

The Appalachian Center for Civic Life

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As part of the college's mission to integrate education with service and citizenship, the Appalachian Center for Civic Life exists to help individuals and student groups with short-term and extended service activities. It also seeks to establish service partnerships between the college and local communities. The center houses the Bonner Scholars Program and Appalachian Center Associates. Its staff coordinates service-learning placements, encourages volunteerism across the campus, and plans for a diversity of ways in which persons can become involved in the community. Guided by a vision of what people can accomplish when working together, the center's work is defined by the conviction that everyone has the potential to make a difference in the community. The center's staff is available to provide educational opportunities for campus and community groups on such topics as Appalachian political economy, Appalachian culture, rural community development, citizen activism, and social change.