



**Service-Learning & Community Service
Externally Funded Initiatives
2011-2012**

Pay it Forward: Student-led Philanthropy (September 2011 – June 2012)

The Learn and Serve America Program has awarded Madonna University funding to support the integration of philanthropy into two academic courses. Building on the success of the 2010 – 2011 Pay it Forward initiative, the fall 2011 courses will “engage college students in the study of philanthropy, while providing them with the intellectual knowledge and practical experiences needed to conduct needs assessments, establish funding criteria, research local nonprofits, interview community members, and develop writing, decision-making, accounting, and evaluation skills” (Michigan Campus Compact, 2011).

Pay it Forward Faculty: Charles Derry, M.S.A, and Betty Jean Hebel, Ph.D.

Project Director: Olga Martinez, Director for Service-Learning

Venture Grant: Community Literacy Outreach (September 2011 – August 2012)

Madonna University has been awarded an MCC CYCLE 40 Venture Grant to expand the university’s role in addressing state-wide literacy needs by deepening its relationships with current community partners and exploring new partnerships. Goals and activities of the grant include: 1) increasing the participation of faculty and students serving in literacy projects in the Metro-Detroit area 2) administering community literacy needs assessments 3) incorporating social media to highlight community literacy programming involving partnerships between local agencies, community organizations and higher education institutions 4) programming and hosting a “Partners for Literacy” one-day conference on topics including: teaching, tutoring, writing, reading, “how to” establish a literacy program, “how to” recruit college and community member volunteers, etc.

Project Director: Ann Russell, Ph.D., Director of MU Writing Programs

Venture Grant: Service-Learning Faculty Mentors (September 2011 – August 2012)

Madonna University has been awarded an MCC CYLCE 40 Venture Grant to expand its Service-Learning Faculty Fellows program by incorporating a faculty peer mentoring model. Goals and activities of the grant include 1) increasing the number of service-learning faculty 2) cultivating a service-learning faculty community 3) supporting faculty interested in join interdisciplinary service opportunities.

Project Director: Olga Martinez, Director for Service-Learning

Michigan Service Scholars (September 2011 – September 2012)

The Michigan Service Scholars AmeriCorps Program (MSS) provides state-wide scholarships to students attending Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) member campuses through a grant from the Michigan Community Service Commission and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Students who complete 300 hours of community service during one calendar year will be awarded a \$1,132 education award. There are currently six active Michigan Service Scholars and applications for five new MSS opportunities will begin September 15, 2011.

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