

Anyone Can Cook

Jennifer Harrison and Kayleigh Hynes hosted three sessions of cooking lessons to college students living in residence halls. Their project successfully educated participants how to eat healthy and cook quick meals all while staying on a budget. Residents had lots of fun making healthy and simple dishes together. Many participants revealed that it was their first time making a real meal.



Breaking Barriers

Aishwarya Ananthkrishnan and JaMarcus Harris facilitated a panel discussion on important current issues and needed education regarding religion, racism and the LGBTQ community on April 12. About 35 college students participated in this lively and educational discussion. The diverse group of participants from different cultures made the discussion both meaningful and thought-provoking.



Bulldog Strings

Eboni Smith brought exciting and engaging weekly music lessons to young children at the Starkville Boys and Girls Club. At the end of the semester, one of the participants' parents decided to continue the music education for their little girl by having more private tutoring lessons. Eboni's big heart and generous service made learning music become possible for children from low-income families.



Cystic Fibrosis Family Fundraising

Anne Tatum McPherson and Sydney Swims raised funds for families of children battling Cystic Fibrosis at Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital through two restaurant "Bite Night" events on April 13 and 14. Their unique capstone project gained lots of support from the community and their peers from Montgomery Leadership Program. Together they raised about \$1,000 for children in need.

Daughters of Job Special Needs Beauty Pageant

Claire Bassett, Alexis Hampton and Ashley Palmer arranged a community event celebrating the beauty and value of adults and children with developmental disabilities through their involvement in a pageant and talent show on April 22. The enthusiasm of these three women encouraged many people to get involved in helping this event become a reality. Their consistent promotion and sincere heart gained huge support from local business to donate many supplies for the event and about \$1,300 for continuing service and support for this special community.



Days of Encouragement

Mydarian Booker, Bailey Bullock and Ty Butler facilitated two learning sessions of fun and educational activities in order to empower fourth graders at East Oktibbeha Elementary School to engage in school more fully cognitively, behaviorally and emotionally. With the upcoming Oktibbeha school district consolidation, these three fellows brought so many valuable memories for those young students before they head to different schools for their education.



Economic Development Lecture

Wesley Brandon and Robert Eifert were passionate about promoting business knowledge to college students. So they invited a local guest speaker, Joe Max Higgins, on April 27 to share his practical insights on the current climate in the business world and valuable tips for success. Over 100 students and community members attended and a lengthy Q&A session followed the presentation showing the huge inspiration Mr. Higgins brought to students dreaming of big successes in their future.

Humanitarian Logistics- Using Drones to Deliver Supplies

Jack Francis conducted research on using drones to deliver medical supplies, food and clothing to those in need after natural disasters. His research already indicated that there is an optimal network to meet all the demands as well as minimizing the cost. This engineering major fellow's high-tech capstone project not only made to a scientific publication but also led to a big potential change for tomorrow's living. Jack proved that innovation is not far beyond reached, but it can happen in anywhere through learned leadership skills. This research project will continue with hopes for implementation in the near future.

I AM GIRL: Engineering Experience Days

Louie Dusang, Paul Hosemann, Josselyn Meneses and KL Shelby provided engineering education with three computer programming Saturday sessions for 5th -7th grade female students from the Columbus, Starkville and West Point community. A total of 70 participants learned several practical programming skills and were motivated to hopefully pursue STEM fields in their future post-secondary education. Their post-assessment survey showed participants gained a better understanding of the field of engineering and computer science.



Project Confidence

Brittany Carey promoted self-awareness and self-confidence education with fun activities for fifth graders at Transformers After-School program on March 30. Brittany helped bring awareness for young female students on how they can build a positive self-image while they are going through different transitional phases in their lives. The post-assessment survey revealed some positive outcomes from the learning session.

Project ENspire

Morgan Green facilitated a one day program on April 9 for 4th and 5th grade girls to learn about engineering principles through a series of fun hands-on activities. Thirteen young girls from the Starkville community participated and completed the whole day event. At the end of the day, both parents of participants and all the girls gave very positive comments about this program. Morgan's dedication to this educational capstone project won her "The Best Capstone of The Year" award.



Project Girl Talk

Breauna Gardner, Doria Johnson and Aaliyah Moore were passionate about encouraging and educating junior high girls through a one-day retreat on April 23 with "girl empowerment" topics such as self-worth and education through engaging activities led by college students.



School Supply Drive

Carl Aaron collected school supplies to benefit students from low income families to achieve high academic performance. Through his work, elementary students from Sudduth Elementary School will be sure to start the 2016-2017 school year with their needed tools for success. The total amount of collected items included over 300 pieces of school supplies such as paper, pencils, crayons, notebooks, backpacks, and scissors from the local Starkville community and Carl's hometown -- Atlanta, GA. This fellow even decided to extend his project to the summer time in order to get more supplies for children in need.

Singing for St. Jude

Vanessa Black and Kaitlyn Junkin raised over \$3,553 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through local sponsors and an on-campus benefit concert on April 1. 80 people attended and two guest speakers who shared with audience their personal experience with the St. Jude hospital. Kaitlyn and Vanessa's hard-work toward this capstone project inspired and motivated many fellows to do better on their own projects, and these two girls logged almost 170 hours for this project in a single semester. They again proved mastery of leadership through 3-semester's learning and doing from Montgomery Leadership Program.



Strides for St. Jude

Kristen Cosby, Hannah Garrard and Jay Purnell raised funds for St. Jude Research Children's Hospital through a 5K race on March 30. A total of 60 runners participated and the team raised over \$2,060. These three fellows' excellent group work represents some key components of being a good leader --- communicate effectively, work hard and make improvements constantly.



Studio Based Learning Research

Rachel Blough conducted research on the impact of kinesthetic learning with junior high students to gain further knowledge about how to better teach students through encouraging movement in the classroom and engaging learners of all backgrounds. This exciting study is still in progress.

Think Before You Speak

Kayla Franks, Simone Jones, Octavia Lewis and Tristan Smith brought awareness to college campus bullying and mental illness through a discussion session with 50 college students on March 8. Pre and Post-surveys showed participants got better understanding about bullying, mental illness and how to stop it when they encounter a situation of bullying.



Veteran Stories

Nick Renfroe devoted his time for interviewing and documenting the stories of current military veterans for the purpose of honoring their remarkable service to our country and valuable life experiences. Impressively, some of these veterans revealed that was the first time they shared their stories to others. Nick's project reminded us to always appreciate all the sacrifices veterans make for our country and citizens.

First Semester MLP Projects

Ward-Stewart Elementary School

Sagar Shetty, Avani Solanki, Maggie Walgreen and Hannah Whitlock served as tutors at Ward-Stewart Elementary School on a regular basis, serving a total of 83 hours. In addition to their regular services, they also partnered alongside of the elementary school's Dr. Seuss Birthday Reading Event and motivated young children to read more books by rewarding them a day of fun and games with a game truck. They were also able to extend the reading options for the kids by obtaining 39 additional Accelerator Reading books.

Ms. Smith's Educational Services

Katie McLemore, Beler Watts, Joseph Garland, Alexis Sanders and Maggie Davis together served as tutors for kids of all ages at the Ms. Smith's Educational Services on weekly basis. From their observations, they realized the place not only need extra academic assistance but also improvement on space organization. Therefore, these five fellows built and painted a four floors bookshelf from the scratch to declutter the little space in Ms. Smith's meeting area. Total 135 service hours were provided to this community partner.



Camp Seminole

Brendan Jones, Daria Cooper, Forrest Wright, Keely McCulla and Turner Sanderson served at the Camp Seminole for 142 hours. This group conquered lots of difficulties (cold rainy weather, muddy road, heavy lifting work and skilled wood-work) in order to improve the environment at Camp Seminole and benefit the community. In addition to their service, they also tore down the front door of three bathhouses, re-roofed one bathhouse and built doors for bathhouse stalls. All of this work added beautification and accessibility for the camp. This successful renovation work created a quality family atmosphere for future scouts to enjoy and opened up multiple campsites for people to visit. The addition of more private bathrooms widened the audience who would be interested in staying at the camp. The Camp Seminole group got voted as the "Best Project" by their same year MLP fellows.

Oktibbeha County Humane Society

Morgan Watkins, Leslie Beck, Tyler Cook, Hallie Troell, Hannah Reyes and Anna Stepchuck served at Oktibbeha County Humane Society on a regular basis as volunteers to clean the shelter, walk dogs and cats, and socialize with all the animals. In addition to regular service, the group went beyond and did a supply drive for the shelter at Walmart and the Co-op. These six fellows' hard work made the supply drive a huge success; the shelter received lots of smaller items such as cleaning wipes, paper towels, hand sanitizer, small toys and blankets as well as some larger items like bags of dog food and cans of cat food. They also made peanut butter and oatmeal treats for the dogs in order to provide stability at the shelter when the animals are put into a stressful environment and help with treats needed for the shelter's ongoing behavioral training program for new shelter dogs. Together they served 131 hours.

Starkville Manor

Doug Williams, Victoria Neilsen, Gavin King, Akecianna Thornton and Emily Humphrey served at the Starkville Manor, which is a health care and rehabilitation center that houses 116 residents. These five fellows interacted and played games with the residents throughout the semester. They also planned and hosted a Spring Fling party for them, which included bringing a youth group from Shaeffer's United Methodist Church to sing songs with the residents, creating Easter-themed chick crafts with residents, playing several games of "bunny bingo" with the residents. In addition, they made goody bags for people to take after the party. In total, they served nearly 97 hours.

The ACCESS Program

Mary Frances Broadhead, Karlyn Grubb, Jennifer Darce and Kristen West served as peer mentors for the ACCESS program at MSU during the semester. These four fellows showed their enthusiasm and sincerity to all the members at the program. They created and arranged various interesting and meaningful activities in order to provide more stimulation for the members while they were having fun. They also taught and helped all the ACCESS program students to learn how to prepare and become effective facilitators for a “Healthy Eating Event” at the Aiken Village Preschool where ACCESS students helped the children make fruit kabobs, read a healthy eating book to all the children, and dressed up as Bully and performed a couple of exercises with the children. Together they served nearly 108 hours.



Henderson Intermediate School

Roger Davis, Jr., Tonie Williams, Francesca Magario, Ayanna Hill and Hannah Thomas served as tutors at this elementary school on a regular basis throughout the semester. They also created a Dr. Seuss Day in which students got a chance to write a Dr. Seuss story and play games. These fellows were also able to obtain bookmarks, pencils, erasers, rulers and Dr. Seuss books for the English teachers at this school, and gave away a Dr. Seuss t-shirt for the students who participated in order to motivate them to read more books and stay in school. Together they served 139 hours.

Transformers After-School Program at Armstrong Middle School

Hamsini Balaji, Beth Baugh, Nick Harris, Haley Herndon and Shelbie Dalton served as tutors and mentors at this program on a regular basis throughout the semester. They also facilitated a Career Dating Day which included twelve guest speakers from a variety of career fields to share their experiences and insight regarding their careers and encourage students to work hard and pursue their dream professions. Pre and Post-survey showed a very positive effect from this event on students' perspectives toward different career fields. Together they served 111 hours.

Sudduth Elementary School

Shawanda Brooks, Jennifer Dominguez, Madison Lessley, Michael Montalvo and Mikhaila Selby served at this elementary school on regular basis. In order to provide a hands-on learning experience to young children and reiterate the students' lessons in reading and language arts, they worked with their students one-on-one to make a Zoo Animal book by helping students to draw and write their own creative stories about their favorite animals. After some further edits from the fellows, the Zoo Animal book was printed and distributed to different classroom teachers and the students who wrote the books as a valuable asset and beautiful memory. Total they served 145 hours.

