

**KVCC Center for Civic Engagement  
Spring 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 Spring 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.....	<b>1378</b>
Total Number of Students Involved.....	<b>102</b>
Total Number of Community Partners Involved.....	<b>61</b>
Total Value Added Economic Impact to Community.....	<b>\$31,005*</b>

\*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 partnered with 16 distinct organizations

1. 47 Daisies
2. Adult Education
3. Albert S. Hall School
4. Anson Fire Department
5. Augusta Mental Health
6. Beaver Hill Plantation
7. Bread of Life Ministries
8. Camp No Limits
9. Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation
10. Carrabec Community School Softball Team
11. Catherine Gurney
12. Celebrate Recovery
13. Centerpoint Community Church
14. Eur-OK
15. Fairfield Church of the Nazaren
16. Faith Evangelical Free Church
17. Family Violence Project – Somerset House
18. Feast for a Beast
19. First United Pentecostal Church of Lewiston
20. Franklin County Animal Shelter
21. Gallant Therapy Services
22. Ginny's Natural Food Store
23. Hall School
24. Hardy Girls Healthy Women
25. High Hopes Clubhouse
26. Holy Cannoli
27. Humane Society of Waterville
28. Junior Class League
29. Jobs for Maine Graduates
30. Keltic Farms
31. KVCC
32. KVCC Food Pantry
33. KVCC Trio
34. Kennebec Valley Troop 433 of Boy Scouts of America
35. Lake Christian Fellowship
36. Lawrence High School
37. Lifeline Food Pantry
38. Little Tykes Daycare
39. Maine Academy of Natural Science

40. Maine General Hospital
41. Mallet School
42. Mercer Food Pantry
43. Mid Maine Homeless Shelter
44. Milbridge Elementary School
45. Miles Leave Thrift Shop
46. New Hope Women's Shelter
47. Next Step Domestic Violence Project
48. North New Portland Fire Department
49. Oak Grover Nursing Center
50. Rez Life Church
51. Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen
52. Saint Sebastian Thrift Shop
53. Salas Equito Therapeutic Riding
54. Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center
55. United Baptist Church
56. Waterville Food Bank
57. Waterville High School
58. Waterville Jr. High Swim Team
59. Waterville NHS
60. Waterville Senior High School Media Center
61. Western Maine Homeless Outreach

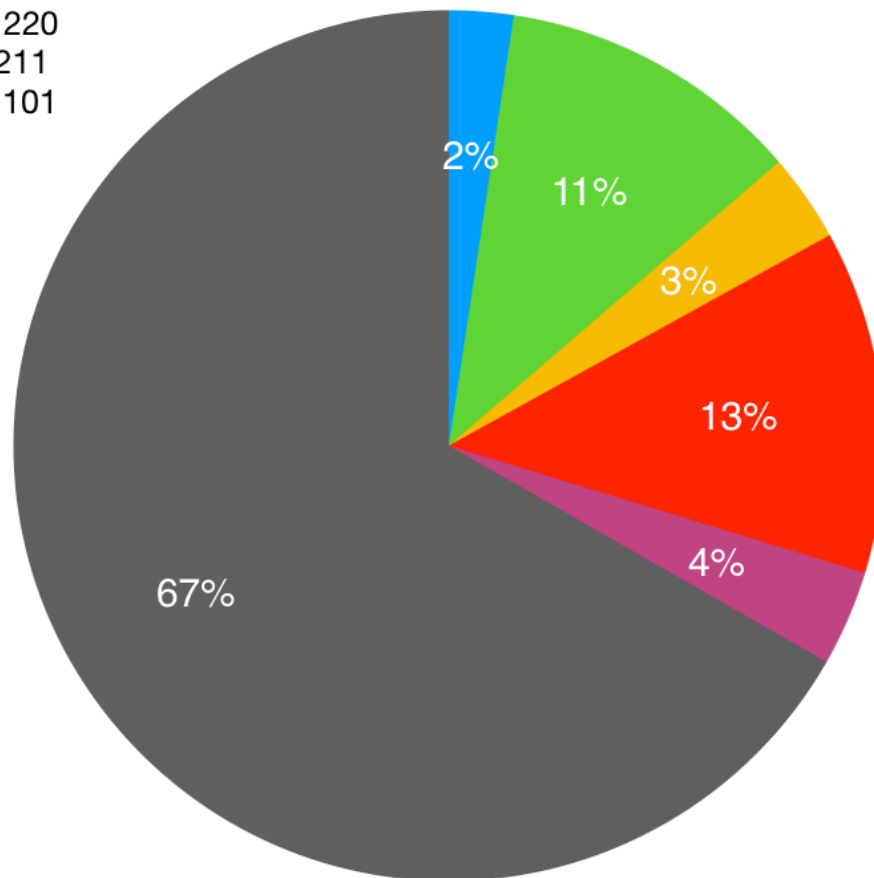
## KVCC Courses that Support Service-Learning

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 – 33**
- MHT 104 – Community Mental Health – **Total Hours – 156**
- MHT 125 – The Changing Workplace – **Total Hours – 45**
- MHT 220 – Case Management – **Total Hours - 176**
- PTS 211 – Physical Therapy III – **Total Hours - 49**
- SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology - **Total Hours – 920.25**

### Total Hours Per Course

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

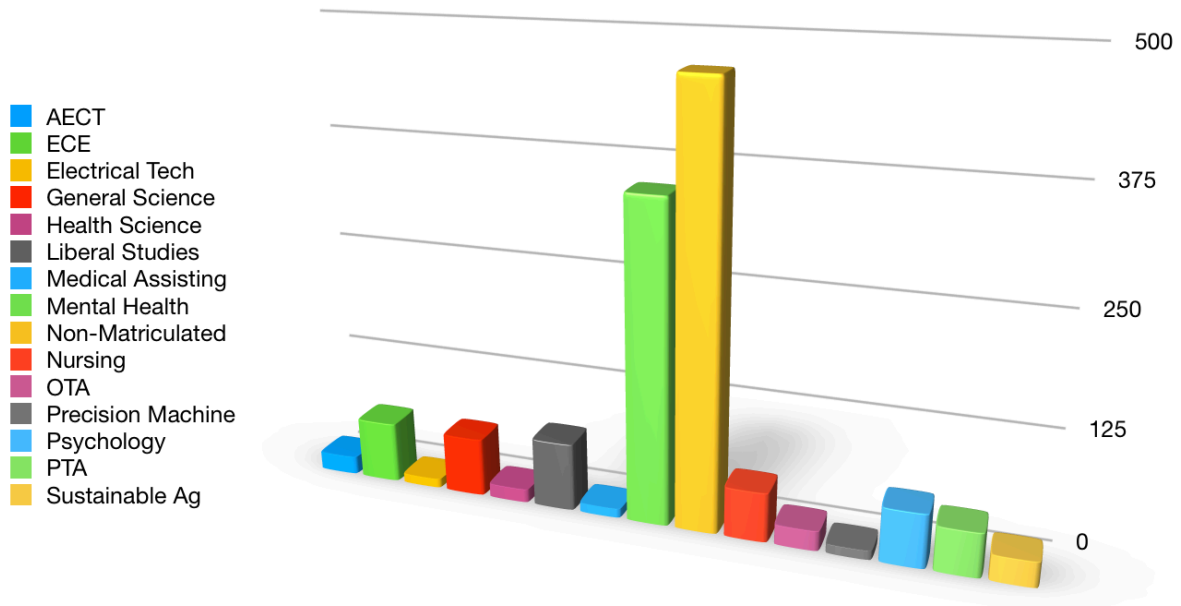


## Program Representation Among the Students

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

1. AECT
2. Early Childhood Education
3. Electrical Technology
4. General Science
5. Health Science
6. Liberal Studies
7. Mental Health
8. Non-Matriculated
9. Nursing
10. OTA
11. Precision Machine
12. Psychology
13. PTA
14. Sustainable Agriculture

## Total Hours Per Program



## Student Stories

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

1. Able to help the community
2. I bring my Bluetooth speaker in every week that I volunteer, and I play music for everyone to jam out to while shopping in the shelter store.
3. I made many new friends and I learned so much about their lives
4. Due to my involvement, the organization asked me to go and speak at another local Celebrate recovery.
5. I never thought I would enjoy giving back like this and was pleased to find it very therapeutic for me.
6. Lots of toddlers running around! Nothing more exciting than that!
7. I love horses and getting to work with other people who do too is great
8. During this time, I actually learned more about women's history and got a free t-shirt!
9. I was able to put on all of my turn out gear, including my mask and go into a simulation of crawling through a building with a structure fire.
10. I have gained great experience being in a classroom and understanding what it means to help other students since I want to become a teacher myself.
11. Watching people coming in to attempt to find a pet a forever home is one of the best things to see, it makes me happy.
12. Getting to lesson plan for students in a program that I'm an Alumni for
13. I got to spend my time with adorable animals in need of homes
14. I was a part of feeding over 2000 children at one time
15. I think the most exciting thing was hearing how each animal adopted had their own success stories.
16. I learned how to make quiche!

17. Seeing the relief and gratitude on these people's faces when a project is completed
18. I based the slides dealing with mental health issues of this project on an interview that I had with one of the guests that has struggled with his own mental health issues that he felt were typical of a chronically homeless person
19. In the interview I had with one of the guests, he had so many different experiences in homelessness and the factors that contributed to it, it really opened my eyes to the reality of situation that many people face.
20. We actually got to meet with a representative from the House and present our items to her face to face and made a personal connection with her!
21. To keep it short, I saw humanity at its best.
22. The most exciting part about the project was being able to pull up to the shelter with 7 bags full of brand new and unused daily items that people can use. Some of the people at the shelter thanked me multiple times and were very grateful. It felt amazing to help others in such a deep and meaningful way.
23. I helped provide meals to our local community with food insecurities.
24. I saw it through the eyes of someone who has needed and used this program to survive and now I can see it through these new eyes, seeing beyond my own needs.
25. I met some interesting people and became involved in a community service
26. We got to meet Gov. LePage
27. I loved being able to make students feel more comfortable going in the closet by answering questions and helping them find things and making it known that it really isn't a big deal having to use the closet.
28. We had a paint night that was very successful and very fun!
29. This year I was excited about having my employer be very involved with the donation and collection process. It was truly amazing to see all my co-workers in 7 different locations between Waterville, Augusta, Winthrop and Skowhegan come together for a great cause. I'm also planning on continuing this for years to come as the feeling of giving back to the community is something; I cannot put words to. Once again, I greatly enjoyed the hours and time spent in completing this project!



30. It felt really good helping a shelter that does so much in my county. Domestic Violence is something I unfortunately witnessed in my childhood. Knowing I can help others who are dealing with the same is a big deal.
31. We play kickball sometimes!
32. I have watched these adults with special needs learn and improve in so many ways over the time I was there
33. volunteering as a tutor for homework club at a school has really opened my eyes. I am now considering teaching as a possible profession in the future!
34. I was able to work with a 10-year-old who is a bilateral above knee amputee and she taught me more than I taught her!
35. During the time I spent with the girls and helping them prep for their season their coach had told me that many of them look up to me and hope to be as good and a dedicated player like I am.
36. We all worked as a team to achieve the same goal.
37. I helped kids achieve greatness and helped them learn their full potential.
38. Although stressful at times, this was an awesome learning experience that I am very grateful for.
39. It completely changed my view of what getting a job would be like and made me more excited for the future.
40. The coach was pleased with all the help I did for the team
41. I really enjoy the medical field so plan to study this in college!
42. I was able to set a goal for someone that Anne used!
43. This project allowed me to connect with these children and learn more about Christianity from their perspective. I have sat through so many sermons on a Sunday morning and they seem to just breeze over my head. This experience opened my eyes and made me excited about learning about religion again.
44. I had an opportunity to get to know and work with two women volunteers from China who are associated with the University of Maine.

45. I was able to meet some new very kind citizens of Waterville that I would not have otherwise met.
46. We were able to share the message of the gospel with people who either hadn't heard it before or people who needed to hear it again. It was a group of encouragement and healing.
47. It was huge for me to come out from the shadows and run for my son, who was abused, and against the one who did the crime. Rallying a team around myself and my children is invigorating and empowering. I will not be silent against the awful crime!
48. We walked them through an obstacle course with gait belts
49. Enjoyed interacting with children and seeing how comfortable they were hanging out with us
50. It was great to give back to the community. If it were not for my family, my children and I would have likely ended up at the shelter when my ex-husband left.
51. It was a great experience to go in there and feel welcomed and see how happy people were that we brought them food and socks
52. It was great to see the staff so excited about the meal donation.
53. I enjoyed sharing something that I am passionate about with the high school students. I was happy that they could have that experience because it would have been helpful for me before entering this program.
54. It was sad to see the homeless, but excellent to be able to provide them with food.
55. I helped a student bring up his grades
56. Being able to learn and accomplish a number of media video projects with NO prior knowledge or experience.
57. Using creativity and fun social projects to bond and interact with the people taking the Adult education class.
58. This was my first time in a work environment. I was extremely nervous about it and didn't know what to expect, but my experience reassured me that I could get through most things.
59. I got to see a kid with cancer be light up when he saw me doing something I love for his cause. I really liked this moment because it obviously made me happy and I could tell it made the kid very happy as well.

60. I got to play bingo and hear cool stories from residents at the nursing home!