

Michigan Campus Compact Member Spotlight

Online English Class Forwards Students To Nonprofit Sector

Oakland Community College Professor Suba Subbarao has challenged students in an online English class with a project that takes them away from their computers and sends them into the community. Students were given the opportunity to apply what they have learned online, assisting local nonprofits in the creation of marketing materials.

Volunteering in an organization of their choosing, the class responded with amazing enthusiasm. Students paired themselves with a variety of organizations across the community. Student Mallory Bullard worked with the Waterford Senior Center, in developing materials for a Five Wishes presentation.



“The project changed my understanding of the community,” Mallory said. “It allowed me to see that my abilities can help others.”

Michelle Soucy and Michel Terry, volunteered their time with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Detroit, creating the newsletter shown below. Terry is now an advocate of the program, donating time in their office, and encouraging others to become involved.



Subbarao’s program has empowered her class, showing them that their talents can aid in the betterment of the lives of others. Oakland Community College demonstrated a true lesson in civic giving, and may have inspired the nonprofit leaders of tomorrow.