

Michigan State University receives Presidential Community Service Award

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Michigan State University has been named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

Michigan State University was chosen based on a series of selection factors including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

MSU has received the honor each year since 2006, the year the honor roll was instituted. Last year MSU received the 2008 Presidential Award for General Community Service, becoming one of only 18 colleges and universities – and the first in Michigan – to win a presidential award.

In 2008-2009, through the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (CSLCE), 15,221 MSU student applications for service were received and accommodated and 370 not-for-profit community partners utilized service-learning support.

Karen McKnight Casey, CSLCE director said, “We are honored to be recognized for the fourth year in a row. It demonstrates the commitment our entire university has for engaging our students, faculty, and staff in meaningful contributions to our community and our world.”



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The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice.

“Our nation’s students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face. They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service,” said Patrick Corvington, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “Congratulations to Michigan State University and your students for dedication to service-learning and civic engagement.”

The Corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs, and leads President Obama’s national call to service initiative, *United We Serve*. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.

More information about the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement at Michigan State University is available from <http://www.servicelearning.msu.edu/>.

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The mission of the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement at Michigan State University is to provide active, service-focused, community-based, mutually beneficial, integrated, learning opportunities for students, building and enhancing their commitment to academics, personal and professional development, and civic responsibility.

Michigan State University has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives through innovative teaching, research and outreach for more than 150 years. MSU is known internationally as a major public university with global reach and extraordinary impact. Its 17 degree-granting colleges attract scholars worldwide who are interested in combining education with practical problem solving.