



“ULS Serves” Grant Recipients

December 1, 2006

TOTAL – 29 Projects: \$618,291

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY – 3 Projects: \$60,000

- 1. Improving the Schools, Reducing Crime, and Supporting the Arts and Culture**
Project Director: Ellen Smiley
Partnering GSU music students with New Orleans high school students to learn about Louisiana composers and music, culminating in a community concert.
- 2. Progressive Recovery through Higher Education: Rebuilding Louisiana**
Project Director: Brenda Wall
Sociology and psychology students will study responses to Hurricane Katrina and explore the recovery phases, culminating in a trip to South Louisiana to help build homes in affected areas.
- 3. Tutoring Middle Grade Students in Reading and Writing**
Project Director: Doris Williams-Smith
Partnering teacher education students with hurricane-affected middle school students to improve reading and writing abilities, thus increasing scores on standardized tests.

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY – 4 Projects: \$53,735

- 1. Hurricane Devastation Photographic Exhibition**
Project Director: Virginia Elaine Thompson
Partnering students from six Louisiana Tech departments with the Regional Folklife Program, the Lincoln and Ouachita Parish Libraries, and Phi Alpha Theta to produce a professional quality, mobile photographic exhibition showcasing images of hurricane devastation in South Louisiana.
- 2. Louisiana Tech Student Government Association Mentoring Project**
Project Director: Glenn Beer
Partnering 50 college students with 50 ninth grade students in Lincoln Parish in order to enhance preparation for college through tutoring and one-on-one mentoring.
- 3. Renewing Communities: Assisting Rejuvenation of Gert Town**
Project Director: Vibhavari Jani
Partnering architecture faculty and students with the Shreveport Bossier Community Renewal, American Institute of Architects New Orleans, and Habitat for Humanity to adapt a Friendship House and develop two new site-specific housing prototypes in a New Orleans community that can be adapted to support hurricane recovery efforts.
- 4. The CARE Project**
Project Director: Aleta Overby
Partnering Agricultural Science students with the Louisiana State Animal Response Team in preparation to assist horse evacuation and recovery efforts.



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MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY – 1 Project: \$30,000

1. **Nurturing the Families of Louisiana the Nurturing Parenting Program**

Project Director: Betty Robertson

Partnering 144 McNeese students with the Louisiana Nurturing Parenting Program to serve as child facilitators in a prevention program for child abuse and neglect.

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY – 4 Projects: \$81,913

1. **Angels on the Bayou Restoration**

Project Director: Carol Britt

Partnering Nicholls, L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Terrebonne High School, and Pointe Aux Chene Elementary to restore the “Angels on the Bayou” sculpture garden damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

2. **Be Our Guest**

Project Director: Pamela Kirkley

Providing free classes to elderly, displaced citizens to help them address issues pertaining to post-hurricane life changes.

3. **Learning to Serve is Learning to Lead**

Project Director: James Barr

Partnering Nicholls’ College of Education students with local schools and the community to organize reading tutor programs, mentor training, and family literacy programs to create a community infrastructure that can support learning should the area be affected by future storms.

4. **X-treme Spring Break 2007: Students Rebuilding Louisiana**

Project Director: Judy Daniels

Hosting a partnership of 150 students from the eight ULS schools with Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross to build homes in hurricane-affected areas.

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY – 1 Project: \$15,000

1. **NSU Service Week: Can You Handle It?**

Project Director: Patrice Moulton

Hosting a week-long event of discipline-specific service-learning activities partnering faculty, staff, and students with community groups.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY – 3 Projects: \$63,519

1. **Bridging Telehealth Competencies and Enhancing Health Recovery: Soothing the Aches in Rural Health**

Project Director: Ann Carruth

Providing free health screening, follow-up care and referrals for rural communities through a mobile health unit staffed by nursing faculty and students in partnership with area medical providers.

2. **Consulting as Service Learning**

Project Director: Suzette Bryan

Partnering SLU communications students with the West St. Tammany Parenting Center to provide needs assessments, coordination of service providers, and evaluation of programs.



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- 3. Service Learning Using a Group Decision Support System Mobile Computer Laboratory in Southeastern Louisiana**
Project Director: Minh Huynh
Partnering SLU students with community decision makers to utilize a group decision support system mobile computer laboratory in making informed, data-driven decisions for recovery and economic development.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE – 9 Projects: \$250,194

- 1. Acadiana Food & Folklore Media Initiative: Preserving Culture and Promoting Tourism Recovery**
Project Director: Charles Richard
Partnering the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission with UL Lafayette’s Cinematic Arts Workshop, the Center for Cultural & Ecotourism, South Louisiana Community College, and the Academy of Information Technology at Carencro High School to study, document, conserve, and promote unique Louisiana cultural assets.
- 2. Building Hope: Service-Learning Initiative of UL Lafayette Building Institute & Boys & Girls Clubs**
Project Director: W. Geoff Gjertson
Partnering UL Lafayette architecture students with Boys & Girls Club members, community members, local business leaders and professional architects to build an architectural feature and develop a master plan to increase the Boys & Girls Club capacity.
- 3. Cajun Comrades**
Project Director: Peter Sheppard
Partnering UL Lafayette teacher education candidates with the UL Lafayette Center for Child Development and the Louisiana Office of Public Health to provide mentoring and academic assistance to Lafayette Parish K-8 schools with a focus on enhancing math skills.
- 4. Construction and Enhancement of the Living Wetlands Learning Center at Lafayette Middle School**
Project Director: Griff Blakewood
Partnering UL Lafayette students with Lafayette Middle School to create outdoor learning environmental classrooms focusing on coastal ecology and restoration.
- 5. Project FIT: Fitness Through Intergenerational Teamwork**
Project Director: Claire Foret
Partnering Kinesiology and Dietetic students with the Lafayette General Medical Center and Lafayette Parish schools to develop nutrition and fitness programs linking children and older adults.
- 6. ReNEW: A Service-Learning Initiative of UL Lafayette**
Project Director: W. Geoff Gjertson
Partnering the UL Lafayette School of Architecture, Building Institute, Art Education Program and Department of Visual Arts with the Acadiana Outreach Center where students and community volunteers and homeless clients will transform donated materials into functional and artistic items.



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7. **Study of Mold and Moisture Control in South Louisiana Construction in the Aftermath of 2005 Hurricanes**
Project Director: Herbert Hebert
Conducting comprehensive testing of hurricane-affected homes for moisture and mold damage with a goal of recommending advances in technology to create more energy efficient and safe housing materials.
8. **The Deep South Festival of Writers**
Project Director: Dayana Stetco
Partnering UL Lafayette students with area high school students to reinstate the 42-year-old tradition of the Deep South Festival of Writers after a 4-year absence. The festival will teach students how to cope with and reflect on traumatic events through art and writing.
9. **Writing in the Galleries**
Project Director: Judd Jeansonne
Partnering UL Lafayette AmeriCorps students with the University Art Museum and hurricane impacted Title I elementary schools to improve writing skills of students through art appreciation.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE – 4 Projects: \$63,930

1. **Children’s Theatre: Providing Elementary Students View into Literature and Life**
Project Director: Lisa Guidry
Partnering ULM Curriculum & Instruction and Theatre & Dance students with 10 Monroe City elementary schools to bring classic literature to life through dramatic interpretation and one-on-one interaction with the students.
2. **Establishing Community and University Connections to Enhance Disaster Response**
Project Director: Christopher Harris
Partnering the ULM English Department, the Student Success Center, and the Freshman Year Seminar to provide first-year students learning units on social and environmental issues pertaining to the hurricanes. In addition, Freshman Year Seminar students will partner with local relief agencies on campaigns and share experiences with local secondary schools.
3. **Project MAD: Making a Difference**
Project Director: Phyllis Sanders
Partnering the Colleges of Education & Human Development and Nursing with Monroe City schools that serve at-risk populations to provide strategies and resources necessary for improving the community.
4. **ULM Hurricane Evaluation at Landfall Project for Science (ULM Helps): Preparedness and Understanding**
Project Director: James Robert Howard
Partnering ULM students, high school students, and the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to collect, analyze, and disseminate information on hurricane structure and forecasts.