The 2007-2008 academic year is wrapping up and Community Engagement Center would like to thank everyone who contributed to building an engaged campus at Sacramento State. More than 2,100 students enrolled in forty-three Community Engagement Center service learning courses, with a total of eighty-six sections this academic year. The wide spectrum of service learning classes in six colleges contributed between 150 and 2,000 hours of service in the community.

Community Engagement Scholar

Associate Professor Jana Noel, Teacher Education, has been appointed the new Community Engagement Faculty Scholar beginning this fall for the 2008-2009 academic year. Professor Noel comes to Community Engagement Center having received the Outstanding Community Service Award as a Sac State faculty and has recently been appointed to the Editorial Review Board of the *Journal of Urban Learning, Teaching, and Research*. 
Writing Partners

Writing Partners continues to grow as a service learning program, with nine faculty involved in the project in 2007-2008. Writing Partners will expand into new courses this fall. In the program, Sac State service learning students partner with local K-12 students to increase literacy skills, enhance awareness of community and educational issues, and expose K-12 students to college. More than two hundred elementary school Writing Partner students visited Sac State; for a majority, it was their first time on a college campus.

Alternative Break

Community engagement in 2007-2008 was highlighted by the expansion of Alternative Break, a program that engages Sac State students in short-term, community-based service projects. In the second year of the program, seventy-eight students volunteered for Alternative Break – Winter and Spring 2008. The service projects were based locally with Hands on Sacramento, Habitat for Humanity, Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, the Washington Neighborhood Center and American River Parkway Foundation. Student survey data revealed that participants represented forty-one different majors consisting of both undergraduate and graduate students. Alternative Break is a collaborative project between Community Engagement Center, Student Activities and the Student Health Center.

“We would love to have more Sac State students. Sacramento Habitat for Humanity thinks so highly of Alternative Break and the students who sign up for projects are always willing and happy to serve. They have a good sense of humor and understand that our mission is to build houses for low income families…. I think the students are just awesome in their capacity for giving”

Jeannie Barry-Sanders
Director, Programs and Services
Sacramento Habitat for Humanity
Many Perspectives. One Book.

In Fall 2008, Sacramento State will inaugurate the One Book Program with Firoozah Dumas’ *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*. The One Book Program, funded by a Wells Fargo grant, is a campus-wide initiative encompassing all disciplines, all class levels, and all members of the campus community. Bridging literacy and community service, participants read preselected books, engage in discussions with the authors, and take part in service projects that address contemporary social issues raised by the books. Ms. Dumas will visit and engage our campus community in various discussions on Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Service Learning Survey

Thank you to all faculty who had their students participate in the pilot student service learning survey. In 2008-2009, the survey will be fully integrated Community Engagement Center service learning courses. At the beginning of the semester we will send out the link to all faculty who have classes registered with Community Engagement Center.

Please let us know if you plan on teaching any service learning classes in 08/09 and be sure to fill out a Faculty Course Profile online at [www.csus.edu/cec/](http://www.csus.edu/cec/). We have made a few changes which should speed up the process. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions to enhance your website experience.

Have a wonderful summer!