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Summary: More than 150 students and 1,000 community members were involved in service learning projects this semester. Wondering what Service Learning is all about? Find out during the Service Learning Expo May 3 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Student Center.

(April 17, 2006)-Press Release: Spring 2006 Service Learning Expo

If you haven't previously enrolled, taught, or partnered with a service learning course, you might be wondering what service learning is all about or what it involves. Your opportunity to gain that knowledge has arrived! On May 3 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. the Service Learning Program at the University of Minnesota, Morris will host a Service Learning Expo at the UMM Student Center. The expo includes presentations during the day and a poster session at the end of the day. Each class will either be hosting a presentation or creating a poster.

This semester, more than 150 students and 1,000 community members were involved in service learning projects ranging from creating a survey to measure the economic health of the city of Benson to teaching a variety of subjects to elementary school students using creative dramatic techniques. A total of nine courses and 16 individual projects were completed for 19 community agencies, organizations, or schools. Come learn about these projects and their impacts of the community, and get involved in the future of service learning at UMM!

Below is a schedule for the day:

9:15-10:20: Students in Ray Schultz's Creative Dramatics for Children will demonstrate the creative dramatics lesson plans they wrote and taught for elementary school students this semester by conducting a lesson with MAES Sixth Graders.

10:20 a.m.-12 p.m.: TBA

12-1 p.m.: Erin Bowley, Learn and Serve evaluator will present the results of her evaluation and conduct a conversation about the future of UMM's Service Learning Program. Dessert and water will be provided bring your lunch!

1-2 p.m.: TBA

2-3 p.m.: Students in Argie Manolis' Introduction to Creative Writing course will read found poems spoken by elders in the community and talk about how the project met learning goals in the course.

3-6 p.m.: MAHS students who worked with Hope Kohler's Voice students will sing the pieces they have prepared throughout the afternoon. In addition, students involved in Therese Buchmiller's Advanced Photography, Pareena Lawrence's Introduction to Econometrics, Argie Manolis' Creative Writing in the Schools, Steve Gross' History Day, Barbara Burke's Social Uses of the Media, and eight different projects in Jennifer Rothchild's Introduction to Sociology

will be showcasing their work through displays. Snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the afternoon.

Other service learning events -- open to the public -- that will happen during the last week of classes include:

May 2: Poetry Reading and Celebration for Elders and their families, 6:30 p.m., West Wind Village (Please RSVP if you are not a family member of the elders involved in the project) (Introduction to Creative Writing-Argie Manolis)

May 6: Photography and life history show opening, 3 p.m., Java River Coffee Shop, Montevideo (Advanced Photography-Therese Buchmiller Introduction to Sociology-Jennifer Rothchild)

May 8: Mural Unveiling, 3:30 p.m., Salvation Army, Morris (Media Studies-Michael Eble)

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