



SERVICE-LEARNING INITIATIVE

The Service-Learning Initiative is a unique program to familiarize incoming, first-year students with the myriad of service opportunities in the local area. This Initiative brings eligible students together who are committed to making a difference through community service. Committee members assist in planning service and academic activities for participants.

SLI was first offered in the fall of 2003 as a way to allow entering first-year students to be exposed to service in the Chapel Hill community as well as the role of service-learning in enhancing the academic experience at UNC. The program was created from the vision of one of APPLES' past presidents and has since grown to be a very popular program.



2005 SLI Counselors preparing to meet their participants.

“THE SITE OPTIONS WERE VARIED AND ALL WERE ENJOYABLE. I LIKED THE FACT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN ONLY TWO DAYS. I REALLY GOT A FEEL FOR THE DIFFERENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT UNC.”

-2005 SLI PARTICIPANT

2005-06 COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- Created a strong sub-committee structure to increase efficiency and increase committee member involvement.
- Shifted to a more intentional, service-learning approach by reducing the number of participants.
- Will select more local site placements with the hopes of creating long-term service relationships between participants and sites visited.

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIR

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