KVCC Center for Civic Engagement Summer 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 Summer 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 Service184	
Total Number of Students Involved17	
Total Number of Community Partners Involved16	
Total Value Added Economic Impact to Community	

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

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

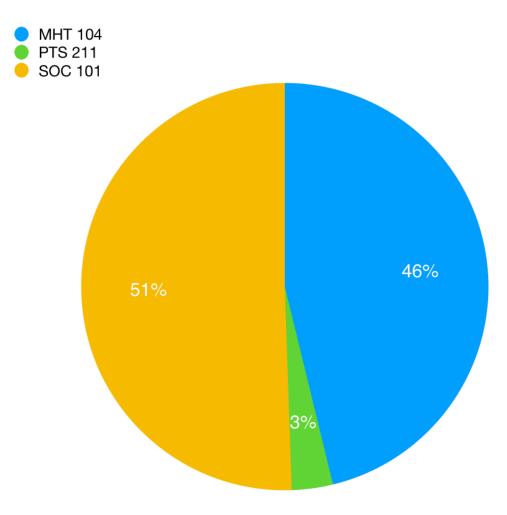
- 1. Alcoholics Anonymous
- 2. Atwood Primary School
- 3. Bread of Life Ministries
- 4. Family Violence Project
- 5. Greene Maple Farm
- 6. HART of Maine
- 7. Helen Thompson Elementary School
- 8. Horse Show Organizer
- 9. Kennebec Music Together
- 10. Maine International Film Festival
- 11. MCIR
- 12. The American Red Cross
- 13. Thomas College
- 14. Town of Unity
- 15. Triple Crown Race
- 16. Western Mountain Homeless Out Reach at Living Waters Church

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.

- MHT 104 Community Mental Health Total Hours 85
- PTS 211 Physical Therapy III Total Hours 6
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology Total Hours 93

Total Hours Per Course

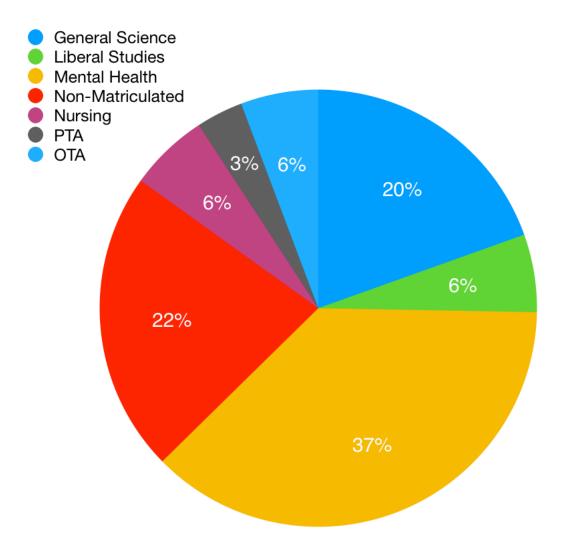


Program Representation Among the Students

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

- 1. General Science
- 2. Liberal Studies
- 3. Mental Health
- 4. Non-Matriculated
- 5. Nursing
- 6. PTA
- 7. OTA

Total Hours Per Program



News



KVCC Chain Lynx Cycling Team – Trek Across Maine 2018

The KVCC Chain Lynx team participated in the 2018 Trek Across Maine event. Team members include the following:

- Mark Kavanaugh
- Alexander Waltz
- Andrew Bourassa
- Jordan Godin
- Brian Holtz

The team raised a total of \$4262!



KVCC Chain Lynx Cycling Team – Ride for Autism

The KVCC Chain Lynx team participated in the 2018 Ride for Autism. Team members include the following:

- Mark Kavanaugh
- Alexander Waltz
- Andrew Bourassa

Student Stories

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

- 1. Lots of toddlers running around! Nothing more exciting than that!
- 2. I really enjoyed working with the kids and I really felt like I made a difference.
- 3. I learned about the nutrition that we feed kids in our schools.
- 4. I loved showing my son the Joy in giving back to those who need help. I enjoyed the contentment in seeing him make a difference.
- 5. I took him for his monthly haircut and pedicure. we also went to the movies to see the movie he was most excited to see and then we got milkshakes and apple pies from McDonald's.
- 6. I became a 1st time blood donor!
- 7. I was able to help people in ways that help myself as well.
- 8. Clients loved new info about mental health.
- 9. The Family Violence Project provides great services for this area, and the Support Group is one of them. The women in the group support each other in many ways. They listen to each other's stories and validate that they are not alone in their journey. They teach each other coping skills. The group is a safe place for these women to learn more about domestic violence and how to make positive changes for themselves. It was wonderful to be allowed to be a part of this group.
- 10. I got to help many people get over the fear of moving to college and learn that anxiety is okay to have.
- 11. I got to help a child read a whole book to me and they never want to read.
- 12. HART of Maine is a no-kill shelter. I think that is great!
- 13. I was able to meet many interesting people that had very different backgrounds and views then myself.
- 14. It was great to work with a physical therapist on non-life-threatening injuries to help runners post run.

15. I now have more understanding of the diverse reason people need to stay at homeless shelters. Homelessness doesn't discriminate to anyone.