

Student Quotations

"Service-learning teaches you how to take what you've learned in the classroom and apply it to the real world. Also, the reflection component shows the growth you've made throughout the quarter and where you still have to go."

"This is the type of experience that answers the question: *how will we use this stuff in the real world?* This is exactly it."

"I really feel that I learned concepts from the course more efficiently through hands-on application of service-learning. I thought this project was just going to be a lot of unnecessary work but I really found a lot of benefits from the class."



"Service-learning helped give me a jump start . . . I was able to take material from my Communication classes and apply it in the community and real world. I felt much more at ease after experiencing this and I am that much more ready to go out into the job world when I graduate."

"We're learning to deal with group conflict well and we're able to relate class material to the project in the community."

"Service-learning has been a great way for Western students to connect to the community and to leave a classroom feeling like they have succeeded in making our community a better place. Everyone benefits from service-learning, and I would recommend it to anyone."

"Overall I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to apply knowledge from this classroom into the community and nonprofit organizations. I would recommend this experience to any student looking for self-improvement through education."



"Service-learning has helped me to put Communications into a real world situation and see just how applicable it is to my everyday life. I truly used the skills I learned in this class every day, and my roommates even yelled at me because I started 'talking like a Comm. major,' using words like 'group cohesion' and 'democratic leadership.' It's something I will hold onto for the rest of my life."

"By working with Greenways, I have gained so much more from this class. The concepts in the book have come to life. I am also more inclined to volunteer now because I can see the impact that just one person can make."

"Service-learning has pushed me to work within the community, get to know other people in my classroom, apply my knowledge in the classroom to the real world, and work in small groups."

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