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College in New York.

“The Community College National Center for Community Engagement is very honored to be the first community college consortia to be funded by the Teagle Foundation,” said Lyvier Conss, CCNCCE’s executive director and co-principal investigator.

The three-year annual grant will allow the seven colleges to work together on the student learning for civic engagement for learning project. It is a national project that lasts three years and will be used to support the development of service-learning projects.

The grant project has several components, including developing 70 courses in various disciplines that help build students’ current and future commitment to civic and moral responsibility; create communities of faculty, staff, students and administrators on each of the seven campuses to build program and institutional commitment to civic and moral responsibility; and engage in campus, statewide and national dialogues on curricular reform promoting civic and moral responsibility.

Each college is targeting a different area. Delgado is focusing on health, Kapi’olani on sustainability, and New York on diversity. As for Mesa, it will target several key areas.

"The seven colleges involved in the project are leaders in the field of service-learning and civic engagement, so the faculty and administration at these colleges are fully committed to ensure the success of the project," Conss said.

CCNCCE prepares students to be successful after they graduate by providing hands-on learning, networking opportunities and help building resumes. CCNCCE supports and promotes the teaching of service-learning, which provides students with the connection between community service and academic course credit. It helps students find places to volunteer, build connections with community members and explore career options.

For additional information on MCC and CCNCCE, visit mesacc.edu/service-learning.

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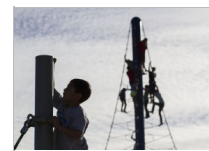
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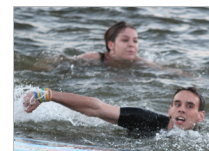
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