

# Academic Civic Engagement Showcase: Extending the Classroom into the Community

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December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

(Reading Day)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The Crossroads



## Project Titles

### **Arts & Culture Grant-writing Project**

*Arts Management (Management Studies 229); Sian Muir*

Students performed research and wrote grants in collaboration with a variety of local arts and culture organizations.

*A+ Arts Club*

*A New Stage: Providing a Cultural Space for Northfield*

*ARTour*

*Salem Chamber Orchestra: The Gift of Music Family Concert*

*Vintage Band Festival*

### **Re-imagining Way Park**

*Garden's Healing Powers (Environmental Studies 381); Matt Rohn*

The course uses Northfield's Way Park as a laboratory for exploring the role gardens can play in healing the broken relationship society currently has with the environment. The class will study the value of nature play, rain gardens, and healing and memorial gardens, and look into how each provides tools for sustainability.

*Nature Play Space*

*Way Park Project Proposal*

*React/Interact*

### **Story Partners: Intergenerational Engagement at the Northfield Retirement Center**

*Inclusive Practice with Individuals and Families (Social Work 254); Susan Smalling*

Students met for nine weeks with a resident at the Northfield Retirement Center. The students told short personal stories to engender reciprocal stories from their "partner" elder.

### **Engaging Students in High School Theatre**

*Independent Research Project (Kari Nelson)*

### **Organizing & Analyzing Students for Education Reform**

*CIS Senior Project (Andi Gomoll)*

*Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) extends the classroom into the community and prepares students for informed and active citizenship. It challenges students to apply academic knowledge and skills to address community issues or contribute to public life as an integrated component of an academic course.*