots to Suits Conference and Job Fair Held at Fort Bragg

The annual Boots to Suits Conference and Job Fair was held on August 14-15 at Fort Bragg. Day 1, the educational and networking event, had 114 in attendance. Day 2, the job fair that included 40 vendors, was attended by 125 veterans. This year, FSU was in partnership with NCOA Career Expos, Military.com, Monster.com, along with Food Lion as a major sponsor, and 15 other sponsors.

For more information, visit: uncfsu.edu/sw/boots-to-suits

Cracking the Peanut Allergy Code: Dr. Hortense Dodo, Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences

Dr. Hortense Dodo, the inventor of allergen-free peanuts, also known as non-allergy peanuts, is now an adjunct faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences at Fayetteville State University. Her groundbreaking research and findings has cracked the peanut allergy code. Many who are affected by the allergy and those in the healthcare industry hope that her hypoallergenic peanut will become the new standard. Dr. Dodo was recently featured in the inaugural issue of the HBCU Magazine.

Dr. Dodo considers life to be so important that even if one person is saved by her product then all of her effort was worth it. Her research premise was simple. She identified three proteins among many found in peanuts that triggered a human allergic reaction. Then she targeted these proteins to eliminate them.

HIV/STD Prevention Project for African American Young Adults at FSU

The FSU Department of Criminal Justice recently reported its activities and findings for the "HIV/STD Prevention Project for African American Young Adults" being implemented at Fayetteville State University. This project is associated with the My Body, Our Health federally-funded project that aims to reduce the transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) among young adults on campus and in the community.

The problem being addressed was a high rate of unprotected sex as identified in baseline data collected in 2015 among African American young adults at FSU or who reside in the local community. Several steps were taken to address the problem. Approximately 1,500 free condoms per month were distributed via condom dispensers, campus & community events, peer health educators, outreach & field workers, barber shops, & mobile HIV testing units. Through a collaboration with FSU Student Health Services and community partners, rapid HIV testing was implemented on campus for the first time. Also, testing for the Hepatitis C Virus and syphilis was introduced, HIV testing was conducted with approximately 500 African American young adults (campus & community), and syphilis and HCV testing was implemented on campus, integrating them with HIV testing with broader health screenings to reduce the stigma affiliated with those tests.

Twenty-four (24) peer health educators on campus were certified by national bodies and over 200 young adults were recruited to participate in small-group HIV/STD prevention initiatives. FSU sponsored dozens of campus-based HIV/STD prevention activities and partnered with several organizations to engage with local communities.

The My Body, Our Health Project team is grateful to the FSU faculty and staff who supported this project. The team includes: Dr. Karen McElrath, Dr. Angela Taylor, and Ms. Mallonee Clay of the Department of Criminal Justice; Dr. Alexandru Stana of the Department of Communication, Languages & Cultures; and, Ms. Letitia Johnson-Arnold of Student Health Services.

You're Invited: *Welcome Reception for Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants and International Students*

Join FSU in welcoming the **Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTAs) and international students** on **Wednesday, August 30, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the RJSC Room 240**. Sponsored by the International Students Association, this reception is open to faculty, staff, students, and friends. For more information, contact Sharmila Udyavar, sudyavar@uncfsu.edu, or Deborah Vasquez, dvasquel@uncfsu.edu.

FSU Recent Graduates on the Move

- **Carla Guzman ('17) and Chelsea Sandusky ('17)**, who graduated in Spring 2017 with degrees in Performing and Fine Arts, have been accepted to study abroad and obtain their Master's degree at The China Academy of Art in Province Zhejiang, China beginning fall semester 2017. They were selected in July 2017 after a rigorous national search and will receive a full scholarship. The Academy, established in 1928, is a center for specialist students in the Fine Arts is located in Hangzhou, the provincial capital of Zhejiang province, which is one of China's most economically and culturally developed provinces. It has nearly 700 international students from 90 different countries.
- Two FSU theatre program alumni--**Deon Lee ('14) and Lydia Williamson ('15)**—performed in the lead rolls of Romeo & Juliet this summer at Hoosier Shakes, a theatre company in Indiana. **Dr. Jeremy Fiebig, FSU Associate Professor of theatre**, directed the production. Lydia and Deon were also in another production (Much Ado About Nothing) for this company. Lee is a dancer/actor. Some of his most recent credits include: *The Little Mermaid, The Bluest Eye, The Wiz* (Cape Fear Regional Theater), *A Few Good Men* (Theater Raleigh), and the New York Premier of *Asylum* (Only Child Aerial Theater). Williamson's most recent work include Actors Theatre of Charlotte's *Booty Candy* (Various), Cape Fear Regional Theatre's *The Three Musketeers* (Constance), *The Bluest Eye* (Claudia), and *The Piano Lesson* (Grace). Visit: <http://hoosiershakes.com>

Fall Preview 2017

Hosted by Office of Admissions
for high schools juniors and seniors and transfer
students

Saturday, September 30, 8:30 – 1:00 pm.

For more information, contact:

admissions@uncfsu.edu or
call 910/672-1371.

Individuals, families and groups can register at:
<http://www.uncfsu.edu/admissions/fallpreview>

Visit FSU Sesquicentennial Website

For more information about the
Sesquicentennial events
(September 14, 2017 – May 12, 2018)
go to: <https://150.uncfsu.edu>.

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Fall 2017 Schedule: August 22-November 30

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to visit FLTAs to
learn more about their country and cultures:

- **Coffee Tables at Ecogrounds Café:**
 - Michael (Nigeria): Tuesdays 2-4 pm
 - Shahin (Bangladesh): Thursdays 2-4 pm
 - Yujie (China): Mondays 2-4 pm
- **Office Hours at SciTech Building 119**
 - Michael (Nigeria): Thursdays 2-4 pm
 - Shahin (Bangladesh): Tuesdays 11am – 1 pm
 - Yujie (China): Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon

For more information, contact Sharmila Udyavar:
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Upcoming Events

Note: *Sesquicentennial Fall Convocation, Fall Preview, Homecoming, and more*

- **August 30, 3:30 – 4:30:** Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTAs) and International Students, RJSC Room 240
- **September 14, 2:00 pm:** Sesquicentennial Fall Convocation featuring Hill Harper
- **September 30:** Fall Preview 2017 hosted by Office of Admissions
- **October 21:** Homecoming 2017
- **November 9:** Sesquicentennial Deed Signing Commemoration Ceremony - For details, visit: <https://150.uncfsu.edu>