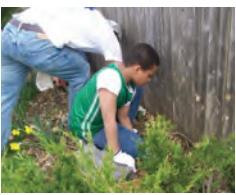


Earth Day Exhibits



Earth Day, 2008, was a very busy time for CSCCE. Cheryl Bird displayed at Boulevard Mall, Sharon Benz at Tiff Nature Preserve, and Brenda Young Beaver Meadow. WNY is fortunate to have so many committed environmental organizations who donate so much time to the "greening of Buffalo."

Bulb-A-Paloosa!



This event was the brainchild of Prof. Brenda Young as part of a grant she was awarded. Her Service Learning class partnered with the "Friday Thing" after-school program. CSCCE sponsors in the Fruit Belt. First, students planted gladiolus bulbs in some of the community gardens of the Friendly Fruit Belt Block Club. This was followed by

pairing college and elementary students who handed out compact fluorescent bulbs and related information to neighbors on Mulberry, Maple and Locust Streets.

It was a great student effort on one of April's warmest days!!

CSCCE and Community Calendar of Events

June 20, 2008

1:00 pm-5:00 pm
 "Business to Business: A Green Jobs Workshop"
 How local manufacturers can become involved in the Renewable Energy-Energy Efficiency Economy
 -Daemen College, Wick Center

June 21, 2008

10:00 am-4:00 pm
 WNY Earth Day Committee-Family Expo
 -Buffalo Zoo

July 7-July 17, 2008
 Fruit Belt Reading Camp

July 21-31, 2008
 Seneca Babcock Reading Camp
 -Seneca Street Church

August 5, 2008
 5:30-8:30 pm
 National Night Out in the Fruit Belt
 -Teen Challenge, 124 Locust St.

October 4 and October 11

9:00 am-5:00 pm
 WNY Apollo Alliance Home Weatherization Program
 Black Rock/Riverside neighborhoods
 -Meet at Northwest Buffalo Community Center, 155 Lawn Street

October 10, 2008
 7:00 pm

"The World on Your Plate"
 Conference on food issues-safety, security, nutrition, treatment of workers, buying local.
 -Daemen College, Wick Social Room

October 11, 2008
 8:30 am-8:30 pm

"The World on Your Plate"
 Keynote speaker, workshops on food issues and special youth sessions
 -Daemen College, Wick Social Room



New students to Global Programs take a tour of Buffalo and City Hall as part of their orientation facilitated by Bill Parke, Buffalo City Planner, and CSCCE staff.

CSCCE News & Events

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The Center partners Daemen College and its students with communities to promote civic responsibility, leading to communities that are healthy, safe and vital and will remain so for future generations.

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The Income TAXi is Launched!!



On March 19, 2008 the Income TAXi became a reality. Over 20 project partners and numerous well wishers attended the "launch" at St. John Baptist Church in the Fruit Belt. Major partners include Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH), M & T Bank, Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagement, and We Care Transportation/ Center for Transportation Excellence. The project was also very fortunate to have Mr. Gregory Clark of the Community Action Organization (CAO), driver for the TAXi with the required license and an experienced tax preparer!

The TAXi's mission is to provide tax assistance and financial information for individuals earning \$40,000 or less, and build their economic self-sufficiency. Daemen students in Service Learning through VITA (IND 213) and UB Law Students were the tax preparers for the TAXi. This fall, in addition to financial information for adults, the TAXi will begin service to after-school programs to provide financial education for youth in grades 5-12.

For more information about the project or to volunteer to be a tax preparer, call Sharon Benz, 839-8524.



Western New York Earth Day

FAMILY EXPO

at the



buffalozoo

Saturday, June 21, 2008
 10a.m.- 4p.m.

FREE with zoo admission

For more information call 839-8524 or visit: www.wnyearthday.org

Peace Mural

The "Friday Thing" after-school program participated in Buffalo Reuse's "Peace Mural Project." The goal of the project was to have children design and paint panels to use in boarding up vacant houses in their neighborhoods which are on list for deconstruction. Deconstruction differs from demolition as materials of the houses are carefully preserved for reuse. Our future artists were very excited to see their work in full view of their community!!



A HUGE thank you to Susan Anner, Friday Thing Coordinator, for all her hard work this year. Susan used her tons of ingenuity and creativity to greatly improve the program. Daemen Health Care students, Sports Management students, and International students from Susan's theater class at UB provided soccer, origami, yoga, stepping, games reinforcing team play, and many other interesting activities. We are very sorry to say good-bye to Susan, as she now is a NYS Certified Special Education teacher, and will begin an exciting, new career in the fall.....



Daemen College/First Niagara Collaboration, "Job Readiness Training Program," Graduates Second Class

\$25,000 Program Creates Structured Mentoring Programs for Disadvantaged Youth in Seneca Babcock

"Before I took this course, I had no idea how to write a resume or do a good job interview. Now I feel ready to look for and keep a job. It is nice to know that your (First Niagara) mentor is always there to help you."

That quote is from Sierra Dickens, a South Park High School senior who is attending the Job Training program made possible by First Niagara Bank and Daemen College. As a result of the pro-



South Park High School student Danielle McEvoy proudly graduates from Job Readiness Program

gram, eleven disadvantaged high school age students like Sierra, in Buffalo's Seneca Babcock neighborhood, now have a better shot at getting a job. Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from First Niagara awarded to Daemen College, students graduated May 21 from a "Job Readiness Training Program" begun by Daemen's Center for Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagement, in collaboration with First Niagara's Mentoring Matters program.

Graduation ceremonies took place in First Niagara's offices in the Larkin Building, 726 Exchange Street, in Buffalo.

"This program fills a vital need for students in Seneca Babcock," noted



South Park High School senior Tom Green and his mentor Rick Suchan from First Niagara Bank.

Cheryl Bird, Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagement. "Daemen has been assisting students in

Seneca Babcock through after-school programs for 10 years. The result is a higher high school graduation rate for teenagers there. Now, thanks to First Niagara, these same students have a chance for a better future – through the opportunity to become engaged in structured mentoring, to learn job application skills, giving them the skills needed to land their first job."

Christopher M. Maulucci, M.B.A., Sales and Reporting Analyst, Commercial Services, for First Niagara participated in the program as a mentor, and found the experience richly rewarding.

"This experience is really eye opening and makes you realize how lucky you actually are," he said. "Thank you for running programs like these. It truly makes a difference in these kids' lives."

Bird added, "Volunteer mentors serve as an invaluable resource to youth in the neighborhood. We are grateful to First Niagara for supporting this mentoring program, and to their employees who are giving their time, effort, and energy to these students. After graduation, First Niagara mentors will continue to work with the teens for 3 months – or longer – to help them "obtain and retain" a job!"

Grover Cleveland International Students to Attend Daemen College



Grover Cleveland Students attend the Daemen College Academic Festival in Spring 2008.

The Center for Sustainable Communities has collaborated with Grover Cleveland High, the Youth Character Development Foundation and the International Institute for the past two years to provide mentoring, training in public speaking, self esteem building and college admissions assistance for international students. Daemen College service learning students worked with these students on reflective essays, financial aid forms, scholarship applications and SAT preparation.

We are pleased that some of these international students will be joining other freshman this fall on the Daemen campus! Grover students from Somalia, Ethiopia Afghanistan, and Brazil will add their life experiences to the classrooms at Daemen College this fall. Congratulations to these outstanding students!



Daemen Service Learning student Sarab Dziewa with Grover Cleveland international students Salim Musa and Abdikarim Abdullahi

"Focus the Nation" Brought Attention to Global Warming and Other Environmental Issues



On January 31, 2008, "Focus the Nation," a national teach-in whose goal was to bring attention to global warming and other critically important environmental issues, took place, involving over 1300 colleges and universities across the country.

On the Daemen campus, presentations were given by Daemen faculty and films were shown addressing current serious environmental issues. Daemen Assistant

Professor of History Penny Messinger presented "Black Diamonds," a film depicting the catastrophic ecological and cultural effects wrought by mountaintop removal. This film was chosen to be screened at the prestigious "Documentary Fortnight" series at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City in February.

A "Green Fair" in Wick Center took place during the lunch hour. Exhibitors included: Ten Thousand Villages; Buffalo ReUse; PUSH (People United for Sustainable Housing); GBNRTC (Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council); New York Power Authority; Erie County Recycling; MAP(Massachusetts Avenue Project) and WNY Energy \$mart Communities.

Collaboration with Westside Ministries Housing Rehab Program Continues to Grow



The Center's partnership with Westside Ministries continued to grow during spring 2008. Ten service learning students continued the work begun last fall on the rehabilitation of a house on Auburn Avenue. The initial work on the house done by the fall service learning students grew into finishing work by the end of the spring, including restoring beautiful old woodwork and painting trim. Through the efforts of these students and many other volunteers, the home is now ready for occupancy by a first time homebuyer.

The highlight of each Saturday morning was a trip to a building, community organization or landmark unique to Buffalo's West Side. These were led by Cornelia Dohse-Peck, director of Westside Ministries, and a resident of the West Side. As seen in the picture, one of these trips included an opportunity to see the rotated house on South Putnam Street! Thank you to Cornelia for showing the Daemen students the "real" West Side of Buffalo!