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Center for Service-Learning

The mission of the Center for Service-Learning at the College of Coastal Georgia is to initiate and support curricular and co-curricular activities that enhance student learning and respond to the critical needs of our community. Our mission can be achieved through the development of effective, collaborative campus/community partnerships of service and learning.

Among the Center's initial tasks are to:

1. Undertake a broad assessment of community needs and meet with local community agencies to discuss partnership possibilities;
2. Provide incentives, support, and training for faculty interested in the integration of service-learning into teaching and research;
3. Help build community and campus awareness of service-learning and its virtues/benefits; and
4. Support and assess 5 "pilot" service-learning courses during the Spring 2010 semester



The Center's work will also include (a) on-going faculty development programs, (b) programs to help develop student leaders within the field of service-learning, (c) a sustained effort to cultivate partnerships of mutual benefit between community agencies, faculty and students, and (d) the assessment and evaluation of the institution's service-learning program, among others activities.

The College of Coastal Georgia has adopted Service-Learning as its **Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)** for purposes of continued accreditation by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)**. By anchoring service-learning in the QEP, the College has committed long-term to this method of teaching, learning and community engagement. In doing so, the College is further affirming its desire to become "Georgia's College for Service-Learning."

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