BLOG 3 SVLN IMMERSION: EAGAN, TN

Joshua Foulks of Greeneville, Shamale Lee of Burnsville, N.C., and Nikki Van Dine of Columbus, Ohio, traveled with Robin Fife, assistant professor of social science, to Eagan where they worked with the Clearfork Community Institute as part of a Service-Learning Immersion course. The Clearfork Community Institute is dedicated to improving the lives of those living in Eagan and to empowering the community’s youth to gain the education they need to lead successful lives.

One of the primary projects of the students was helping in a project to map the community. No map exists showing property lines for the Eagan area, and the Clearfork Community Institute is trying to complete one on its own. The students used Geographical Information System units to map properties in the community.

For the full story go to http://www2.tusculum.edu/news/?p=1707

BOOK REVIEW:

Currently in the news as a center of controversy, ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) is also the topic of editor Robert Fisher’s new book *The People Shall Rule: ACORN, Community Organizing, and the Struggle for Economic Justice* published by Vanderbilt University Press. Fisher is a Professor of Community Organizing in the School of Social Work, University of Connecticut.

This is the first book in more than twenty years focused primarily on ACORN and its model of organizing. Details of campaigns on the living wage, school reform, voter turnout, redlining, predatory lending, and community redevelopment, as well as a critical perspective on ACORN’s place in the community organizing landscape, are presented in the book’s twelve chapters.

**Bonner Leaders**

**Bonner Fact:**
The Bonner Leaders have six common commitments, they are:

- Social Justice
- Civic Engagement
- Spirituality
- Diversity
- International Perspective
- Community Building.

**Bonner Activities:**
Our Serve 2.0 Mentoring Group with Greeneville Middle School is another way for the college to give back to the community. We want the sixth graders that we are working with to strive to be all they can be. We also want to encourage these students to strive for a college education. The Tusculum mentors meet with the students every Wednesday for a couple hours as well as doing fun activities on campus.

**A Word from the Co-President:**
We would like to thank the TC community for its support in making this semester a success. I would also like personally to thank the TC Bonner Leaders because they change lives every day, they are all Heroes in one way or another.

Boazin Katina
Co-President

**DIALOGS IN DIVERSITY: LGBTQ II**
**LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL, TRANSGENDER & QUESTIONING**

December 2nd at 4pm in Chalmers (this is an Arts & Lecture event)

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