

Bridging Grants Summary 2004-2005

1.

Title: Humane Animal Education for the Schools

Partners: Anita Morse (Staff), Lynn Sikora (Student) and the Humane Society of St. Joseph County

Project Summary: Anita Morse, Lynn Sikora (along with a few more student volunteers) plan on working collaboratively with the Humane Society for the purpose of educating students k-12 in local schools. The purpose of the training is to educate students on the humane treatment of animals and how to be aware of and interrupt pet abuse. The project proposes SMC students as the primary educators and trainers going into the classroom and reaching the students.

2.

Title: Children's Books

Partners: Angela Sauod (Student), Kitty Green (Faculty) and Washington High School

Project Summary: Angela Saoud is a student teacher at Washington High School and instructs a creative teaching class. In collaboration with another student teacher in an elementary class, Angela wants her students to write children's books for the students in Erin Hempsteads elementary class. These books would be written specifically for each child and place them as the hero of the story.

3.

Title: Project Inclusion

Partners: Dan Mandell (Staff), April Thomas (Student), South Bend Community Members and two professional diversity trainers.

Project Summary: The project proposes a retreat focused on the analysis and test of a curriculum on racial inclusion and diversity. The material is then to be utilized to design the Saint Mary's study circle program. The retreat is speculated to take place on a Friday and Saturday at a local retreat center for a total period time of 12-15 hours.

4.

Title: Imagen Latina

Partners: Marc Belanger (Faculty), Elia Sanchez (Student), Jesusa Rodriguez (Community Member)

Project Summary: Imagen Latina is an all Spanish news program. The project was designed so that SMC students could be involved in all aspects of the production anywhere from filming, reporting and writing segments.

5.

Title: Girl Scouts

Partners: Heather McDougal (Faculty), Students in Heather's class, and Girl Scouts of Singing Sands

Project Summary: Students from Heather McDougal's class along with the help of some fellows led an afternoon of diversity workshops and activities for about 100 girls scouts from 4th- 6th grade.

6.

Title: Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

Partners: Pat Hancock (Faculty); Sophomore, Junior and Senior Social Work majors; Terry Zorig, Mary Ellen Hanback and Christine Beckman (Community members)

Project Summary: Pat, students and a few members of the community went to the 15th Annual National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Boston, MA. The students and community members will a variety of workshops in an effort to gather the most recent research findings, learn about the most innovative treatment programs and discover the most recent legislative and policy information relating to child abuse and neglect.

7.

Title: Hypatia Day

Partners: Ewa Misiolek (Faculty), Math, Science and Nursing students, multiple middle schools in a 5 county area.

Project Summary: Hypatia Day is an annual event held on campus for students in middle school. It is a chance for them to learn about the maths and sciences and how they are important in our every day lives. The students and their parents are also given campus tours, given a financial aid and admission's presentation and also get to talk with current SMC students.

8.

Title: Marquette Project

Partners: Annie Crew-Renzo (Staff), Regina Hall residents, Marquette Elementary School

Project Summary: The project was designed so that parents and teachers could meet and socialize in an area outside of the normal "parent/teacher" conference. Pizza was ordered and there were activities and games for children and adults alike to just get together and have some fun and build positive relationships with eachother.

9.

Title: Communication Connections

Partners: Susan Lathan (Faculty), about 20 students in the Communicative Disorders program, Lilia Periquet (Chapin Street Clinic)

Project Summary: The project is designed to teach parents and other caregivers how to promote children's language development during everyday activities. Parents will also review videotapes of themselves interacting with their child to determine their effectiveness in application of a particular skill.

10.

Title: Voicing Respect

Partners: Michelle Otto and Nicole Wise (students), Kitty Green (faculty), Mishawaka H.S. and Prairie View Elementary.

Project Summary: The High School students will be writing poems about respect while the elementary students will be illustrating these ideas of respect. The poems and illustrations will then be made into books that will be able to be used to teach children about respect.

11.

Title: Opus Project

Partners: Katie Keegan (Hall Director), Opus Hall residents, Marquette Elementary School

Project Summary: Student residents from Opus Hall are undertaking the project of painting and remodeling the teacher's lounge which is in very bad shape. Since SMC has dedicated itself to Marquette Elementary, this is a great project to show appreciation to the teacher's and make the environment a more positive place to work.