

MSU Once Again Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – For the ninth year in a row, Michigan State University has been named to the 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.

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

The 2014 “with distinction” designation on the Honor Roll was awarded to Michigan State University 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.

“Service-learning and civic engagement are core to the mission of our institution. Every college and program across our campus embraces these efforts and offers our students opportunities to engage with community partners in meaningful and impactful ways. To be recognized with distinction by the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is a tribute to the outstanding efforts of our community partners, students, faculty, and staff,” said Renee Zientek, director of the MSU Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement.

The awards were announced in mid-December by The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering and service. CNCS administers the award with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the American Council on Education, Campus Compact, and the Interfaith Youth Core.



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According to the most recent [Volunteering and Civic Life in America](#) report, in 2012 more than three million college students dedicated over 118 million hours of service across the country with a contribution valued at \$2.5 billion.

MSU's Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (CSLCE) began in January 1968 as the Office of Volunteer Programs and was renamed the Service-Learning Center in 1979. It was a founding institution member of Michigan Campus Compact in 1989, and became the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement in 2002. The CSLCE is the oldest continuously operating service-learning center in the country.

From its inception the CSLCE, a university-wide initiative, has worked closely with MSU colleges, academic departments, student affairs and services units, pre-college programs, and others to offer mutually beneficial, quality service, service-learning and civic engagement opportunities linking faculty and students with community.

During 2013-2014 the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement received and accommodated 20,817 student registrations for service and community engagement positions. CSLCE reports jointly through the Office of the Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement, and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services.

Michigan Campus Compact named MSU the "2014 Michigan Engaged Campus of the Year" in April.

Visit the [CSLCE website](#) for more information.

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