

**KVCC Center for Civic Engagement
Fall 2018 Report**

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Introduction

The following is a summary of the data collected by the KVCC Center for Civic Engagement regarding civic engagement, community service, and service-learning activities for the Fall 2018 semester.

This should not be considered a completely accurate account of the projects that have occurred during this time because we are still establishing the culture and expectations of reporting service through the survey managed by the Director of the CCE.

Basic Statistics

Total Hours of Service.....	1113
Total Number of Students Involved.....	50
Total Number of Community Partners Involved.....	60
Total Value Added Economic Impact to Community.....	\$25,076*

*Economic impact of volunteer service is calculated at a rate of \$22.53 for the State of Maine, according to **Independent Sector** - <https://independentsector.org>

List of Community Partners

None of this would be possible without the connections we have with agencies and organizations in the community. This semester we interacting with 60 distinct organizations (including a number of KVCC groups!)

1. Alford Youth Center
2. Bagged Meal Program
3. Bangor Area Homeless Shelter
4. Belfast Maine Soup Kitchen
5. Benton Elementary School
6. Bikers Against Child Abuse
7. Camp Sunshine
8. Camp Susan Curtis
9. Carry Me: Babywearing Alliance of Maine
10. Cedar Mill Farm and Cabins
11. Clinton Elementary
12. Community Greenhouse Project
13. Community Outreach Project Food Drive
14. Corp. Cole 5k and Half Marathon
15. Country Manor Nursing Home
16. Crosspoint Church
17. Dempsey Center Dempsey Challenge
18. Domestic Violence Project
19. Educare
20. Fairfield Antique Mall
21. Faith Temple Church of God
22. Family Violence Project
23. Farrington Elementary School
24. FMHI
25. Gardiner Public Library
26. Gateway Community Boosters
27. Glenridge Long Term Care
28. Handyman Services
29. Harmony Cares
30. Inch by Inch Preschool
31. Inland Hospital
32. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
33. Kennebec Valley Humane Society
34. KVCC
35. KVCC Farm
36. KVCC Food Pantry
37. KVCC PTA Club
38. L&F Transport

39. Madison Elementary
40. Maine Democratic Party
41. Mid Maine Homeless Shelter
42. Mount View High School
43. New Hope Woman's Shelter
44. Perspectives after school
45. Phi Theta Kappa
46. Pine Tree Academy
47. Redington Fairview General Hospital
48. Rome Volunteer Fire Department
49. Somerset Humane Society
50. St. Mark's Episcopal Church
51. Star in the West Masonic Lodge #85
52. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
53. The Maine Health Information Management Organization (MeHIMA)
54. Togus VA Hospital
55. Troy Central PTO
56. Waldo County Action Partners and the Head Start program
57. Waterville Homeless Shelter
58. Waterville Youth Soccer Association
59. Western Maine Center for Children
60. Whitefield Elementary School

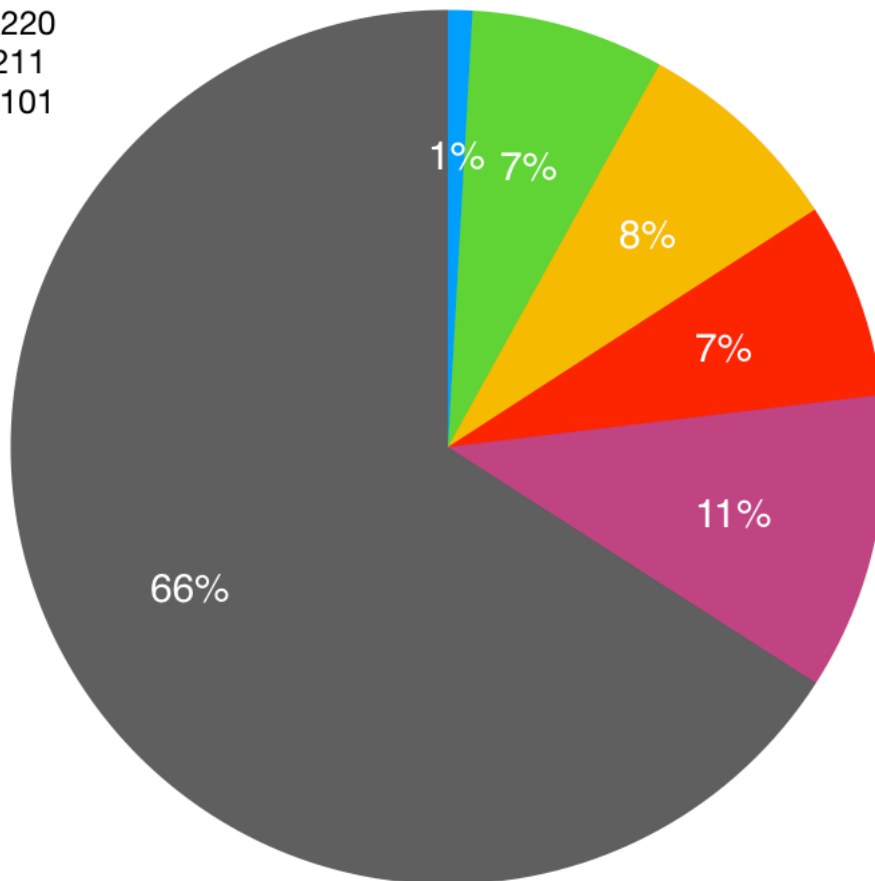
KVCC Courses that Support Service-Learning

The following is a breakdown of the number of service hours generated by students within the courses that currently support Service-Learning.

- COM 104 – Introduction to Communication – **Total Hours - 10**
- MHT 104 – Community Mental Health – **Total Hours - 79.5**
- MHT 125 – The Changing Workplace – **Total Hours - 87**
- MHT 220 – Case Management – **Total Hours - 80.5**
- PTS 211 – Physical Therapy III – **Total Hours - 122.25**
- SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology - **Total Hours - 733.75**

Total Hours Per Course

- COM 104
- MHT 104
- MHT 125
- MHT 220
- PTS 211
- SOC 101

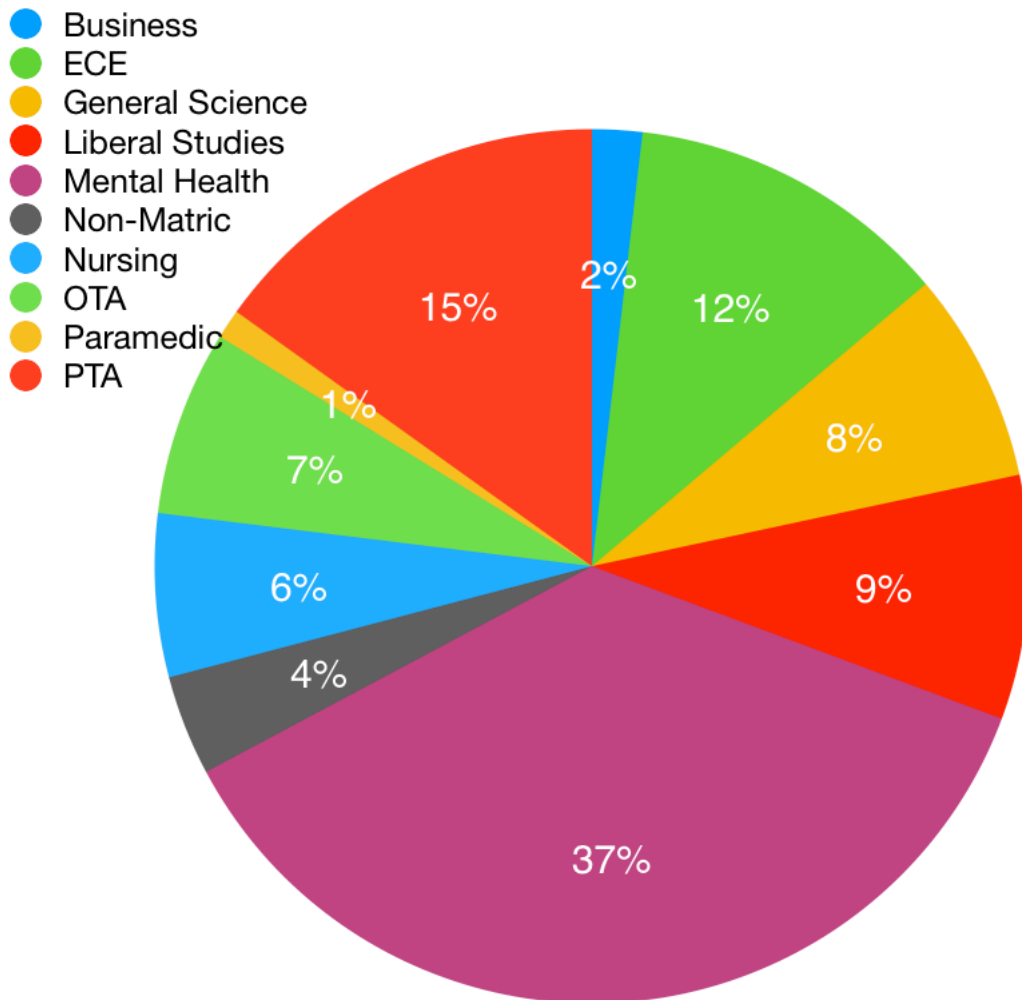


Program Representation Among the Students

The following is a list and statistics of the programs represented by students in this data set.

1. Business Marketing and Management
2. Early Childhood Education
3. General Science
4. Liberal Studies
5. Mental Health
6. Non-Matriculated
7. Nursing
8. OTA
9. Paramedic
10. PTA

Total Hours Per Program



Student Stories

The following is a selection of 50 brief stories that students reported from their experiences in their service projects.

1. It was fun! I have changed my mind and am going to further my education on mental health
2. I was so amazed at how smart the fourth graders were and how welcoming they were. Every time I entered that classroom, I found out something new about each one of the students!
3. Was able to connect with women who are trying to build their life back up.
4. I enjoy being in a medical setting lots of times so for me to be back in a hospital, I loved it. It is always nice to see the people care so much that you are helping them feel better. There will always be that one person who isn't that nice, but you have to take a step back and know that they are hurting and that's how they deal with it.
5. I helped many children with their literacy skills, built egos, and created great memories for myself.
6. I have also included in my project a PowerPoint to be distributed to First Responder Departments for trainings.
7. I really enjoyed connecting with some of the residents in the short time I was there. The staff were also very welcoming, which made me want to continue to volunteer once a month.
8. I was able to make direct contact with others and form relationships with those around me.
9. Although I didn't get much contact with those in use of the soup kitchen, those I volunteered with were able to tell me stories of when they were homeless and how the soup kitchen helped them get back on their feet.
10. I learned anyone at any time can be homeless
11. I was able to volunteer at the shelter and learn more about the connection between mental illness and homelessness
12. It was exciting to work within the homeless shelter and with the residents of the shelter, I enjoyed the aspect of doing the hours at the shelter the most

13. Every Christmas and even thanksgiving I find a way to help those in need. All through every year I will give money to people on the street as well.
14. As a group project for a community outreach, we decided as a community of students at KVCC, to help those that are in our community, our peers, that are experiencing food insecurity.
15. It was nice seeing how grateful Landi was that we pulled together some more food for the students at KVCC.
16. We were able to donate 281 food items!!
17. Our project in itself is exciting because we raised awareness of the issues of hunger in Maine as well as set up a food drive for our school food pantry to help students who should not have to worry about going hungry while getting an education.
18. I was happy to learn our campus had a food cupboard! I had no idea, so it was really great to work on the project.
19. We got to hand out all the runner's shirts and cheer on runners
20. Cleaning up/preparing a summer camp for under privileged children, so that they could have a fun filled summer.
21. Cheered people on as they ran a 5K to support raising awareness for domestic violence
22. I have been spreading my love for basketball by teaching others how to work as a team.
23. It was fun to do something for the school and be a part of the great things the farm does and provides for students
24. We were able to donate our dolls to kiddos who have knee braces or helmets to make them feel less alone
25. It was great to know that we were supporting our troops with packages that they may not get otherwise
26. I got to see that some of the kids were very interested in what we did. they may decide to choose this path

27. It was enriching to be part of such a meaningful event that made a huge impact on the local and statewide community. My part was small, but I learned it takes a lot of small jobs to pull off such a huge event.
28. It was a fun event to work as a class. It provided team bonding. It was also neat to learn about how to apply plastic to the greenhouse.
29. I appreciated the opportunity to give comfort to children facing medical challenges.
30. We met a man, while sitting at a table with coffee and donuts. He spent his life living at the brunt of the foster care system. With the community we shared, I just gave him rides to places he needed to go, and he just wound up hanging out with us a lot. After like a month or two, at one of our members' graduation parties, he came up to two guys who he trusted and told us that he wanted to give his life to Jesus. As a Christian, I am happy because I have understanding that having Jesus in someone's life will impact them for great ways. As an organization, in a humanistic perspective, I think we were successful, many Christians throughout the ages have marred the image of Jesus with weird stories and acting on misinformation. We successfully shared the love of Jesus in a way that he saw as noticeable. We were able to love one person as an organization, in a way which they saw was evidence of Jesus. We were professing to love a God who loves us, and according to John 13:35 (Bible verse) that people will know if we're actually followers of Jesus by the love we have for one another. It was a success on multiple levels
31. I loved putting a smile on the residents faces, it was a great feeling of accomplishment
32. It felt great to help out someone that is used to doing it all on her own. I enjoyed interacting with people from all different states was interesting.
33. I got to learn that truck drivers are wrongly stereotyped.
34. I got to meet so many great and new faces and really have an eye opener to be grateful because you never know when something of yours could be gone and not everyone is a bad person just because of where they are in life.
35. During the time I spent volunteering this semester our group has been working on expanding our outreach programs to areas of Maine that we have previously been unable to work in.
36. I was able to listen to a lady tell her life story who was afraid to because she thought she would be made fun of. She told her story to me and then lit up like a Christmas tree after because I sat there and listened to her and told her that nobody would make fun of her. I felt accomplished

37. I get to work in a hospital, and I want to be a nurse!
38. Helping the children was rewarding because they were so excited to do a fun project!
39. KVCC will hold its first annual Eating Disorder Awareness events in the spring semester of 2019
40. Chemistry Day was exciting, and I helped the Colby College Chemistry club with setting up and was the door person.
41. I gained valuable practice in working with children in a classroom setting
42. I was very excited to do this project because I've always wanted to volunteer at the Humane Society, and this allowed me to. I was able to work with a lot of animals, which was what I wanted, and I even adopted a kitten during the duration of it!
43. I love reading and always have throughout my life - it was amazing to watch that light brighten in children! I have participated in this project for several years and will continue to travel back to my home town to participate in this project for years to come, I am sure!!
44. I learned that I might want to work with younger children, rather than kids who are a little older. These children were so caring and lovable, yet so aware of other emotions.
45. I get to audition actors next weekend! They'll be reading parts of my script, so it'll be pretty rad to see the words manifest outside the page.
46. I've learned a lot from the older generations due to my service
47. This project was challenging to start due to finding an organization of interest that had available hours that coincided with my availability. I started out not putting much into the project, due to thinking that I was not making a lot of difference. I ended up doing more to help some of the people who came to receive the bagged dinners, by listening, researching agencies that could help them with some of their barriers, and educating them as well as peers in the group. I became more culturally aware of the diversity in our community, and the stigmas, prejudices, and biases attached to our diversified population. I grew as a person and developed a stronger sense of self in the process. I plan to continue promoting cultural diversity in my community and am currently trying to set up a group to help answer questions and provide information about community resources to help those affected by different issues

48. I was excited to go back to the preschool my brother attended and have such an awesome experience! The kids loved me and enjoyed having a guest at the school. I had a great time learning and taking notes for my paper.

49. I learned a lot about the kind of leader that I want to be.

50. The most exciting and nerve-wracking experience was attending the AHIMA Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C. twice in March of 2017 and 2018 where we had the chance to speak to our state representatives about issues important to HIM professionals.