



Tulsa Community College

STUDENT OUTREACH & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The principal goal of the Student Outreach & Civic Engagement Program is to provide Tulsa Community College students with community service opportunities for learning outside the traditional classroom by reaching out to our community. The program is coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Diversity and Civic Engagement at the Conference Center with assistance from the deans, directors and coordinators of the various programs that provide community outreach and sponsor service learning initiatives for the students and faculty. The program is based on the college's belief that the purpose of education includes the development of the total person. Therefore, the Student Outreach & Civic Engagement Program creates "communities outside the classroom" for the specific intent of promoting student development. All of the listed components reinforce student development along with the general education goals at TCC: critical thinking, oral and written communication, global awareness, computer literacy, and civic engagement. The program also reinforces the College's Core Value of Diversity. The following list of programs and activities serve as components of the Student Outreach & Civic Engagement Program.

I. ADOPTION OF GILCREASE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TCC participates in the official Partners in Education/Adopt-A-School Program of the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and Tulsa Public Schools. TCC was the first college to adopt a school in Oklahoma, adopting Monroe Middle School in 1989. With the closing of Monroe in 2007, TCC adopted Gilcrease Middle School in fall 2007. The service consists of individual tutoring, mentoring, enrichment activities, classroom presentations, and special projects. Many of the activities described below are conducted by volunteers, students, student organizations, faculty and staff. Specifically, the activities include:

- A. Tutoring in math and reading conducted by individual students and student organizations at TCC.
- B. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.
- C. School Beautification Project by the Northeast Campus Horticulture Club and by individual students.
- D. Phi Theta Kappa Certificates of Achievement Award and appreciation lunches/breakfasts.
- E. Visits to all TCC campuses by Gilcrease students.
- F. Staff Development facilitated by TCC faculty and staff for Gilcrease teachers.

- G. TCC Campuses are made available to Gilcrease for special events, meetings and 8th grade prom.
- H. Pace at SEC serves as the site for Gilcrease Middle School's graduation ceremonies.
- I. Presentations and programs facilitated by coordinator of the office of Multicultural Outreach.
- J. School supplies collection for Gilcrease students.

II. TCC Service Learning Program

The TCC Service Learning Program compliments the overall mission of the College to provide programs of study in order to serve the community.

Service Learning is a teaching strategy that integrates academic instruction with community service. With guided reflection, student learning of coursework is enriched and enhanced.

The TCC Service Learning Program believes that students learn best when they are able to apply concepts in settings that reflect various community endeavors. We believe that Service Learning is a valuable teaching technique which can effectively support current instructional strategies.

Characteristics of Service Learning

- Student involvement in course-relevant service activities which benefit the community.
- Structured opportunities provided for students to reflect upon their service as it relates to course objectives through reading, writing, and dialogue.
- Credit for demonstrated learning, not for hours of service.
- Directed at instilling an ethic of service and a lifetime commitment of civic participation.

The TCC Service Learning Program provides resources and support to enable faculty to easily incorporate Service Learning into the curriculum. The program operates under the Student Outreach umbrella which is directed by the Dean of Diversity & Civic Engagement.

III. Tutorial Outreach Program (T.O.P.)

Students (mostly majors in education, human services, child development, and sociology) tutor and/or mentor for two hours per week for 13 weeks. Students receive an orientation and training. An average of 30 students participate in the program. They tutor students both on campus and off campus. Initially, the students tutored at Monroe; but as T.O.P. grew, we expanded the program to include elementary schools and other entities in the community such as learning centers located at various federally subsidized housing projects throughout the community. Most students in this program receive college credit for community service by enrolling in service learning classes; students may enroll in TCC's Field Experiences classes offered under the Child Development Discipline.

IV. Student Organizations Outreach Program

The following student organizations at TCC have provided programs and services at various entities throughout the community.

Student Organizations	Programs/Services	Locations
Horticulture Association	Beautification Projects/Campus Tours	Federal Housing Development & Monroe Middle School
Business Club	Tutoring/Donations	Churches & High Challenge Schools
Spanish Language Association	Interpreting/Translation	Catholic Charities, Xavier Catholic Clinic (Xavier Catholic Church)
Association of Black Collegians	Tutoring/Mentoring/ Recruiting	Monroe Middle School, Elementary Schools, & High Schools
Engineering & Science Association	Science Competition	Monroe Middle School
International Student Association	Student Presentations	Monroe Middle School & Elementary Schools
Phi Theta Kappa	Tutoring & Mentoring Program	Monroe Middle School
Silent Friends Club	Supports for program serving deaf & hard of hearing children	Wright Elementary School
Sign Language Club	Volunteers/Donations	Tulsa Speech & Hearing Association and Wright Elementary School
Student Government Association	Blood Drive, Canned Food Drive, Veteran's Day Recognition	Red Cross, Food Banks
Chinese Language Association	Volunteer Services	Tulsa Chinese New Year's Event
Music Student Association	Teaching, Performing & Tutoring	Various Locations
Alpha Mu Iota Chapter of PTK	Tutoring, Fund Raising, Collection of Food & Books, Yard Work	United Way, Day Center for the Homeless, American Cancer Society
Phi Beta Lambda	Acquisition of items-on-going project	Women's Shelter in Sand Springs

V. Multicultural Training Program

Training and instruction is provided to students in the area of cultural diversity for related outreach programs. Our instructional approach recognizes all the racial, ethnic, religious, economic, political, social, and cultural groups in the country and attempts to infuse their experiences into the programs. Our goal is to help students understand and respect themselves and people of other racial, religious, economic, political, social, and cultural groups. The nature of many of the outreach programs is multicultural by the mere fact that most of our TCC students are interacting with a diverse population in the community.

VI. Day of Vision

The goal of this program is to provide students, who are in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades and who attend school (public or private) in the Tulsa area the opportunity to become familiar with higher education and careers. More specifically, there are five major goals:

- A. To familiarize students with college life.
- B. To assist in the development of skills which will enhance the chances of succeeding in college.
- C. To explore careers.
- D. To explore funding opportunities for attending college.
- E. To motivate underrepresented students to attend college.

VII. Tulsa Community College/NAACP Partnership: A Celebration of African-American History

Tulsa Community College and the local chapter of the NAACP Youth Council co-sponsor a celebration of African-American History during the month of February. This educational, outreach event is a learning experience for all participants and, in particular, the youth in our community. Sessions on drug prevention, teen pregnancy and other relevant topics are also available to middle school and high school students from the Tulsa area. TCC students are involved in the planning/implementation of this program.

VIII. TCC's Hispanic Outreach Program

This program serves to reach out to the growing number of Hispanics in the Tulsa area. The goal of the program is to motivate/encourage Hispanics to attend college and to familiarize them with higher education opportunities. The program is a partnership with the Hispanic American Foundation of Tulsa. The Hispanic Outreach Program has brought hundreds of Hispanic students to our college. TCC students are highly involved in the planning and implementation of this effort.

IX. Community Based Federal Work Study Program

“America Reads/America Counts”

Tulsa Community College participates in the America Reads/America Counts Program to improve the academic success of our community’s children in Tulsa Public Schools and other school systems in the Tulsa area. The America Reads/America Counts program provides TCC student tutors to the schools that best meet the goals of the program and fill the needs of the students in the various school systems. Students majoring in education, child development, engineering, and other academic fields are highly involved in this program. Orientation and training is required of this program.

Our TCC students have tutored/mentored at the following schools; and the list is growing.

- Jane Addams Elementary
- Eugene Field Elementary
- Hamilton Middle School
- Kipp School
- Springdale Elementary
- Monroe Middle School
- Marshall Elementary
- Anderson Elementary
- Hawthorne Elementary
- Berryhill Elementary
- Skelly Elementary
- Gilcrease Middle School

X. AHEC

“Area Health and Education”

The mission of the Northeast Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is to improve access to health care provided in the rural and underserved areas and to reduce disparities to health care between Oklahoma’s rural and urban populations. An effort is made to increase the number of minority and rural Oklahoma students who enter the health professions. The program reaches out to youths, adults, the community and health professionals. AHEC co-sponsors many outreach and orientation programs with the Metro Campus’ Allied Health Division, in addition to other standing programs implemented annually.

XI. EMERGE

“Encouraging More Education to Reach Graduation and Employment”

EMERGE encompasses the TCC Mission in providing transformative educational experiences by enriching the lives of low income individuals who have been historically underserved and are currently underrepresented in higher education. EMERGE encourages and educates individuals to become lifelong learners by revealing the many success measures and steps that may be attained in higher education in distinct time frames; such as Certificate of Achievement, Applied Science Degrees and Transfer Degrees. The EMERGE Program enhances the opportunities for low income students from diverse backgrounds to succeed in college. The program is committed to collaborate with faculty, staff, administration and the community to build bridges by which individuals may transform their lives through education and service. EMERGE also promotes student development, learning outside the traditional classroom, by managing the college’s America Reads/America Counts Program.”

XII. E.O.C.

“Educational Opportunity Center”

The Tulsa Community College Educational Opportunity Center is funded through the United States Department of Education and is a sponsored program also identified as a TRIO Program. The EOC was first funded at Tulsa Community College in September 2002. The purpose of the program is to promote postsecondary education by providing information and assistance on educational and career opportunities and available financial aid options to eligible adults in a four county area.

XIII. Education Outreach Center (In East Tulsa)

The Education Outreach Center is committed to serving and developing the community by creating access to successful educational experiences at the College. It serves all interested individuals, and provides programs specially designed to help build pathways to college for low income or first generation students, as well as underrepresented & underserved populations. It offers information about the college, academic advisement, and information to the student and their families so they can successfully plan and pay for higher education.

The Outreach Center has developed relationships with other community agencies such as TPS, Tulsa County Library, Family & Children Services, etc. It has empowered potential students to achieve their academic and career goals by guiding them through the college admission process.

The Outreach Center is conveniently located in a very visible, high traffic area, and is culturally sensitive, focusing on the individual needs of each student and family that walks through the door.

BENEFITS TO THE COLLEGE

In the fifteen years that the Student Outreach & Civic Engagement Program has been in existence, our underrepresented student population at TCC has increased significantly from 2,739 students to over 6,162 students of color. In particular, components of our Student Outreach & Civic Engagement Program have received much positive media coverage in the way of newspaper editorials, articles, and TV reports. However, it is felt by students, faculty, and student personnel professionals that the most important benefit has been what the Student Outreach & Civic Engagement Program has done for our students: it has given our students an opportunity for learning and for development through volunteerism and community service. TCC’s Student Outreach & Civic Engagement Program is a win-win program for both our students and our community.

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PROGRAM SUMMARY REPORT: SIX YEAR STATISTICS

Community Outreach / Independent Option:

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	Total
Number of Students	116	307	325	258	323	1,229	2,558
Number of Hours	16,298	21,134	22,190	19,796	22,175	42,283	143,876
Number of Sites	52	90	97	82	99**	388 **	808
In-Kind Donations *	\$260,768	\$338,144	\$355,040	\$316,736	\$416,225	\$793,651	\$2,480,564

Service Learning / In Course Option:

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	Total
Number of Students	485	2,420	1,228	1,132	755	1,273	7,293
Number of Hours	4,850	13,277	18,582	22,981	15,480	20,726	95,896
Number of Sites	25	25	36	255 **	216**	433 **	990
In-Kind Donations *	\$77,600	\$212,432	\$297,312	\$367,696	\$290,559	\$389,027	\$1,634,626

** Duplicated

OVERALL TOTALS (Six Year)

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	Overall 6 Year Total
Number of Students	601	2,727	1,553	1,390	1,078	2,502	9,851
Number of Hours	21,148	34,411	40,772	42,777	37,655	63,009	239,772
In-Kind Donations *	\$338,368	\$550,576	\$652,352	\$684,432	\$706,784	\$1,182,678	\$4,115,190

* 2002-03, 2003-04

2004-05, 2005-06

(Hrs. x \$16.00 per hr.)

2006-07

(Hrs. x \$18.77 per hr.)

As recommended by National Campus Compact