

## Outreach

On December 18, 2008, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching granted the University of Southern Indiana the Community Engagement Classification for both Curricular Engagement and Outreach & Partnerships. This achievement recognizes USI's commitment to, and ongoing collaboration with, the tri-state community and beyond.

Community engagement activities occur within all five academic colleges, student affairs, student organizations, and among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; however, the mission of the Division of Extended Services is outreach and engagement. Extended Services complements USI's traditional educational role by providing and facilitating quality education, research, and technical services throughout the region. Provided below are examples of USI's community engagement and outreach activities.

### Curricular Engagement

*During the 2008-2009 academic year, USI offered:*

- 169 formal Service Learning courses in 22 academic departments, taught by 123 instructors.
- 335 Distance Education courses.
- Fifteen courses with total enrollment of 342 through USI Nearby.
- The Bachelor of General Studies enrolling 55 adult students, with nine graduates in 2009.
- More than 40 concurrent enrollment courses at 23 high schools to 1,078 high school students through the College Achievement Program.
- Co-ops and internships to 236 students.

*In addition, each year:*

- Teacher education field experiences impact over 500 USI students, involve over 30 full and part-time faculty, and provide services to over 20,000 K-12 students in local schools.
- Over 800 students and 100 faculty are involved in nursing and health professions clinical and/or field work experiences in the tri-state area and distance learning environments.

*USI participated in a variety of outreach activities in 2008-2009, including:*

- Approximately 900 noncredit personal growth and professional development courses are offered annually to over 15,000 participants.
- 140 area K-12 teachers participated in 12 STEM workshops taught by USI faculty this summer.
- 22 regional employers contracted with the Center for Human Resource Development in the past year, receiving 73 programs.
- 58 faculty and staff members partnered with the Center for Applied Research on 70 projects and generated almost \$300,000 for the University during the 2008 - 2009 fiscal year.
- Approximately 12,000 guests visit the Atheneum in Historic New Harmony each year.
- Historic Southern Indiana (HSI) supports 26 southern Indiana counties. HSI received \$15,000 in grants to develop an Artisan Trail linking Newburgh, Evansville, & New Harmony.
- 63 children are currently enrolled in the Saturday-only, Southern Indiana Japanese School.
- 22 participants from nine Indiana counties participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Connect with Southern Indiana program in 2009.
- Three internal, competitive, annual funding opportunities are available to faculty to support pursuit of community engagement.
- External grant awards funded \$495,300 in engagement activities in fiscal year 2008.
- '09 Super Summer/SPIRAL grant provided summer classes for 192 area children. The summer enrichment classes featured an array of science topics.

### Current Significant Partnerships

- Innovation Pointe / GAGE
- Southwest Indiana WIRED
- Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center
- Indiana Concurrent Enrollment Partnership
- Medicaid Transformation Grant
- Tri-State Industrial Safety Council
- Vincennes University
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Kentucky and Illinois Community Colleges