The Division of Student Affairs
OFFICE OF LEADERSHIP & SERVICE-LEARNING

How We Help Students Do Something Bigger Altogether
By creating partnerships between UNCG and the community, OLSL helps students develop leadership skills and learn about their role in society so that they can begin to understand their significance and their ability to enact change.

Mission Statement
The Office of Leadership and Service-Learning (OLSL) at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro serves as a catalyst for the development of experiential curricular and co-curricular leadership and service-learning initiatives. Through civic engagement, community partner collaboration, and personal reflection, we prepare students for a life of active citizenship. OLSL assists students in developing a personal philosophy of leadership while gaining valuable and diverse experiences, empowering them to effect positive change and serve as citizen-leaders in a global community.

Points of Pride
Leadership
• The Leadership Challenge program presents a three-tiered exploration of leadership. Students learn about self, others and community. These programs are offered in workshops, within campus groups, and in classrooms. During the 2011-2012 academic year, 147 students completed the program.

Service & Service-Learning
• Since its inception, the university’s motto has been “Service.” Students today have a number of ways to give back to the community, including: individual volunteer efforts, as civic engagement fellows, at service and social justice events, and through service trips.
• There are a number of for-credit courses that help students develop leadership skills and capacity. One of these, called IMPACT (RPM 201, Introduction to Community Leadership), is exclusively for freshmen, sophomores and first-semester transfer students and is designed to prepare students for leadership roles at UNCG.
• Students in service-learning designated courses consistently rank higher than their peers in four areas: learning/comfort with other cultures, applying classroom experience to everyday life, making a difference in one’s community and enhancing leadership skills.

Civic Engagement
• The first Phillips-McCracken Service and Leadership Scholarship was awarded to Anna Austin, who served as a Civic Engagement Fellow and co-coordinated serveGSO – a student-led service program that engages UNCG students in community service at various non-profits throughout the Triad.

By the Numbers (2011-2012 Academic Year)
• UNCG participants performed 819,455 hours of community service
• OLSL’s “My Service Database” is an on-line database of more than 500 volunteer service opportunities with 256 community partners. Students are able to find service that connects with their academic course of study.
• Since the 2005-06 academic year, OLSL has coordinated service trips for more than 474 participants who served approximately 15,642 hours. This program began with Hurricane Katrina relief and has spread to multiple regions.