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## Educator Resource Newsletter

June 2008

### Share Your Service-Learning Stories!

Do you have a service-learning story to share in our newsletter - a new project, partnership, grant or award? We would love to hear about it. Please contact [Kim Lesnau](#).

There are still spaces available in our summer training (Engaging Students in Service: The Comprehensive Service-Learning Training) [Click here to sign up today!](#)

### Check Out Our Webpage!

If you cannot find what you're looking for, please try our [Educator](#) page and our growing [Curricula Hub](#) with links to easy-to-use project ideas and lesson plans.

Check out our new web resource, [www.sdservicelearning.org](http://www.sdservicelearning.org).

## Volunteer Recognition Event

### Congresswoman Susan Davis Award Outstanding Adult Empowering Youth in Service 2008 Jennifer Sims

is recognized for admirable leadership in service-learning and inspiring students to serve the community. Through her continual hard work and dedication, Jennifer engages students to transform our community with passion, commitment and a promise for a better tomorrow.

### Jennifer Sims is recognized specifically for:

- Coordinating and supporting students and teachers at Pacific Beach Middle School in creating and

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implementing service projects, including multiple disaster relief and recovery projects from the October fire

- Training teachers in San Diego County and training international teachers on how to do service-learning projects
- Serving on our Service-Learning Council and Service-Learning Resource Committee to provide a teacher prospective and resources to support all of San Diego County in Service-Learning
- This year becoming San Diego County's first Service-Learning Model Practitioner
- Even providing a training to the Volunteer San Diego staff about the challenges teachers face with meeting their standard requirements

Visit our [Coaches, Model Practitioners, and Partners](#) page for more information.

## SAVY Leaders Recognized

### SAVY Leaders Recognized at Volunteer Recognition Event

With the school year coming to an end, the SAVY Leaders, Volunteer San Diego's own youth leadership council, came together to celebrate their accomplishments at Volunteer San Diego's Recognition Event. **Recognized at the event were 10 first-time graduates of the Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute, 11 Super SAVY Award recipients and 10 Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipients.** The SAVY Leaders had an exceptional year and lots to celebrate.

### Last Chance to Nominate Youth for SAVY Leaders

We continue our quest for high school students who want to make a difference in their community and are looking to plan, create and volunteer at their own service projects.

**Applications are due June 26<sup>th</sup>.** Download an [application here](#). Email [SAVY@volunteersandiego.org](mailto:SAVY@volunteersandiego.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Grant Deadline

### Project Ignition Grants due July 3, 2008

**Project Ignition is a service-learning grant program focused on teen driver safety - but the ripple effect the program creates is anything but simple.**

Student campaign teams find their inspiration close to home - sometimes from personal tragedy - but their powerful messages reach across towns, counties, and state lines. Students find amazing and creative ways to bring their messages to life:

- They organize community fairs and produce public service announcements. Students design advertising and stage mock crashes. They write music and poetry.
- They meet with city councils and local legislators to encourage stronger public policy surrounding teen driver safety.
- They build Web sites and memory walls. Students galvanize schools and families -even entire communities - around their efforts to keep teen drivers and passengers safe.

<http://www.sfprojectignition.com/apply.htm>

## Curriculum, Grants and Resources

Remember to check out the Volunteer San Diego website for all of our resources that are updated regularly:

[Educators](#)

[Curriculum Support](#)

[Upcoming Grants](#)

## Service-Learning Calendar

Mark your calendars, here are some events

you don't want to miss!

Remember to check out the [Project Calendar](#) and the [Trainings & Courses](#) page.

**[Engaging Students in Service: The Comprehensive Service-Learning Training](#)**

**Tuesday, June 24th, 2008 8:15 AM - 5:00PM**

(Formerly Service-Learning All-in-One Training) This hands-on training is an "All-in-One." You will receive our introduction to service-learning, as well as two additional "In Focus" workshops exploring service-learning in the context of on-site projects and character education.

**[USD's Character Development Center Summer USD's Character Development Center Summer Conference-Character and Peace Education/Safe School Environments Environments](#)**

**Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

This year for the first time, the conference will include a strand for Educators and their students. The theme of the conference is **The Three C's For Safe Schools**. Educators include both college and university faculty, and school personnel working with new teachers in induction programs.

**[2008 REACH Youth Development Conference: Our Voices Creating a New World](#)**

**July 9, 2008 - Sacramento, CA**

Join youth and adults from the California Capital Region for this educational and energetic conference! Workshops for youth and adults will include: Youth-Led Community Change, Using Media, Culture, Art and Technology, Sustaining Youth Development Programs, Youth-Adult Partnerships, Hot Issues (such as workforce readiness), plus The Youth Lounge, dance and art.

**[Service-Learning Council Meeting\\*\\*](#)**

**Thursday, July 24th, 2008 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Join the Service-Learning Council in planning their first FREE networking event to be held in October 2008. This will be the first of three networking events of the year and will focus on the environment.

\*\*The Service-Learning Council serves as your local network of service-learning professionals and organizations while gaining valuable resources to implement high quality service-learning projects with ease.

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