





# Engaged Learning Providing Service in West Louisville Community

Students in the Central High School Law and Government magnet program recently had a unique opportunity to prepare and present a report on the revitalization of the Parkland Neighborhood. The report was presented to Mr. Rob Locke, the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Over the next 3-5 years, Habitat for Humanity plans to engage in a major community building effort centered around Johnson Middle School. The information from the report entitled “Community Building Through Community Engagement: A Report on the Parkland Neighborhood” was written by the Central students. The report was completed under the guidance of UofL law students and Law Professor Tony Arnold. The report provides a background on Parkland neighborhood conditions and ideas about how to develop relationships with the neighborhood residents.

The report is the culmination of a year long program where the juniors in the Central High School Law and Government Magnet program studied land use, environmental justice, community conditions, housing, and public health equity. The program was supported by a grant from the Louisville Metro Center for Health Equity.



Students from Central High School Law and Government magnet program prepare for presentation to be given to Habitat for Humanity.

## Summer Program Provides Life Long Lessons

This past summer, 25 UofL students from the College of Education MAT Program worked with 38 students at Camp Africa, a summer camp held at the Catholic Enrichment Center on West Broadway. The UofL students not only gained field experience, but actually much more.

The UofL students assisted and led activities with camp students either in large group, small group, or one-on-one settings. Activities and subjects included: writing techniques for portfolio pieces, geography and physical science, cooking lessons and tutoring.

“Each year we have the blessing of the UofL students,” noted Sister Patsy Guyton, Director of the Catholic Enrichment Center. “They come eager to assist with the kids and most continue beyond their volunteer commitment. I pray that we will be able to continue our collaboration with UofL. It is a blessing to our kids and a great learning experience for the UofL students.”



Tanessa Franklin (left) and Matthew Kovacs (right), both students in the College of Education MAT program, work with students on their reading skills during a summer camp held at the Catholic Enrichment Center.

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- ◆ **The Project Upward Bound Program** at the University of Louisville has been assigned to the Office of Community Engagement. Marking its 43rd year of existence on the UofL campus, the program continues to provide educational support to high school students that demonstrate academic potential and have the desire to pursue postsecondary education. The program is directed by Mary Thorpe and currently enrolls over 150 middle and high school students.
- ◆ **Congratulations** to Marty Bell, Deputy Superintendent for JCPS for receiving the 2008 Paul Mason Legislative Advocate for Children Award presented by the Kentucky PTA. Bell serves on the University Community Partnership Advisory Board and is a strong supporter of the Signature Partnership Initiative.
- ◆ **Urban Impact Partnership**—The University of Louisville has partnered with the GLI Urban Impact Partnership (formerly known as the Collaborative) to connect the brainpower of student consultant teams from regional MBA programs with strategically selected businesses in West Louisville and other urban areas. For more information visit [www.greaterlouisville.com/urbanimpactpartnership](http://www.greaterlouisville.com/urbanimpactpartnership).
- ◆ **Congratulations** to Dr. Vicki Hines-Martin for her induction this Fall into the American Academy of Nursing. She is being recognized for her many years of being an advocate for diversity in health care and for her countless hours of service to the Signature Partnership Initiative.

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#### GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Office of Community Engagement is partnering with Ideas to Action (I2A) to offer small grants to faculty and staff. The **S**upporting **U**ndergraduate **i**nnovation (SUN) grants are designed to promote the goals of the I2A and the Signature Partnership Initiative. The grants provide funds up to \$5,000 for UofL faculty or teams of faculty/staff to develop, implement, and assess projects to support the sustained incorporation of I2A into undergraduate programs as well as work toward accomplishing the 13 programmatic goals of the Signature Partnership Initiative.

Application deadline:  
November, 3, 2008.

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