

How to Increase College Student Involvement in Your Program

Work with Colleges to Coordinate Positions for Course Credit.

- Target Education departments and Education classes in local colleges and universities.
 - Visit classes to promote positions.
 - Work with departments to arrange programs for practicum experience or course credits.
- Contact the office of Community Service Learning or Community Engagement to set up programs.
 - Arrange tutor/mentor exchange programs as volunteers or interns or as credit for a course.

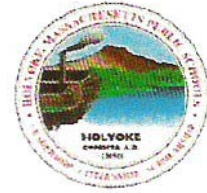
Create low-pay/minimum wage positions.

- Contact the office of Financial Aid for requirements and paperwork needed to create Off-Campus Work-Study positions, partially funded by the college.
- Ask about the availability of an America Reads program, similar to a Work-Study position but paid through America Reads (host after-school program pays nothing and tutor receives \$9/hour)

Create Volunteer Positions.

- Promote positions with small time commitments.
- Some schools may sponsor a student to coordinate volunteers.

Once these programs are established, promote them by creating flyers and hanging them up around college campuses, and by distributing information through courses and within departments!



Our College Student Involvement

Mount Holyoke College

- College Student Coordinator paid through Work-Study acts as a liaison between college students, professors, and CONNECTIONS sites.
- Over 40 college students recruited to volunteer each semester by the college student coordinator.
- Training and reflection sessions offered for the students to build strong tutoring skills
- Certificates of Appreciation and Letters of Recommendation written for volunteer tutors

Hampshire College

- Over 20 students in Off-Campus Work-Study positions sponsored by the America Reads program.
- Transportation to the program provided by the college.

UMass Amherst

- Tutor/Mentor positions filled by students as a part of Community Service Learning course requirements.
- Transportation and course credit provided by the University.
- Work-Study positions filled by students from various departments.

Holyoke Community College

- Several paid positions for students as tutors/mentors.

Volunteer positions were also filled by students from each of the five colleges.

CONNECTIONS *Communications*



News from the CONNECTIONS Program, a program of the Holyoke Public Schools

David L. Dupont, Superintendent

Successes and Current Projects

- College tutors took 60 students on a hiking field trip.
- College visits were arranged to Mount Holyoke and UMass Amherst.
- Hampshire College tutors arranged a fundraiser to take the CONNECTIONS students on a field-trip.
- Future college visits are currently being scheduled.
- Smith College is in the process of writing a grant to hire a Tutor Coordinator to recruit and manage volunteers and interns for the after-school program.
- Tutors designed and implemented curriculums for new clubs including Lacrosse & Leadership, Mad Science Experiments and Stitch Your Dreams/Visions.