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King's Announces New Project

Shoval's Center For Community Engagement And Learning Established

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On November 1, 2005, King's College announced the establishment of the Shoval's Center for Community Engagement and Learning. The purpose of the center will be to engage the knowledge, expertise, and resources of King's College in response to

compelling community issues, needs, and initiatives. The Shoval Center will give easy access for community partners to King's academic and human resources.

Judd and Susan Shoval, co-founders and chief executive officers of GUARD Financial Group, have made the Center possible through a major endowment. "We were excited about the idea of a

central organization that would coordinate and facilitate the activities of the many separate groups - each working to help the community. We enthusiastically endorsed the plan and agree to personally endow the project in order to promote even more effective volunteerism and greater collaboration. Through the efforts of this new office, we believe the whole

can be the sum of the parts!" Father O'Hara, President of King's College, says this endeavor will make King's students "easier agents of service and true civic leaders."

The Center is not a physical building but will serve as a direct link between community partners and King's resources. Dawn Morton, the first appointed director of

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service learning courses, and student volunteerism.

King's resources will be used to help the community programs such as the Dan Flood Elementary tutoring program for Hispanic students. Twice a week, King's tutoring program, consisting of education majors and student volunteers, helps Hispanics children from Flood elementary with their homework, readings, and computer skills. King's Family Business Forum will provide accessible support and training to

local family businesses with the help of organizations through community-based work study, internships, faculty and students.

The center will expand outside of the traditional curriculum and engage in hands on student learning and service. Dawn Morton, Director of Volunteer Services has resurrected a Service Learning Project Team composed of eight faculty members and herself, who will work together to try to institutionalize service learning.

Along with Morton, the team consists of Dr. Margarita Rose (Economics and Women Stud-

ies), Dr. Jayne Klenner-Moore (Mass Communications), Dr. Keith Dils (Education), Dr. Dan Ghezzi (Mathematics), Dr. Joe Rish (Political Science), Dr. Brian Mangan (Environmental Studies), Dr. Marc Marchesse (Human Resources), and Mrs. Maureen Gaffney (Education). Service learning is defined as course-based, credit-bearing experiences that allow students to engage in organized projects which meet community needs and course objectives.

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