



Higher Education Responds to Katrina

Higher education's response to Hurricane Katrina offers a snapshot of the types of efforts colleges and universities make every day on behalf of their local, national, and global communities. The scope and swiftness of this response are a testament to higher education's dedication to serving the public good.

Campus Compact's 960 member campuses have opened their doors to thousands of displaced students, often waiving tuition and other fees. Many are working directly with affected communities and families, providing expertise, housing, food, equipment, and medical care. Looking to the long term, others are initiating sustained funding efforts, planning trips to help rebuild, and organizing public dialogues on race and poverty.

Following are a few of the many relief initiatives our member campuses have launched. For more information on what Campus Compact members and state offices are doing to help, please see www.compact.org/katrina.

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

- **Azusa Pacific University** served as a training hub for the 35 cities of the San Gabriel Valley and recruited, trained, and deployed thousands of volunteers to affected regions.
- **Garden City Community College** partnered with city and county governments to register, screen, and provide services and supplies for hundreds of evacuees.
- Faculty at the **University of California, Berkeley**, are working to restore damaged levees in New Orleans and rebuild housing and oil production facilities.
- The **University of Illinois at Chicago's** Disaster Emergency Medicine Readiness Training Center deployed staff instructors to Baton Rouge and other locations and provided supplies, equipment, and administrative support.
- Culinary students at **Johnson and Wales University's** Denver campus made hundreds of home-cooked meals for hurricane victims staying at a nearby facility.
- **University of Miami** ophthalmologists traveled to affected regions in an eye-exam bus, giving out thousands of bottles of eye medication, glasses, sunglasses, and contact lenses.
- **Cornell University's** College of Veterinary Medicine sent faculty, staff, and students to help care for thousands of pets and farm animals housed at **Louisiana State University**.
- **Maine Campus Compact** is planning a statewide "alternative break" for students to help rebuild housing.

“Campus Compact member schools have played a major role in helping those affected by the hurricane rebuild their communities and their lives.”

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FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

- **The University of Florida's** athletic association contributed more than \$125,000 in pay-per-view revenues to relief agencies.
- **Langston University** collected more than \$10,000 in 10 days and has set up an ongoing relief effort.
- **Guilford College** offered a payroll deduction plan for donations and provided thousands of dollars in matching funds.
- **North Carolina State University** raised \$56,000 for relief within 2 weeks.
- **The College of Saint Rose** and **Southern University** each donated \$10,000 in funds freed by canceling or scaling back fall celebrations.
- **Rivier College** teamed with Casa de Esperanza de los Niños, which provides child relief services in Houston, to help families left homeless by the storm.

RESOURCE SHARING

- **Southern University** housed 500 evacuees, bought massive portable shower systems, and provided a host of other services.
- **North Georgia Technical College** offered long-term housing for evacuees, and its instructors and trucks are delivering supplies donated on campus.
- **Holy Cross College** (IN) has created a special 8-week course and provided emergency housing for late-arriving displaced students.
- **UCLA** assembled a special response unit to provide medical consultation to first responders and offered its medical facilities to treat seriously ill patients.

- **Tougaloo College**, still recovering itself, is staffing shelters, establishing a distribution center to assist area families, and launching a major support effort for students who suffered losses.
- **Florida Campus Compact** is working with the state's Department of Health and Volunteer Florida! to coordinate relief efforts.

SCHOOLS HELPING SCHOOLS

- **Johnson C. Smith University** has joined forces with the United Negro College Fund to raise funds for ravaged schools.
- **Tulsa Community College** is providing direct assistance to students and employees at affected community colleges.
- **Brown and Princeton Universities** are partnering with Dillard University in New Orleans to restore its operations.
- **Salve Regina University** offered its computer network to host the online graduate programs of Gulf Coast institutions.
- **Indian River Community College** has "adopted" Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, providing funding, supplies, and expertise.
- **Duke University**, the **University of Massachusetts**, and many others are purchasing equipment and supplies for affected elementary schools.
- In addition to enrolling 1,400 displaced students, the **University of Houston** opened its campus to the Loyola Law School, which will hold its fall semester at the UH Law Center.



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