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Three Outstanding Programs Vie for \$10,000 Award *Finalists to be Announced at the Institute*

December 21, 2009 - LANSING, MI – Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) is pleased to announce three outstanding campus-community partnerships as finalists for Michigan’s 2010 Carter Partnership Award. The winning partnership will be announced at the 14th annual *Institute: Service-Learning and Civic Engagement* during the Service-Learning and Community Service Awards Ceremony and Dinner, on Tuesday, February 9, 2009, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Mich.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership for Campus-Community Collaboration is given annually by MCC to one partnership involving a MCC member college or university and a community group, with the \$10,000 prize divided equally between the campus and community partners for working together in exceptional ways to improve people’s lives and enhance learning in the process.

The three Carter Partnership Award finalists are: Grand Valley State University/Godfrey-Lee Public Schools Summer Literacy Center; Michigan State University – Adolescent Diversion Project; and the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy – Hope Medical Clinic. A detailed description of each partnership follows.

Grand Valley State University/Godfrey-Lee Public Schools Summer Literacy Center

The Grand Valley State University/Godfrey-Lee Public Schools Summer Literacy Center provides an opportunity for ELL learners (K-12 and adult) to engage in oral and written English literacy skills in a supportive environment. The partnership provides K-12 students from GLPS the opportunity to continue reading instruction during the summer, and graduate candidates a safe setting to further develop their professional skills and to implement knowledge gained in graduate classes with support from university faculty. This is a win-win for both the university and the school district as all members of the program are learning, growing and developing their literacy knowledge.

Michigan State University – Adolescent Diversion Project

Michigan State University’s Adolescent Diversion Project was founded in 1976 through a collaborative agreement between the National Institute of Mental Health’s Center for Studies of Crime and Delinquency, the MSU Department of Psychology, and the Ingham County Juvenile Court, and was founded to create an alternative to juvenile court processing for juvenile offenders in Ingham County. The goals were to create a collaboration through which innovative educational experiences would be offered, best practice intervention practices employed, and sound scientific methodology used to address the pressing social issue of juvenile delinquency. The Project seeks to create a more effective alternative to the juvenile justice system through the use of highly trained and supervised mentors (MSU Undergraduate students), strengths based philosophies, and involving youth in their community.

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University of Michigan College of Pharmacy – Home Medical Clinic

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy partners with Hope Medical Clinic, a free clinic, to assist the clinic in its mission to provide free adult and pediatric general and specialty medical care for the uninsured. The College encourages community service and facilitates student and faculty community involvement and relevant experience through placements at the clinic. The clinic gains excellent volunteers who not only help with day-to-day medication program support, but also contribute extensively to program development, volunteer training, and consultative support. The College of Pharmacy has seen significant gains through students' and faculty experiences working at Hope Clinic, particularly in the areas of understanding health disparities, meeting the needs of the community, and development of students' clinical skills and confidence.

A selection panel composed of representatives from community, higher education, business, and government organizations selected the four finalists and will choose the winner of the award. The committee is independent of Michigan Campus Compact, the organizers of the award. The committee made its selection of the three finalists based on the combined merits of each program and gave careful consideration to how closely the program applicants matched the award guidelines. The award guidelines consisted of the following:

- Collaboration between a MCC member college or university (public or private) and the community for at least two years.
- A history of shared power and decision-making.
- Impact on the lives of families and communities through increased economic opportunity, resourceful social and civic networks, or responsive public systems.
- Data-informed planning and decision-making.
- An optimal blend of learning, research, and/or service for higher education participants.
- Efforts to enlist other collaborators (e.g. businesses, civic organizations, government agencies, faith-based institutions, etc.).
- Documentation of measurable outcomes.
- Promise of sustainability.

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Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) is a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education. We promote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

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