



Juniata College Community Service Office
Annual Service Days, Service-Learning Opportunities, and Service Trips

Fall Semester

Special Olympics (September)

Each year, Juniata College welcomes athletes to campus for the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Fall Sectional. Over 300 participants and 180 student volunteers work together for a day filled with sports, food and entertainment. *Sponsored by Circle K.*

Make a Difference Day (October)

Each year, Juniata students participate in this National Day of Service. Make a Difference Day brings students, staff and community members together to complete service projects benefiting various organizations across Huntingdon County.

Spring Semester

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January)

The Community Service Office provides students with an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through a day of service. For the past five years this has been a community soup dinner.

Comcast Day of Caring (April)

The Community Service Office partners with Comcast and the Huntingdon Community Center to provide assistance for the day on a variety of projects.

Relay for Life (April)

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life brings together students, faculty and staff in a campus wide effort to fight cancer. Participants form teams and fundraise throughout the fall and spring semesters. Their efforts culminate with 12 hours on the quad spent walking and celebrating life. *Sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer.*

Year-Round

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Each year, Juniata sponsors four blood drives on campus. Over 90 students, faculty and staff volunteer to coordinate drives and donate blood to the local Red Cross. *Sponsored by Circle K.*

Community Federal Work Study

This program allows students to provide valuable services for non-profit organizations and public agencies in the Huntingdon community while at the same time earning Federal Work Study wages. All students who receive Federal Work Study funds as part of their financial aid package are eligible to participate in the program. Each year more than 100 students take advantage of this unique opportunity.

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Service-Learning Initiatives

ND 201 Community Engagement (Spring and Fall Semesters)

Over the course of the semester students enrolled in this one-credit class integrate service in the community with individual reflection and classroom discussion. Work completed in the community helps students gain an understanding of the agencies that operate in Huntingdon and the myriad community needs they strive to meet. In the classroom, students are challenged to consider their volunteer experiences with respect to local political and economic issues, globalization, advocacy, and vocation. Through their volunteer efforts, students gain exposure to different cultural and economic issues, explore what it means to be an active citizen, develop a sense of civic and social responsibility, and learn how they might incorporate service into personal and professional objectives.

ND 203C Cultural Learning Tour (Winter Break)

Cultural Learning Tours afford students an opportunity to visit different locations (both domestic and international) and develop a deeper understanding of diverse cultures around the world. The Community Service Office and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion collaborate to provide service-learning opportunities gain in depth knowledge about the cultural, political, social, and environmental issues of the area we are serving. This 1 credit course emphasizes the importance of global and civic engagement. Past trips have taken students to Tennessee, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Northern Ireland, South Dakota, and Dominican Republic.

Bonner Leaders Program (Sophomore – Senior year)

First-year students can apply to participate in this program, a three-year service leadership opportunity. If selected, students are asked to volunteer with a community agency on a weekly basis for one academic year and participate in enrichment activities. The Bonner Leaders experience culminates with a capstone project developed and implemented in the final year of the program. Federal Work Study eligible students also have the opportunity to receive a Work Study wage.

Service Trips

Fall Break Service Trip (Fall Break)

A new trip added in Fall 2015, is a mini service trip to a nearby region of need. For Fall 2015, students will go to Pittsburgh, PA to work with the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and Community Gardens. The focus of this trip will be hunger in urban areas.

Spring Break Alternative (Spring Break)

Each spring, the Community Service Office partners with Campus Ministry to offer an alternative spring break option. This opportunity allows students to participate in a week of meaningful service activities complemented by personal reflection and group discussion. Past trips have addressed issues of poverty in the Appalachian region; abuse of the environment in rural North Carolina; and disaster relief in Florida and Texas; and rural homelessness in Maryland.

Urban Immersion (After-Graduation)

Urban Immersion is an annual service-learning trip designed to increase awareness and understanding about urban issues in the United States. Sponsored by the Community Service and Campus Ministry Offices at Juniata College, this program combines direct service activities with lectures, readings and discussion about relevant social justice issues. Participants share what they learn with the campus community upon return. Past trips have taken place in Washington, DC; Hartford, CT; Philadelphia, PA; and Buffalo, NY.



Cultural Learning Tour, Dominican Republic, January 2015