Over the past few weeks the CCA has been involved in a number of campus and community activities:

⇒ Campus response to the ARCH coat and blanket drive for the homeless in our region was heartening. Thank you for sharing the warmth and care with those in need.

⇒ CCA faculty and staff recently attended a Safe Zone workshop held on campus:

Safe Zones provide safe spaces that are highly visible and easily identifiable to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons, where support and understanding is the key and where bigotry and discrimination are not tolerated.

On Dec. 3 at 6:30 pm, we will be hosting a Campus Conversation focusing on (Homo & Hetero) Sexual Harassment and Discrimination on campus. Everyone is invited. It is the goal of the CCA that the entire Tusculum Community become a safe environment for ALL peoples and ALL voices.

Service Learning Student Spotlight: Randi Williams

For Ms. Williams’ block 3 SL class she developed a program that addresses self esteem issues in girls ages 7 & 8. She first implemented her program with a Hispanic Sunday School class in Rome, GA while attending a SL conference with Robin Fife. Encourage by her experience in Rome she expanded her program and began working with a group of 7 & 8 year old girls at the Greene County YMCA where she works as a counselor.

Her program involves building self esteem “by helping [the girls] socialize with others outside their normal peer group,” and by engaging in activities centered around positive self and peer reflection.

“"You Go Girl!”"

Randi is a Sr. majoring in Psychology.

Bonner Leaders Program

In addition to teaming up with Holston Home in the Saturday morning clean-up on the Nolachuekey for SOS, the Bonners also pitched in the afternoon of Oct. 18th at Rural Resources’ Farm Arts Festival. At the kid’s craft table the Bonners helped the children string beads, make slime and create fanciful tie-dyed butterflies (see photo).

The Bonners will be hosting MIX IT UP day Nov. 13th from 11am to 1pm in the Cafeteria. Everyone is invited to participate by having lunch with people you’ve never met. It will be a fun time to go outside our comfort zones and expand as individuals and as a community.

Service on Saturdays: S.O.S.

Early in the morning of Oct. 18th TC students and faculty met up with a group of kids and staff from Holston Home for Children to clean up one of the boat ramp areas on the Nolachuekey river. As you can see from the photo there was A LOT of trash to remove.

Our next SOS will be Nov. 22. We will be working with Habitat for Humanity constructing a new home for a family in our community. Please mark your calendars to join us.

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Book Highlight!

Educating for Democracy (2007) reports the results of the Political Engagement Project, a study of educational practices at the college level that prepare students for responsible democratic participation. In this book, coauthors Anne Colby, Elizabeth Beaumont, Thomas Ehrlich, and Josh Corngold show that education for political development can increase students’ political understanding, skill, motivation, and involvement while contributing to many aspects of general academic learning.

Reviews:

“...Ed for Dem is an extremely useful and valuable book. Students will discover various ways to develop their political efficacy, political communication, and overall skills necessary for effective and engaged political involvement.” (Teachers College Record, 06/30/08)

"the authors explore a variety of methods of teaching undergraduates about politics and public service. Much of the pedagogy they suggest is applicable to discussing politics in an advising framework...” (NACADA, 04/24/08)

“I can do no other than be reverent before everything that is called life. I can do no other than to have compassion for all that is called life. That is the beginning and the foundation of all ethics.”

- Albert Schweitzer