Working with Community Partners

Today's Goals

- Discuss Tuesday's lecture

- Talk about working with service learning partners

- Prep for next week

- Provide details on group project

- Hopefully talk about the minor....

Lecture Agenda

- Students finding organizations

- Characteristics of good service learners

How do students find organizations?

- Volunteer fairs
- Working with individual professors and organizations
- Service learning centers and web sites

What do organizations want in their service learners?

- energy vs. maturity

- experience?

- differences between undergrad and grad students

- connection with major/career aspirations

- How do you learn about an organization's expectations?

- How does understanding their expectations impact what you are thinking?

Next Tuesday
(worth 2 pts on participation grade)

- In class team building exercise

- Nothing to do to prepare

- Meet me at Donald Bren Hall 5011

Next Thursday
(worth 2 pts on participation grade)

- In class exercise

- You MUST advocate for a cause
  - You can protest against, advocate on behalf of, or raise awareness about some cause or issue
  - Posters, costumes, and other craziness encouraged
  - You may work together or alone

- Engineering Plaza
  - Invite your friends to support you!

Group Presentations

- Make sure you know who is in your group

- Be sure you meet and work together regularly

- This project should not be that hard if you work together and don't procrastinate too much

Questions to answer in your group presentations

1. What is the problem(s) or issue that you are focusing on? Why is this a problem or concern?

2. What is the scope of the problem or issue at the national and state level?

3. What does this issue or problem look like locally? Focus on Southern California and Orange County.

4. What is some important background or history on this issue or problem?

5. What are some important policies and/or laws and/or government organizations that address this issue? What are their roles?

6. Who are some local organizations who are working on these issues? Describe their efforts to address these issues. To learn more about local non-profits and community organizations, visit the website for the Volunteer Center of Orange County at www.oneoc.org.

Time to get together with your groups (here or wherever you like)