

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for  
Campus-Community Collaboration

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A Program of the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation, Inc.

The Carter Academic-Service Entrepreneur (CASE) Grant for Campus-Community Collaboration is a new partnership between NC Campus Compact and the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation allowing NC Campus Compact to provide two \$1000 grants to North Carolina students who proposed the most innovative and promising use of the grant funds to establish or significantly further a partnership between the student (and his/her school) and a community non-profit organization. Administered by the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation, this grant is sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, and seeks to foster academic-service learning at American colleges and universities.

The grants were awarded during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Campus Compact Student Conference Luncheon on November 11, 2006 at NC State University.

## 2006 CASE WINNERS

### **Lauren Burianek**

#### *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Lauren will use the \$1000 grant to support, strengthen and expand UNC-Chapel Hill's partnership with the Boomerang program. Boomerang is a community collaborative sponsored by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch of the YMCA that serves as an alternative-to-suspension program serving high school students from the Chapel-Hill Carrboro City Schools. During their time away from school, students engage in interesting activities at the YMCA that instill valuable educational and life lessons.

Specifically, Lauren will partner with the Circle K chapter at UNC-Chapel Hill to establish and maintain a self-sustaining garden within the Boomerang program (the YMCA has already set aside the land). In addition to lessons about agriculture, science and aesthetics, students will learn about responsibility and respect. Lauren will integrate service-learning into the project by conducting research and designing lesson plans and educational materials for the participants.



Winners pose with Special Luncheon guests State Representative Linda Coleman and State Senator Janet Cowell (l to r. Linda Coleman, Lauren Burianek, Brigid Belko, Deepti Vanguri and Janet Cowell)

### **Deepti Vanguri and Brigid Belko**

#### *NC State University*

Deepti and Brigid will use the \$1000 grant to further develop and expand an existing partnership that NC State has with Operation Sharehouse. Operation Sharehouse, a program sponsored by Stop Hunger Now, seeks to tackle global hunger by utilizing volunteers to package dehydrated, fortified rice-soy meals containing over 20 vitamins and minerals especially formulated for the undernourished. The meals are then vacuum-sealed in bags three millimeters thick, allowing them to be stored in Stop Hunger Now warehouses and shared with the hungry around the world.

Deepti and Brigid will use the grant funds to support a meal packaging project during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Service Challenge sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service. NC State volunteers will package meals in partnership with a local inner-city middle school with whom they will seek to establish an ongoing mentorship effort. The event also includes learning and reflection exercises about the impact of hunger and related issues such as poverty and AIDS. Both applicants are enrolled in courses that will allow them to incorporate service-learning into the project planning and implementation.