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CNCS, the federal agency for volunteering and service, has administered the award since 2006 in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the American Council on Education, Campus Compact, and the Interfaith Youth Core.

The Honor Roll covers the 12-month period ending June 30. During that time, students in [Dominican's Service-Learning program](#) have engaged in more than 11,000 hours of community service, to the benefit of more than 40 nonprofit and community agencies while impacting more than 3,000 individuals.

Inspired by the thousands of college students who traveled across the country to support relief efforts along the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community challenges. As a result, more students are likely to pursue a lifelong path of civic engagement that achieves meaningful and measurable outcomes in their communities.

A total of 766 higher education institutions were named to the 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

College students make a significant contribution to their communities through volunteering and service, according to the most recent Volunteering and Civic Life in America report. In 2012, 3.1 million college students dedicated more than 118 million hours of service across the country — a contribution valued at \$2.5 billion.

This year, Dominican's Service-Learning program celebrates its 10th anniversary of education in action.

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Over 10 years, more than 3,000 Dominican students have learned through 35 faculty members and more than 68,000 hours of service to community partners. They have participated in classes such as [Beauty in the Struggle](#) with Lynn Sondag, Caroline Hanssen's [Expository Writing](#), and Emily Wu's [Korean Drumming and Dance class](#) with seniors at Whistlestop in San Rafael. Inspired by a group of San Quentin State Prison inmates, the Service-Learning program in the past year has joined the Bay Area Homeless Hygiene Drive.

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