

Academic Civic Engagement Showcase

Extending the Classroom Into the Community

Thursday, May 9th
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
The Crossroads

Course and Project Titles

Theater Senior Capstone (TH 360)

Students completed campus and community projects connecting civic engagement and the arts:

ACTively Engaging Young Minds
Campus Outreach for the Minneapolis - St. Paul International Film Festival
Sol y Sombra: Northfield High School Latino Play Festival
Theater Teachers Unite: Organization of the CTAM Conf.

Ideals to Action (AMST 208)

Students completed group projects with HealthFinders Collaborative:

Blogging the MN Health Insurance Exchange
Developing a Community Online Resource Tool
Developing a Social Media Plan
Developing a Volunteer Coordination Program
Effective Engagement with St. Olaf and Carleton
Grant-writing with HealthFinders
Promotional Video Project for the Annual Gala
Racism in Healthcare: Steps Towards Cultural Competency

Environmental Studies Senior Seminar (ES 399)

Students completed community and campus based environmental projects:

Building a Professional Network of Local CSA Farmers
Community Outreach Program at SEEDS Farm
Educational Modules on Climate Change Research in Russia
Energy and Water Use Monitoring in Residence Halls
Impact of Cold Water Clothes Washing at St. Olaf College
Food Production Options within the City of Northfield
Learning through Gardening: Improving 3rd Grade Curriculum
Low Impact Weed and Lawn Care at Kildahl Park Point
Storm Water Management (Municipal and St. Olaf)
Urban Farming and the Corner Store Initiative in Twin Cities

Immigration & Citizenship (PSCI 350)

Communities & Schools Mini-conference -- Students provided research for and facilitated a conference on diversity issues and education for community leaders in Northfield & Faribault.

Research Methods (PSYCH 230)

Assessing Staff Needs to Provide Culturally Competent Care for Clients at Laura Baker Services

American Conversations (AMCON 202)

*Viking Theater

Radio Projects: Living as Citizens
Christian Vocation: A Civic Duty?
Civic Engagement among International Students
The Dark Side of Chocolate
Environmental Ethics in the Arts
Open Dialogue, Open for Interpretation
Performing Politics
St. Olaf Campus: Where Dreams Go up in Smoke
The St. Olaf Custodial Staff: Facilitating Our Community
What's Saving American Radio: How College Communities are Embracing an Aging Medium

Asian Con: Interpreting Journeys (ASIAN 220)

Students presented on cultural practices and environmental impacts associated with various foods they photographed in China and Japan.

Science Conversation: Cultural Context (SCICN 217)

Students explore the social, cultural and ethical dimensions of science through specific books:

Bodies and Souls, or Spirited Bodies?
Collectors of Lost Souls
Creationism on Trial
Creator God, Evolving World
In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of Mind
The Structure of Scientific Revolutions
What it Means to be 98% Chimpanzee

Inclusive Practice: Groups, Organizations & Communities (SW 261)

Celebrate Earth Day at Lashbrook Park -- Students utilized the planned change process to identify and facilitate a community project.

Intermediate Photography (ART 238)

*Telecom Hallway

Take a New Look at Laura Baker Services -- Students created a collection of portraits to illustrate all of the many facets of the LBS and installed exhibitions at six sites around the community.

Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) extends the classroom into the community and challenges students to apply knowledge and skills to address community issues and contribute to public life.