

MCC recognized for strong community service efforts

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MANCHESTER — Manchester Community College has been honored as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service learning, and civic engagement.

The college has been admitted to the 2011 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty, and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored 642 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. Of that total, 513 were named to the Honor Roll, 110 received the recognitions of Honor Roll with distinction, 14

were identified as finalists, and five received the presidential award.

There were 14 Connecticut institutions of higher learning recognized, and MCC was one of the two Connecticut community colleges to meet the honor roll requirements.

"It's an honor to be recognized for our community engagement. We are fortunate to have an active service learning program with strong faculty leadership and community support," MCC President Gena Glickman said.

MCC has a long history of community engagement including volunteerism, civic engagement, service learning, and cultural programming and support. During 2011-12, eight sociology classes required all students to participate in 15-20 hours of service learning. In addition, students worked with the "Cooking Matters Program" to teach families how to prepare healthy foods.

