

Class expands horizons of student volunteers

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There were the usual outside class lecturers for the students, a lawyer and an English professor, during the first week of the service learning course at Oakland Community College.

But it wasn't until the students got into the field at St. Leo's School in Detroit that they understood what it meant to be a volunteer.

"I've seen stuff, but . . ." said Shellina Ellis, 20, of Pontiac. "It puts you in a different frame of mind."

The visit also "meant so much" to Amy Enright, 18, of Farmington Hills.

Highlight of that trip was a visit by the student mentors, their relatively young instructor, Kelly Masters, and the St. Leo Elementary School students to the Malice Green boxing site. The students said that Green had used the services at St. Leo's soup kitchen, and they reported signing their names to the wall at the site.

Masters, 24, is a full-time Oakland University public administration student and part-time service learning coordinator at Oakland Community College. She wrote the federal grant, which is funding the service learning course and her position at OCC. It was one of 10 such grants funded nationwide out of 250 applicants, only two of which went to community colleges.

Living with her husband in Beverly Hills, she also is delivering a major address before the July World Future Society in Cambridge, Mass., and is representing OU at President Clinton's

Corporation for Community Service.

OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills began the service learning course, a concept of applying business principles to volunteer work, as a youth leadership course. Sixteen college students were paired with 16 high school students.

Last fall the program was expanded as a continuing education course and OCC "opened itself up to working with the Baldwin Center in Pontiac, the Hayworth Assisted Living Center in Farmington Hills and St. Leo's," Masters said. "There was literally a waiting list."

The course takes students through team building, conflict resolution and developing a business plan, Masters said. "I act as a resource person; students iron out problems themselves."

Walk-in registration for the next 13-week program will be from 8:30-9 a.m. Saturday in room G106 on the Orchard Ridge campus.

While the program goes on, the students haven't forgotten what they've learned.

Amy, who discussed the program with her mother before beginning, will continue at the Sarah Fisher Home, working with children and baking cookies for them.

"They are special," Amy said. "I just want to say that everyone should be required to do it (volunteer), not that many hours -- 2 or 3. But then there wouldn't be that much violence and hatred."

The other students agreed. Nathan Bahn said he would work in the program "whenever



Shellina Ellis



Amy Enright



Kelly Masters



Julia Fraser

Kelly needs me."

Ellis will participate in the March of Dimes Walk America and in the St. Leo Students Against Hunger.

And Julia Fraser, a 32-year-old resident of Farmington Hills, will continue work on several fronts: organizing her team for work at a Livanla youth home, ironing out roadblocks to other volunteer efforts and developing further volunteer programs where she works at Ameritech, which encourages such effort.

Fraser hopes to have 10 percent of the 325 people employed in the cellular division involved in a volunteer effort the first year.

Fraser praised the OCC program for its similarity to what she has been taught as a businesswoman: choose a project, build a team, empowerment, develop an action plan, assess resources and get around road blocks.

In business you don't say you can't do it, Fraser said, "you look for a way around the problem."

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