

# Service Learning: Student Testimonials



“I really do like the idea of Service Learning because this is what I will actually be doing when I graduate. I will retain so much more of this, rather than sitting in a class and listening to theories. I’m really glad I can take what I have learned and put it to good use already.”

-Student reflects on using Public Relations skills for Service Learning Project

Source: [http://blog.buffalostate.edu/cdc/servicelearning/archives/papers\\_of\\_reflection\\_for\\_com308w/](http://blog.buffalostate.edu/cdc/servicelearning/archives/papers_of_reflection_for_com308w/)

“My initial reaction when told about the service learning activity with Tones was not very enthusiastic, I didn’t really know how it would go actually applying the things that we were learning to a real life situation. Before this class, I had [absolutely] no experience with worksite health promotion and had never really thought about how the things we do in health studies improves company morale as well as people’s own well-being. The more we do with this service learning project, the more I learn how valuable a program like this can be. I have learned a great deal about how skills and concepts I have learned throughout my time at Iowa State can be applied to real life situations, especially in the workplace. I look forward to seeing the progress we are making with the Tone’s employees and continuing to learn how to apply all of these concepts to real life situations.”

“Before I ever took this class I wasn’t excited about it. After getting started on this program, my views definitely changed. I wanted to go into cardiac rehab and help people who have already been diagnosed with heart disease and high risk patients, and help them change their ways. Now I feel that it would be a lot more beneficial to help prevent these things from happening rather than wait until it’s too late. I am excited to try new things at Tone’s and see what we can do for them. I have a lot more confidence in my knowledge and presentation of health promotion and topics. It’s also made me a lot more aware of my personal lifestyle and the fact that I don’t do what I preach. I actually have started to change already in some aspects of my health, and working on this project has made me more aware of these things.”

-Students reflect on Worksite Health Promotion Service Learning Project  
with the Tones Spices company

Source: <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~gwelk/Compiled%20Service%20Learning%20Reflections.htm>

"Service learning is important to me as a student because I finally realized what it takes to become a teacher. Not only do you have to put a lot of time into teaching, but you have to put heart into it as well. There is nothing like the feeling you get when you see that sparkle in a child's eyes when they finally understand what you have taught them. These experiences opened my eyes, not only as a student, but as a future teacher."

"Service learning is important to me as a student because it provides opportunities like no other. As students, we are the future, and we need to help prepare for the future that we want to live in. Service learning is even better than volunteerism because, as students, we not only learn the importance of our community, we also become more engaged with the field of study we are interested in. Service learning promotes that volunteerism and learning together can be fun. I believe that more students should and need to have many service learning experiences."

**-Student Teachers reflect on Service Learning Experience**

Source: <http://www.jccmi.edu/servicelearning/Testimonials.htm>

"My service-learning placement at Rotholme Women's and Family Shelter has made me a more compassionate and responsible academic. Becoming a small part of the everyday life of the shelter and its clients gave me the opportunity to see the real-life consequences of unfair social policies, negative media representations, and unfounded prejudice against homeless individuals. Suddenly, I understood the issues we discussed in class not in terms of statistics or abstract ideas, but in terms of the lives of the individuals with whom I worked every week. My service-learning placement allowed me to give back to the London community outside of the university "bubble" - a community that I, as a student, had lived in for three years, but knew little about."

Source:

<http://72.14.209.104/search?q=cache:wjpr3SP828AJ:www.servicelearning.uwo.ca/testimonials.html+%22service+learning%22%22testimonials&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=10&gl=us>

"Community Service Learning played a very important role in my choice of career path. Sometimes after several years of having our noses in the books and being submerged in theory, we lose sight of our goals and forget why we are working so hard and where it is going to take us in the end. We therefore become confused and discouraged... Taking part in a Community Service Learning experience and being placed in a real-life situation therefore plays a key role. The human contact and the practical experience, on top of the words and concepts, make it easy to find our drive again. The flame that was burnt out can be relit... Our belief is renewed."

Source: <http://72.14.209.104/search?q=cache:n9A-pXZrVM4J:www.sass.uottawa.ca/els/csl/testimonials.php+%22service+learning%22%22testimonials&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=12&gl=us>

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me  
and I remember. Involve me  
and I learn.”

-Benjamin Franklin

# Assignment

- Read “Believing in the Impossible” by Paulo Coelho
- Reflect on Discussion Board #3