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Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,000 college and university presidents—representing some 6 million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. As the only national association dedicated solely to this mission, Campus Compact is a leader in building civic engagement into campus and academic life. Through our national office and network of 32 state offices, members receive the training, resources, and advocacy they need to build strong surrounding communities and teach students the skills and values of democracy.

Campus Compact comprises a national office based in Providence, RI, and 32 state offices in CA, CO, CT, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, UT, VT, WA, WI, and WV.

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Student Humanitarian

Award Recipients

Each year since 1987, Campus Compact has recognized five college students for their outstanding public service. Since that time, the award has honored 100 students working to address nearly every major social issue of our time, nationally and internationally. Campus Compact and Ariel Capital Management, LLC are proud to recognize the following five 2007 award winners for their creation of innovative approaches to serving their communities. Each student will receive \$1,500 to fund professional development and to support a service program of the student's design or choice. ▶

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Jessica Allen of Maui Community College in Hawaii

Among her service activities, Jessica Allen acts as the Vice President of Scholarship for the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa. In that capacity, she is responsible for organizing campus scholarship workshops to help students from low-income families find the money they need to get a college education. She also meets weekly with a group of people who are interested in an exchange in which each group learns and teaches Spanish or English. She describes this group as helping her gain a deeper understanding of her own language and culture. Ms. Allen has distinguished herself on campus for her sense of responsibility and for the dignity and respect with which she treats community partners.



For me, one of the biggest rewards in attending college is the opportunity to give back to the community.



Holly Anderson of Kalamazoo College in Michigan

Although I receive an abundance of inspiration and support from my peers, the work of Farms2K would not be possible without the involvement of our community partners, such as the Local Food Co-Op and Fair Food Matters.

As one of 22 Civic Engagement Scholars at her college, Holly Anderson leads Farms to Kalamazoo College (Farms2K), an organization that links the campus community with the community at large to promote local agriculture and to implement a local foods policy at the college. Her work has included making regular trips to farms and farmers' markets, organizing alumni and student discussions, bringing local farmers to campus to speak to students, faculty, and administrators, and forming productive relationships among all of the various stakeholders. Ms. Anderson's leadership style has been described as "creative, hopeful, and inclusive," and she has distinguished herself with an ability to connect local and global issues.

Andrea Laidman of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana

While I have worked towards the end of human rights abuses internationally, it is the voiceless of my own country and community that inspired my current initiative.

After working with former prison inmates throughout her high school career, Andrea Laidman brought with her to Notre Dame a commitment to being an advocate for those who have no voice in society. That commitment, and her studies at college, led her to found Notre Dame Against State Killing (ND ASK). ND ASK engages the Notre Dame campus and the surrounding community on a variety of levels, including education and awareness-raising events as well as coalition-building and political advocacy and lobbying. Ms. Laidman's work with ND ASK has included coordinating with community groups, networking against the death penalty across Indiana,



and planning multi-level engagement of both students and local citizens. She has been lauded for her well-informed advocacy and her ability to take education and turn it into action.



Stefanie Lynch of Emerson College in Massachusetts

Ms. Lynch brings a strong commitment to all of her community efforts, whether working for the Boston Center for Youth and Families, acting as community outreach coordinator for an on-campus group, planning workshops for students to learn skills for making social change, assisting with Emerson Action day, or serving as a Resident Advisor. Ms. Lynch believes passionately in the mutual empowerment possible when people work together and in the potential of positive social change. Ms. Lynch has been singled out as having "incredible vision, leadership, and commitment to service," as well as for her record of achievement and ability to lead and mobilize others.

I realized early on in my career at Emerson the great advantage I had of the well-established service-learning classes offered, particularly within my field of study.

Bryan Mauk of John Carroll University in Ohio

After working on a St. Benedict Joseph Labre Project in high school, Bryan Mauk became the co-founder of a Labre Project at John Carroll University. Named for the patron saint of the homeless, Labre provides outreach to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland. Mr. Mauk describes their first night this way: "We ventured out with five volunteers, 30 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a pot of Ramen noodles. It was a signature college student meal that we had paid for out of our own pockets. We loaded everything into a van and hand-delivered the food to homeless people wherever they lived." The project now reaches 200 people a week, making it the largest outreach organization in Cleveland. Mr. Mauk is described as "an exceptional young man, and a remarkably gifted and dedicated community servant." He been commended not just for his organizational skills but also for the spirit of human fellowship that he brings to the work.



I have found that the need for friendship, for authentic human contact, is a hunger much greater than that of the stomach. It is a hunger that we the students also share.

"The Swearer Award has provided me with such an incredible venue for advocacy. At Penn, I've had the chance to speak to faculty, students, and alumni who are interested more than ever in supporting the civic mission of higher education."

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