

1.3 Benefits of Academic Service-Learning⁷

...for Faculty Members and the Institution

- Allows faculty to be innovative and creative in their teaching approach
- Enriches and enlivens teaching and learning by extending learning beyond the classroom
- Builds reciprocal partnerships with the local community
- Creates new areas for research and scholarship
- Increases opportunities for professional recognition and reward
- Extends campus resources into the community and reinforces the value of the scholarship of engagement
- Supports the College's mission of "...embracing the Norbertine ideal of *communio*" through service that responds to particular needs of people and organizations in the community (St. Norbert College Mission Statement)
- Encourages a reflective process that connects with our mission and our deep belief in the concept of vocation

...for Students

- Enriches student learning of theory through solving real-world problems in the local community
- Engages students in active learning that demonstrates the relevance and importance of academic work for their life experience and career choices
- Increases awareness of current societal issues as they relate to academic areas of interest
- Broadens perspectives of diversity issues and enhances critical thinking skills
- Improves interpersonal skills that are increasingly viewed as important skills in achieving success in professional and personal spheres
- Increases interaction with faculty
- Develops civic responsibility through active community involvement
- Enables student to apply the Norbertine value of being "prepared for every good work"

...for the Community

- Provides additional human resources to meet educational, human, safety, and environmental needs within the local community
- Allows the energy and enthusiasm of college students to contribute to meeting needs in the local community
- Fosters an ethic of service and civic participation in students who will be tomorrow's volunteers and civic leaders
- Provides access to the College through educational partnerships and collaborations

⁷ Adapted from: Almonte Paul, Dorell, Hafflin et. al. Service Learning at Salt Lake Community College, A Faculty Handbook and the University of Notre Dame