For five consecutive years North Shore Community College has sent volunteer teams of students and staff to New Orleans to assist with post-Katrina rebuilding. This commitment to service and the compelling experiences of those involved was celebrated recently at the Lynn campus. Volunteers from the trips over the past five years shared their experiences, reflections and photos.

To many, Hurricane Katrina is a far distant memory, the sense of need and urgency long since passed. Yet five years later, the 11 students and two staff members who recently returned from this year’s trip can attest that displaced residents are still living in temporary accommodations with much rebuilding and renovation work remaining to be done.

Lisa Miles, NSCC Director of Student Life and trip coordinator, reported that during the ten-day trip, the NSCC team worked with the groups Beacon of Hope, the Green Project and Rebuilding Together assisting residents, restoring neighborhoods and protecting the environment. Lisa said, “We measured, drilled, sanded, nailed, painted, salvaged and recycled. We listened, observed and learned just how resilient, optimistic and grateful the people of New Orleans are for their involvement, commitment and ability to make a difference for residents of the city. Pictured, standing, l-r: Pamela Nolan Young, Gerard “Sully” Sullivan, Mirna Portillo, Michael Nguyen, Joseph Modugno, Nancy Tufo, Gregory Reppucci, Jackie Sakamoto, Kathy Hibour, Peggy Higgins-Hill, Cate Kalazny, Ralph Tufo. Kneeling, l-r: Stephen Orival, Sara Barrientos, Emily Jones, Archie Banderas, Henrietta Slocum, Farah Ahmad, Lisa Miles.

The group enjoyed no luxuries on this trip, called the “Labor of Love”, and took place during the break between winter and spring semesters. They were hosted by a sponsoring agency and typically slept on the floor on air mattresses, did all of their own cooking, cleaning, food shopping and worked all but one day per week. Students were responsible for raising the $8,000 needed to support the trip. This program was done in conjunction with the college’s community service learning program. Upon their return, each student was required to write and present a paper on their experience.

“One of the things that had the biggest impact on me was not the large amount of houses that were destroyed, not the big empty spaces that look like baseball fields, but the hope people have,” said Gisell De La Cruz.

Another participant, Henrietta Slocum, said, “The people of New Orleans are such great people that not even losing their homes can keep them from smiling. Seeing that reminded me that I should always be grateful for what I have. I already volunteer in Lynn and the experience made me want to do more.”

This year, as in the past, the trip proved to be a life-changing, team-building, growth experience for the diverse group of students. They learned things about themselves and humanity in general. Learning experiences shared by students included, “This trip made me realize I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. It taught me what I can handle physically and mentally,” Another student shared her reflection that “You should be grateful for what you do have in life and not linger on what you do not have because there is always someone out there that is worse off than you.”
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Alumni Profiles

Maryanne Atkinson, newly named Dean of Health Professions at North Shore Community College, is a true story of success. Maryanne began at NSCC as a student, got her associate degree, taught here for many years, worked in various other capacities, became the only alumnus known to have become a Dean at the college.

Her interest and enthusiasm for health care began at an early age – she has the pictures of her self at age three with a stethoscope around her neck to prove it. That passion and her commitment to NSCC are two guiding forces in her career development. As X-ray work was her first love, she enrolled in NSCC’s Radiologic Technology Program, graduating in 1989. Maryanne was working at the Malden Hospital as a radiologic technologist when she got a call from her former teacher, Christine Young, NSCC’s Director of Radiologic Technology, about a part-time teaching position. “Teaching had never crossed my mind… I told her I couldn’t possibly do it. Chris said come on back and we’ll help you.” Maryanne notes. She accepted the position and taught for three years while attending nursing school to earn her bachelor of science in nursing at the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMASS Boston). But she did not go on to work in nursing. After graduating as teaching at NSCC had whetted her appetite for more.

“After my first teaching experience, I was hooked” she said. Maryanne went on to work at Northeastern University as the Assistant Director for Clinical Education in the Radiologic Technology Program. Not long after she started at Northeastern, another call from Chris alerted her to a full-time position at NSCC as the coordinator of Health Career Options. In this position, she was the program coordinator for the Medical Assistance Program and several other programs. She went on to earn her master of education at UMASS Boston, which helped her move into a position as an academic counselor at NSCC.

Among the many hats Maryanne has worn at NSCC are coordinator of Health Career Options for the Health Professions Division, academic counselor, Enrollments Services and Student Records, and academic coordinator for Enrollments Services and Student Records, a position she held until her recent promotion. She is licensed as a registered nurse and a radiologic technologist and has served me very well in life,” she said. “I am thrilled and honored that North Shore’s vast body of community work and engagement is being recognized and acknowledged by this annual recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to communities. The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, NSCC is one of only 12 community colleges chosen out of the 115 US colleges and universities selected for this five-year designation. The Carnegie Foundation is an independent policy and research center that supports needed transformations in American education through tighter connections between teaching practice, evidence of student learning, the communication and use of this evidence and structured opportunities to build knowledge. The Carnegie Foundation stated that NSCC “demonstrated excellent alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices that support dynamic and committed excellent alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices that support dynamic and committed commitment to communities across the nation.”

North Shore Community College’s commitment to community engagement has been recognized by its recent 2010 Community Engagement Classification by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. NSCC is one of only 12 community colleges chosen out of the 115 US colleges and universities selected for this five-year designation. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, NSCC is one of only 12 community colleges chosen out of the 115 US colleges and universities selected for this five-year designation. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, NSCC is one of only 12 community colleges chosen out of the 115 US colleges and universities selected for this five-year designation. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, NSCC is one of only 12 community colleges chosen out of the 115 US colleges and universities selected for this five-year designation. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, NSCC is one of only 12 community colleges chosen out of the 115 US colleges and universities selected for this five-year designation.

While this is the college’s first Carnegie Foundation distinction, NSCC has been selected four years consecutively for the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities. The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honors are chosen based on scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participants, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. For info on any of NSCC’s service-learning projects, see “NSCC celebrates five years of rebuilding New Orleans,” on page 1.

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Show times:
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Location: Neal Ranallo Theatre, Lynn Arts, One Exchange Street, Lynn.
Tickets: $7 general admission, $5 for students and seniors (with valid ID)

Sharon’s book was released by Marlynn Murder Press, a publisher specializing in mysteries by New England writers. Cook, a resident of Beverly Farms, also illustrated the cover. The book’s setting, Granite Cove, a “sleepy fishing village” was inspired by Cape Ann where Cook grew up and has now a studio at Gloucester’s historic Blackburn Building. Sharon graduated from North Shore Community College in 1987, she is also a graduate of Montserrat College of Art, Salem State University and has an MFA in literature from Bennington College. In addition to her work as an author and cartoonist, Sharon has taught writing at NSCC and is a volunteer and Vice President of Friends of Beverly Animals (FOBA), an all-volunteer organization helping homeless animals.

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Known for his analyses of social security systems, Economists Peter Diamond has also made contributions to the areas of government debt and capital accumulation, capital markets, risk sharing, optimal taxation, dynamic inefficiency, and search and matching in labor markets. He co-created the Diamond–Mirrlees Efficiency Theorem in 1977 with Scottish economist and Nobel Prize winner Sir James Mirrlees. Professor Diamond was nominated to serve on the Federal Reserve Board by President Barack Obama in April 2010.

Dorothy Littman, Chairman and CEO of the New England Lung Association, and Dr. Charles Nemeroff, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine, will present the NSCC Alumni Award.

The Alumni Award recognizes distinguished individuals of the NSCC community for their contributions to the profession and the College.

NSCC’s “Believe in Lynn” Initiative

North Shore Community College has brought strength and energy to the Lynn community since the Lynn campus opened in 1985. As an educational institution, a community resource, and a community partner, NSCC has had a positive impact on individuals and organizations from all sectors of the region. NSCC’s “Believe in Lynn” initiative encompasses a broad range of activities that will expand services and facilities, help inspire, and improve the community we share.

The “Believe in Lynn” initiative supports scholarships for Lynn youth graduating from Lynn high schools and transitioning to NSCC, expansion of the campus, college readiness programs with area schools, workforce development programming for Lynn residents, and community projects through the Public Policy Institute at North Shore Community College.

One of the major programs supported by NSCC’s Public Policy Institute is the Youth Leadership Initiative, a volunteer civic engagement project for Lynn youth, ages 13 – 18, in partnership with community-based organizations. The program provides leadership training, civic education, and the opportunity for Lynn youth to make a difference in their community.

Program components include training in city and state governmental processes, experience with the tools to actively participate in democracy, and a forum for delivery of civic education curriculum.

In a recent visit with the program, Lynn City Councilor Brendan Crighton commented on the impact of the Youth Initiative in the community and congratulated program participants, saying “Youth are an untapped resource in the city.” Will Dowd works at NSCC with those youth programs as the Massachusetts Compact AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). Will says he agrees with Councilor Crighton wholeheartedly and added “Through this project our participating youth are empowering themselves as well as the Lynn community. Our youth are working toward creating or modifying city government policies to help young people find their voice in community affairs. In return, they’re paving the way for subsequent youth to have an opinion in decisions that directly affect them.”

In addition to the civic education, the participating middle and high school students are experiencing a higher education environment, many for the very first time. Dowd explains “When students walk through the doors at the beginning of each session, I get excited because most of them have never been to a college or university prior to their participation in this initiative. In fact, 67% of these young people have never visited a college or university before, but when they are brought to North Shore Community College, a seed is planted in their heads about continuing their education after high school. This is the more gratifying part of being involved in this initiative.”

Middle- and high school students learn about public policy and how they can make a difference in the community. Program participants (l-r): Zebib Andemial, Upward Bound Delegate; Chino O’Bryant, Upward Bound Delegate; Harry Schur, Community Health Worker, Lynn Community Health Center; Carissa Sacherski, Educational Talent Search Delegate.

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After receiving his undergraduate degree from Yale, Professor Diamond did his graduate work in economics at MIT. Interestingly, his PhD thesis was completed under the supervision of his advisor, Robert Solow, one of four previous Nobel Laureates in Economics from the MIT Economics Department. Professor Diamond began his teaching career at the University of California, Berkeley, after which he returned to MIT as a faculty member in 1966 and has remained at the Institute since that time. In 1997, Professor Diamond was named Institute Professor, the highest honor awarded by MIT’s faculty and administration.

Professor Diamond has received numerous awards and honors, including Guggenheim and Fulbright fellowships. He has been a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, Oxford University and Harvard University, among other institutions. Professor Diamond was awarded the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel in December 2010.

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