What an exciting year it was for CCESL! With the addition of a new Assistant Director and AmeriCorps VISTA, CCESL was able to reach out to more students and engage Geneva’s exceptional community partners in a wide variety of collaborative endeavors. Jeremy Wattles, Assistant Director, a graduate of Colgate University ’05, with a master’s degree from the University of Edinburgh, started in CCESL a week after concluding a 2-year appointment as a New York Campus Compact VISTA at Hamilton College. Kelsey Lagana ’10 joined the staff in July of 2010 and made a wonderful transition from an involved, active HWS civic leader to an enthusiastic CCESL staff member. The Director’s additional highlights from the year include receiving recognition from The Boys and Girls Club as “Community Partner of the Year,” the Carnegie Foundation’s Community Engagement classification and the President’s Honor Roll with Distinction. CCESL staff remain grateful for support from the Office of the President and the Office of the Provost, as well as the collaborative spirit of Geneva and the HWS students, staff and faculty who embrace volunteerism.

Annual Community Barn Sale Sets New Record!
As most students departed from campus for the summer, some stayed behind to help prepare for the Barn Sale, which took place in May. William Smith students Anna Hineline ’11 and Faith James ’13 worked to collect household items, price them and set up for what has become the annual Community Barn Sale in the Barn on St. Clair Street. Their efforts and those of other volunteers, shoppers and donors proved to be a success.

“Through purchases, item donations, time spent organizing and volunteering, HWS community members set a new record this year raising $6,282 for the United Way of Ontario County,” says Jeremy T. Wattles, CCESL Assistant Director. In the past six years, the annual event has raised a total of $27,816.

Days of Service
More than 180 students and members of the faculty and staff gathered for the second of the three Days of Service held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 22. Following a moment of silence in remembrance of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, participants were sent to locations across Geneva where they spent the afternoon lending a helping hand.

“I could have been more happy with the amount of work the students and Professor Donna Davenport accomplished on Saturday,” says Rev. Allison Stokes, the Director of the Women’s Interfaith Institute in Seneca Falls, one of the 15 locations volunteers were sent. “The day was wildly successful. It was way beyond what I hoped for and could have imagined.”

A William Smith Community Barn Sale volunteer wears her “Live United” T-shirt while sorting clothes at the annual fundraiser benefits the United Way of Ontario County.
HWS students contributed 60,000 hours of service locally, nationally, and internationally through fundraisers, more than $112,000 was generated to support non-profit agencies!

20 service-learning courses engaged 319 students and generated 8,740 hours of service; student teachers contributed 24,000 hours to local classrooms; and 509 students volunteered at three Days of Service and contributed 1,527 hours.

Alternative Spring Break
This year CCESL organized five alternative spring break trips that engaged 40 students. Students partnered with Rural Migrant Ministries in Lyons, N.Y., served as assistant teachers at a rural school in North Carolina, and refurbished a house Pocahontas State Park in Virginia. Staff from the Finger Lakes Institute facilitated a trip with Living Lands and Waters that helped clean up parts of the Mississippi River and students worked with Bridges to Community to organize a trip to Nicaragua to build shelters for the underprivileged.

America Reads and America Counts
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After the conclusion of the annual Book Fest at the Geneva Community Center, CCESL staff took time to recognize student contributions to the office and the Geneva community.

Jean Baptiste ’14 was named Hobart Tutor of the Year and Jasmine Baker ’11 was recognized as William Smith Tutor of the Year. Celeste Smith ’12 received the Compass Award for her accomplishments in recruiting volunteers for events, particularly Days of Service; she is the only junior to receive the award.

Geneva Heroes
Geneva Heroes is an eight-week student run leadership program compromised of 11 HWS students and 25 students from local middle and high schools. This spring, the group visited the Casawasco Retreat Center, Geneva Public Library, Happiness House, Wayne Finger Lakes Secondary School; Wayne Humane Society Animal Shelter; Geneva YMCA; and the Festival of Nations, an event hosted at Geneva High School.

Habitat for Humanity
As of Friday, Dec. 3 there is new royalty on campus. Lawrence Gregorek ’11 was crowned Mr. Hobart for the upcoming year at the annual Mr. Hobart Pageant.

The event is a popular campus fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. “The HWS Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity did a fantastic job of organizing and presenting the 2010 Mr. Hobart contest,” says Roger Chapin, local Habitat for Humanity official. “The fundraiser was fun, well-attended and raised about $3,000, benefitting our building efforts in the county, specifically Geneva.”

The show was a huge success among students also. “The show was great! Every act was different and each guy brought his own talent - which was hilarious,” remarks Tess O’Leary ’14. Gregorek’s talent was a self-edited video depicting his many talents, such as painting, sports, and various impressions.

Global Solidarity
In a continuation of the efforts to support Japan following the devastating earthquake and tsunami, the Colleges hosted a panel discussion on Tuesday, April 19. “Global Solidarity - Communities Coming Together to Respond to Japan’s National Tragedy” brought together students, faculty and staff - as well as three Japanese youth via Skype - in a thoughtful question and answer session.

The panel, moderated by Provost Amott, included recent graduate Jake Director ’09, who holds a B.A. in Asian languages and cultures. Director, who studied in Aomori City, Japan while in high school and in Hikone while abroad at HWS, was teaching in the Miyagi prefecture in Japan when the earthquake occurred.

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Rotaract Club members host one of the 30 tables at the third annual Geneva Reads Book Fest. Their activity was based on the book “The Gingerbread Man.”

Lauren Schwartzanberg ‘12 and Laura Butera ‘12 assist the Geneva City School District with signs for their positive behavior intervention system.

On Saturday Jan. 22, close to 200 students met at noon in the Vandervort Room before embarking on numerous volunteer opportunities throughout Geneva. A video was shown as part of the kick-off to honor the 25th anniversary of national Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Members from Asahi gathered to thank HWS student, faculty and staff for their fundraising efforts.

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Assistant Professor Leah Shafer recognized as the “Civically Engaged Faculty Member of the Year.”

Ryan Kincaid ’11 named Engaged Student Scholar of the Year.

Service to Nonprofit
As part of a collaborative effort between Hobart and William Smith Colleges, AmeriCorps and local organizations, HWS students provided 2,100 hours of service to non-profit agencies in Geneva during the summer. The seven students, each working 300 hours, served at a variety of agencies such as the Geneva Neighborhood Resource Center, the Geneva School District, Happiness House and the Smith Opera House.

“This is the perfect example of how Geneva partnerships flourish not only during the academic year, but throughout the summer as well,” says Katie Flowers, the director of the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning. “These internship experiences are a wonderful opportunity to capitalize on students’ needs for summer internships while simultaneously enhancing organizational and outreach capacity of local community partners.”

William Smith Community Partner of the Year
Nominated by Senior Anna Hineline ’11, Mayor Stu Einstein was recognized as the HWS Community Partner of the Year. His presence on campus through class visits and presentations have helped HWS students better understand the community in which they live. His thoughtful and inviting words demonstrate remarkable sincerity and interest in connecting HWS students to the Geneva community, she said. Hineline collaborated with Mayor Einstein, who is also the Executive Director of Success for Geneva’s Children, on the 2011 Success Data Book which is available at: www.successforgeneaschildren.org

Community-based Research
Nominated by Professor Lester Friedman, Assistant Professor Leah Shafer was recognized as the “Civically Engaged Faculty Member of the Year.” “Professor Shafer clearly demonstrates the kind of exemplary engaged scholarship honored by the award: she has fostered ongoing community partnerships as a part of community-based research projects, and works tirelessly to enhance higher education’s contributions to the public good. Shafer’s civic engagement takes place on two fronts: leadership in advancing students’ civic learning through Media and Society-focused projects and contributing to the public good through...”
her work as the Coordinator of the Elmira Correctional Facility’s Campus of the Bard Prison Initiative.

Upstate New York Literacy Coalition Summit
CCESL hosted the second annual Upstate New York Literacy Coalition Summit on October 20. Sponsored by Literacy Powerline, the coalition advocates, “100% community participation for 100% literacy.” Literacy coalitions from Ontario, Madison, Onondaga, Herkimer and Oneida counties, the cities of Buffalo and Rochester, and the Amsterdam literacy zone were all represented at the conference. Senior Lindsey Hagan ‘11 served as the student representative from Geneva Reads and completed a Community Based Research project as part of her role as a Civic Leader for Literacy.

Lindsey Hagan’s poster presentation

CCESL Civic Leaders gather for the annual holiday “Yankee Swap” at the Director’s home. The Civic Leaders coordinate the direct and indirect service opportunities for their peers.
Compass Step 4
Engaged Citizenship

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AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America
Kelsey Lagana ’10 returned to her alma mater to serve as an AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America. While an undergraduate, she served in CCESL as the Civic Leader for Literacy and was involved with Geneva Reads (a community literacy coalition). As a VISTA she will take the lead role as Geneva Reads facilitator, working on programs such as the Community Read and the annual Book Fest. Additionally, she served in a capacity building role with the Geneva Community Center. Through enhanced volunteer engagement efforts, events like “G-Town’s Got Talent,” “Festival of Nations,” and the Teen Community Garden, the Center witnessed a record number of HWS student volunteers. Lagana will return to serve as a VISTA for a second year, taking on additional responsibilities with the Community Center and grant writing for Geneva Reads. The CCESL staff, community partners, and HWS student volunteers have greatly benefitted from her commitment.

Healing the Children
For the past 13 years, HWS Trustee Dr. Robert Gilman ’70 has traveled to South America, working to heal and aid children in need with Healing the Children and the Smile Train. Annually, Gilman and his team of plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, nurses, technicians and personnel perform an astounding 45-60 operations over the course of nine days. To this day, his team has completed nearly 600 operations. On Thursday, April 14, Gilman returned to campus as an Engaged Citizenship Speaker through the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning to talk about his outreach efforts. The talk was also sponsored by the Salisbury Center for Career Services and the Centennial Center for Leadership.

Collaboration
CCESL and the Provost’s Office hosted the Teagle-funded Community Based Learning Consortium meeting in June. Consortium members include HWS, Stonehill College, Rhodes College, Franklin and Marshall College, Allegheny College, Ithaca College, Nazareth College, Niagara College, St. Mary’s University, Flagler College and Muhlenberg College. The consortium of liberal arts colleges are working together on the assessment and dissemination of promising practices for CBL, service-learning and community-based research. Earlier in the year, Franklin and Marshall College Professor Susan Dicklitch presented “Human Rights and Human Wrongs,” a course she teaches which engaged undergraduates in the political asylum process.

Recognition
Hobart and William Smith Colleges have been named to the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. “I am especially appreciative of the hard work and dedication of every student, staff and faculty member who makes service a regular part of his or her life,” says President Mark D. Gearan. “Together, these efforts make a tremendous difference. Recognition such as this affirms the power each individual has to make a positive impact.”

Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
Hobart and William Smith Colleges are honored to be among the 28 baccalaureate colleges selected for the 2010 Community Engagement Classification designation by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Colleges received the elective classification in both the areas of Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships; this is the first year institutions must have met the criteria for both in order to be selected. “Acquiring this designation brings national recognition to the Colleges’ dedication to civic engagement and the enormous efforts in this area on the part of the entire campus,” says former Provost and Dean of Faculty Teresa Amott.
The Boys and Girls Club Volunteer of the Year
During its 14th Annual Dinner Celebration, The Boys and Girls Club of Geneva named Professor of Education Pat Collins “The Boys and Girls Club Volunteer of the Year for 2010” and honored HWS as the “Community Partner of the Year.” State Senator Michael F. Nozzolio read a state proclamation recognizing Collins for his volunteer efforts and congratulated him and the Colleges, noting the critical role that the Colleges play in the life of Geneva.

PowerShift Conference
Six students attended the PowerShift Conference in Washington, D.C. The organization promotes “clean energy future, ready to build the green economy city by city, to transform higher education, to join forces on the ground with our religious and local community leaders so together we can build the future that is essential for our long term success as a nation.” “PowerShift was areal eye opening experience for me. As someone who feels strongly about environmental issues I enjoyed the new perspectives and views that I was able to experience.” – Elijah Gleason ‘12

Clinton Global Initiative University
Anna Dorman ’14 and Brianne Ellis ’13 were selected to attend the fourth annual Clinton Global Initiative University at University of California, San Diego, from April 1-3. Former President Bill Clinton launched CGIU in 2007, modeled after the Clinton Global Initiative which brings together world leaders to take action on global challenges. The organization brings together university students from around the world to tackle the same issues and to train the next generation of world leaders. Dorman and Ellis applied separately and were supported by the Center for Teaching and Learning and CCESL.

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IMPACT Conference
Jena Ko ’13, Ava Pavao ’14, Faith James ’13 and Michele Day ’13 travelled to Stetson University in March. The IMPACT Conference is historically the largest gathering in the country of socially-engaged college students who come together across issue, perspective, and approach to social change. Building on the rich 25-year tradition of the COOL Conference and the Idealist Campus Conference, IMPACT is the one time during the year when students, campus staff, year of service members, and nonprofit professionals gather together to share resources and exchange stories.

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