

STATISTICAL REPORT 2018-19

Service-Learning Center

The Service-Learning Center's (S-LC) data collection for the 2018-2019 school year reveals another year of broad service-learning commitment by Calvin University students. With an average of 27.8 hours of service-learning completed by each Calvin student participant, it is clear that the Calvin community sees service-learning as a fruitful mode of pedagogy as well as a meaningful calling to fulfill a pursuit of God's work in God's world.

In this report, the term *unique service-learning opportunity* refers to a position that one or more students have filled at an agency. The number of *service-learning placements* indicates how many students have filled these positions. Thus, multiple placements may fall under one unique service-learning opportunity.

Context for this report:

Many students participate in Academically-Based Service-Learning (ABSL) arranged by their professor and the S-LC. In ABSL partnerships, we strive to connect existing community needs with specific learning goals that faculty have for their students.

Students may also participate in service-learning through a variety of non-academic programs by getting involved in our Residence Hall Community Partnerships Program, serving as chaperones for the annual Special Olympics, spending spring break on a service-learning trip at one of several sites across the US, or participating in StreetFest, a one-day service-learning experience during orientation.

Additionally, students can independently identify service-learning experiences. Some students are looking for an experience that will assist them in preparing for a particular vocation. Others are

interested in specific issues and causes. Many of these students stop by the S-LC for ideas. Our most comprehensive resource is our website's search engine, which students may use to see what service-learning opportunities currently await them in Grand Rapids.

Several groups and organizations on campus form partnerships with specific organizations and causes. Other groups look to our office to provide information about short-term or one-time projects.

To learn more about us, visit our website;
calvin.edu/slc

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to **engage** and **equip** Calvin University students, faculty, staff, community partners, alumni, and other friends of the university in and for the pursuit of God's shalom in learning together, primarily through community-based service-learning, social justice activity, and civil participation in Grand Rapids and other partner communities.



Above: 2018-2019 S-LC Staff

2018-19

STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

1,595

Total number of students who participated in service-learning

51

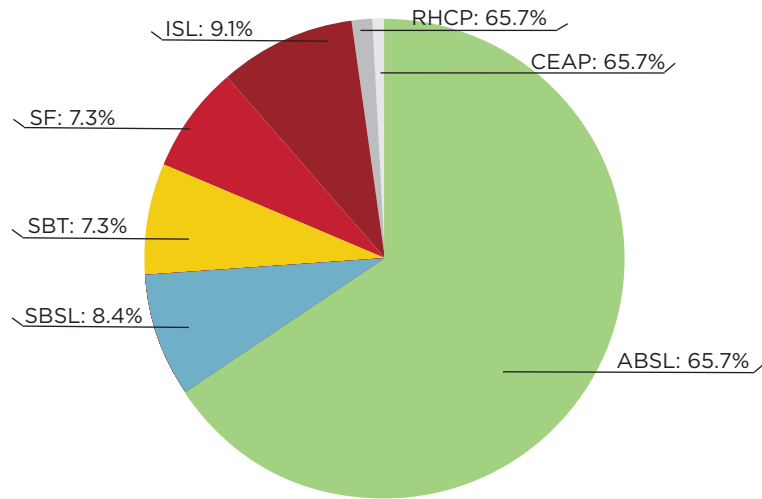
Total number of Faculty who participated in service-learning

178

Total number of active community partners

27.8

Average number of service-learning hours completed per student



DISTRIBUTION OF HOURS BY CATEGORY

44,348

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICE-LEARNING HOURS LOGGED BY CALVIN STUDENTS

Overview of Service-Learning Programs

ABSL refers to *Academically-Based Service-Learning*, or service-learning that is integrated into an academic course. *ABSL* is typically a course requirement.

SBSL refers to *Student-Based Service-Learning*, or service-learning that is initiated by the student and is not typically for course credit.

RHCP refers to *Residence Hall Community Partnerships*, or service-learning partnerships between residence halls and community organizations that student leaders facilitate.

Special Olympics brings athletes with special needs together with student chaperones for a day of athletic competition at Calvin.

Spring Break Trips take students to communities across the United States to engage in service-learning focused on themes as disaster relief, urban development, community arts, and environmental stewardship.

PN refers to *Project Neighborhood*, a program in which students participate in intentional community living and service-learning and take a seminar course.

StreetFest is a first-year student orientation program that sends each and every first-year student into the city of Grand Rapids to acquaint themselves with their new home and embark on their first service-learning experience at Calvin.

International ABSL (ISL) is service-learning formally integrated into study abroad course experiences.



Special Olympics 2019



StreetFest 2018



Spring Break Trip: Chicago, IL 2019

ACADEMICALLY-BASED SERVICE-LEARNING

Service-learning placements by department*

Academic Department	Number of Placements	Percentage
Biology	45	4.2
Education	67	6.3
Engineering	85	8
History	25	2.4
Interdisciplinary	154	14.5
Kinesiology	27	2.5
Mathematics	95	9
Nursing	312	29.4
Psychology	62	5.8
Recreational Therapy	1	.07
Science Education	39	3.7
Social Work	20	1.9
Spanish	56	5.3
Statistics	320	23.3
Off-Campus Semesters	65	6.2
TOTAL:	1,373	***

Notes for all tables:

Total hours are all the hours recorded from students participating in all service-learning for the year.

Total number of students participating is the number of individual students who participated in service-learning during the year. Many of those students complete more than one placement over the course of the year.

*Service-learning done as part of an off-campus interim is counted in the respective department for that interim

Academically-Based Service-Learning at a glance

Total number of students participating	737
Total number of faculty offering ABSL	51
Total number of courses offering ABSL	38
Total number of course sections offering ABSL	69
Total number of partners involved in ABSL	119
Total Hours	29,127

Most common placement types

Placement Type	Number of placements
Medical	45
Classroom Aide	67
Tutoring	85
Food Service	25
Mentoring	154
Building & Property Improvement	27
Environmental Research	95

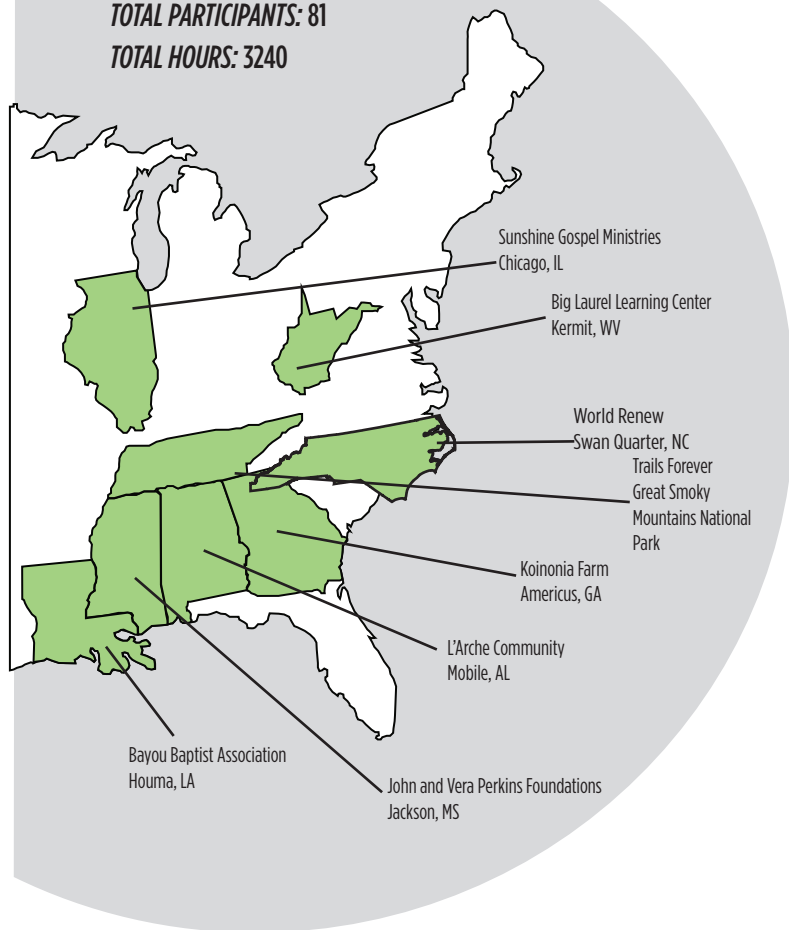
“I learned that it is important to look at people in their context and that health is influenced by so many environmental factors.”

- Student, ABSL: Nursing

SPRING BREAK TRIPS

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 81

TOTAL HOURS: 3240



STUDENT-BASED SERVICE-LEARNING



Spring Break Trip: Chicago, IL 2019

Blood Drive Statistics

Total number of donors	367
Total pints donated	308

Transportation: S-LC rides

Total S-LC rides	298
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INTERNATIONAL ABSL

"I learned about the beauty of developing relationships with people both within the church...[and] in the surrounding community."
- Student: RHCP

Most common placement types

Placement Type
Administrative Assistant
Classroom Aide
Tutoring
Health Care Aide
Mentoring
Building & Property Improvement
Art & Music
Communication & Marketing Assistant
Languages
Community Research
Youth

International Locations

Cambodia
Ghana
Honduras
Hungary
Jordan
Nepal

4,012
International
Service-Learning Hours

50
Students

CONTINUED GROWTH

The Service-Learning Center has been collecting annual statistical data since 2008. At the end of each semester, student coordinators are required to send out evaluation forms to students, faculty, and community partners. These evaluations, as well as the data collected each year, are given to the Assessment Coordinator, who assesses the service-learning experiences, looking for ways to improve programming for the next year.

Originally started by Calvin students, the Service-Learning Center values and encourages new perspectives and ideas for growth in our department and in service-learning programming. The following information identifies key areas in which development and growth have occurred within the S-LC during the past year:

INTERFAITH WORK AT CALVIN

The S-LC, in partnership with Kaufman Interfaith Institute, has incorporated interfaith cooperation into our work through the facilitation of panels and events and has sent various Calvin students to interfaith conferences held by the Interfaith Youth Core. During the past two years, interfaith work on campus has grown, the most notable development being the establishment of the Calvin Interfaith Alliance (CIA) as an official student organization this year, led by Calvin students and assisted by the S-LC Interfaith Coordinator.



Calvin students at GVSU's Interfaith Lab (MIMIL)

PARTNERSHIPS

The S-LC greatly values the communities and relationships developed with partner organizations within the Grand Rapids community and abroad. This past year, approximately 31 new community partners were added into our database.

LOOKING FORWARD: CARNEGIE REAPPLICATION PROCESS

“This Spring, the staff of the Center for Community Engagement and Global Learning gathered a working team comprised of 17 staff, faculty, and community members to gather monthly over the course of the year to reapply for the Carnegie Community Engagement Certification. This process has sparked a new stage of evaluating the state of community engagement at Calvin—including celebrating the breadth and depth of initiatives such as the Nursing Department’s community nursing curriculum and the Plaster Creek Stewards, as well as wrestling with some missed opportunities and declining participation in activities like service-learning.”
- Andrew Haggerty: Associate Director

INTERFAITH EVENTS AT CALVIN



Sikh Gurdwara Site Visit & Dinner



Religious Minority Students on a Christian Campus Panel



Calvin Interfaith Alliance Student Leaders

- 9/25/2018 - Interfaith Community Dinner (Holland MI); 8 Calvin Students, 50 total
- 10/12 - Sikh Gurdwara Site Visit & Dinner (Ada); 46 Calvin Students, 2 Calvin faculty, ~130 total
- 10/13 - 3rd Annual Made in Michigan Interfaith Leadership Lab (GVSU Pew Campus); 6 Calvin students, 30 total
- 10/29 - Masjid At-Tawheed Visit for Muslim Immigration and Christian Hospitality class at Calvin; 30 Calvin students & faculty
- 11/1 - Synagogue Terrorist Attack Vigil: "Stand with Pittsburgh"; 4 Calvin students, about 80-100 total
- 11/14 - Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue Lecture (GVSU Allendale); 3 Calvin students, ~100 total
- 12/4 - Religious Minority Students on a Christian Campus (Calvin); 119 total attendees, 99 Calvin students and faculty
- 12/5 - "Same God" movie premiere at Celebration Cinema
- 2/20 - Abrahamic Dinner at St. Nicholas Antioch Orthodox Church (Muslim student keynote presentation by Calvin student Tuba Jaherun). 5 Calvin attendees, 120 total
- 2/27 - Sikh Gurdwara visit: 15 Calvin students (total)

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