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Educating Dartmouth students to be ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community through service, character development, and spiritual exploration.

Recent Events

- ☛ Social Justice Lectureship Series
September 29 - Dr. Waangari Maathai, recipient of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize
October 7 - Kathy Sreedhar, Director of the Unitarian Universalist Holdeen India Program
- ☛ Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov. 13-19) generated wide campus involvement in a variety of events, including a Run for Hunger, benefit concert, panel discussion on homelessness in the Upper Valley, screening of the film *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price*, Sleepout for Awareness, Oxfam Hunger Banquet, and Volunteer Action Day.

Dartmouth's H&H week was about probing difficult avenues of discussion, educating and engaging a large portion of the Dartmouth Community, and sparking ideas for further campus activism to alleviate international and domestic poverty. On this front, the week proved invaluable to the Dartmouth Community.

Service Trips

- ☛ Dartmouth Education and Service Corps - Biloxi
KatrinaHelp, a student-initiated group and the first subcommittee of the newly established Dartmouth Emergency Response Committee, which is chaired by the Tucker Foundation's Dean, Stuart Lord, collaborated with the Dartmouth Education and Service Corps to send a team down to Biloxi, Mississippi for two weeks in December. The forty-five participants provided a range of much needed services to the community, including the development of a computer center, the filming of a documentary video that will address long-term housing issues, demolition and mold removal on more than twenty-five homes, and hands on work with elementary school kids in the local public school system. Several of the trip participants described their experiences as "life changing," which was the original goal - to provide a set of experiences capable of shifting paradigms.
- ☛ Cross Culture and Education Service Program - Nicaragua
In this, the fifth year of the program, a team comprised of 24 undergraduates, 3 medical students, and 5 faculty and staff continued to build relationships with the community of Siuna and the University of the Autonomous Region of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua (URACCAN), working with the local people on community health and development projects.

Long-Term Projects

- ☛ Asia Relief
This new organization was created, by students, in response to the devastation wrought by the October 8 earthquake in Pakistan, India, and Kashmir, and falls under the auspices of the Dartmouth Emergency Response Committee. The money raised will be donated to three charities involved in the relief efforts: UNICEF, UN World Food Program, and Islamic Relief. Asia Relief has raised over \$12,000 so far through a variety of events.
- ☛ Project Bangladesh
Project Bangladesh is a student-run organization raising money to build an orphanage in Bangladesh. The project began with Matt Sueoka '04, who designed the plans for the orphanage as his Senior Honors Engineering Thesis. This year, the Tucker Foundation officially adopted the project and hired a student intern to coordinate a fundraising campaign to achieve the remaining \$240,000 needed to begin construction.

Awards and Faculty Fellowships

- ☛ Dean of the College Service Award
The Dean of the College Award for Service recognizes and honors students for service contributions that benefit the Dartmouth Community. This past year, two students received the Award for their service through Tucker. Congratulations to Susan Gordon '06 for her service

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as a student leader with Outdoor Leadership Experience, and to Lucinda Leung '06 for her multiple roles at Tucker including Alternative Spring Break leader, DPCS Intern, America READS tutor and chair, and Fellow on the Dartmouth Community Services Executive Team.

☛ Faculty Fellow

The Tucker Foundation was pleased to announce Ivy Schweitzer, Associate Professor of English and Women's Studies at Dartmouth College, as the first Tucker Foundation Faculty Fellow. Professor Schweitzer was awarded the fellowship to support her work connecting academics in the Women's Studies Program to a new theatre project, Telling My Story, at the Southeast State Correctional Facility in Windsor, Vermont. Telling My Story was a theatre production workshop comprised of both inmate and Dartmouth student participants – through group work, theater exercises, and the writing and telling of stories, participants explored their individual histories and attitudes regarding incarceration. All of this culminated in an original theater production for an audience comprised of fellow inmates, prison staff, family, friends, and visitors.

Staff News and Highlights

☛ Maria Quiray

Maria Quiray was appointed as the Tucker Foundation Fellowships & Internships Program Advisor in October 2005. Most recently, she served as an Education Abroad Program Advisor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Maria was born in Providence, Rhode Island and was raised in Burrillville, Rhode Island. She received her BA in Communication from Rhode Island College and her Masters of Education in Higher Education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

☛ Civic Interns

Natalie Allan '06		Camden Place '07
Yanaisdys Baeza '06	Taica Hsu '06	Jillian Rork '06
David Burnham '06	Kimberly Jeffers '06	Tara Seethaler '06
Sarah Chaudhry '07	Zak Kaufman '08	Renee Smith '08
Kyle Engelman '08	Sean Kelleem	Sara Studebaker '07
Cole Entress '06	Sydney Kim '06	Bart van Veghel '06

Tucker Fellows and Interns

☛ DPCS Interns – Fall Term

Maia Fedyszyn '07 – Health Care for the Homeless; Boston, Massachusetts
Laura Flannery '07 – Good Neighbor Health Clinic; White River Junction, Vermont
Jeremy Martin '07 – Lebanon Housing Authority; West Lebanon, New Hampshire
Yukako Honda '07 – Reinventing the Meal & VA Medical Center; Windsor & WRJ, Vermont
Kathryn Sullan '07 – New England Baptist Hospital; Boston, Massachusetts
Rachel Bloch '07 – Psychiatric Inpatient Wards Intern at DHMC; Lebanon, New Hampshire

☛ Tucker Fellows – Fall Term

Tami Lee Fay '07 – Travel 2 Teach Thailand; Nongkhai, Thailand
Julia Bartlett '07 – W.O.M.A.N., Inc.; San Francisco, California
Lilly Bertz '07 – D.R.E.A.M. Project; Cabarete, Dominican Republic
Deana Wojcik '07 – Aspen Achievement Academy; Loa, Utah



THOUGHTS FOR THE TERM: COMPASSION AND EMPATHY

“How is it that a human being can so participate in the danger and peril of another that, forgetting his own self-protection, he moves spontaneously to that person’s rescue? ...This is a metaphysical realization that has broken through which is usually not there.”

“Compassion is the basis for all morality.”

-Arthur Schopenhauer (1788 – 1860)