

Service Learning Project Opportunities at Peninsula College:

The following list includes potential student projects currently available through our community partners during the 2016-2017 academic year. This list is meant to provide students with examples and ideas for service projects but does not limit or define project opportunities. These projects may be altered or completely transformed once students start meeting with organizations. All PC students and instructors may participate in these service learning experiences as part of their courses and curricula. Please contact Jen Santy for more information – jsantry@pencol.edu.

Clallam Canning Company

Mission: Preserving the bounty of local farms and using it to create delicious and healthful foods including pickles, chutney, sipping vinegars and fermented vegetables.

- **Permaculture Design** – Assist in developing surface water storage systems (cisterns, ponds, swales and berms) around the 4 acre property.
- **Business and Food Production** – Participate in marketing, business development and farm and kitchen maintenance work. Learn/teach hands-on workshops related to food preservation techniques such as canning, dehydration, and fermentation.
- **Gardening and Farming** – Work with First Step Family Support Center on Thursday garden sessions; assist low-income families to improve their access to nature and nourishing foods.

Clallam Mosaic

Mission: Serve people who have developmental disabilities through recreation, art in many forms, education and social activities.

- **Event Coordination** – Help with annual Night to Shine event including volunteer recruitment, event planning, marketing, and community outreach/organizing.
- **Adult Classes** – Assist with ongoing classes in performance, dance, art, exercise, theater, safety, and recreation. Design and lead a new class including creating curriculum (i.e. music, coral groups).
- **Videography** – Film the “behind the scenes” of the annual theater program and create a documentary that may be used as a model for other organizations across the nation.
- **Crowdfunding** – Create a fundraising pitch, video, and/or campaign that resonates with people outside of Clallam County (i.e. Go Fund Me).

Craft3

Mission: Strengthen economic, ecological and family resilience in Pacific Northwest communities by providing loans to businesses, nonprofits and individuals, including those without access to traditional financing.

- **Marketing** – Work with the consumer team to research and develop awareness of a particular product for financing (i.e. clean energy and clean water loans, conservation loans, small businesses, and sustainable agriculture)
 - **Sustainable Agriculture** – Research the financing side of agriculture and connect with needs in the area (i.e. land conservation, farm-to-table...)
 - **Small Business Ownership** – Learn how to operate a small business by assisting with lending, accounting, commercial financing, and risk management programs.
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Feiro Marine Life Center

Mission: Contribute to a strong community by providing local marine and watershed learning experiences, inspiring us all to act on behalf of our environment.

- **Outreach and Education** – Lead awareness campaigns about important issues like sea star wasting, beach trash, and invasive species. Assist with educational programs for elementary students. Become an educator or naturalist that speaks to visiting groups and summer camps on Feiro programs and local marine life.
- **Research and Fieldwork** – Collect data, sampling/survey, and restoration work with local fish populations, sea stars, shellfish, and green crabs.
- **Office Work** – Coordinate volunteers, newsletters, fundraising events (Fish on the Fence), web development, and photos and videos.

Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County

Mission: Build and rehabilitate simple, decent affordable homes in partnership with hardworking low-income families.

- **Habitat Campus Chapter** – Plan, design, and launch a campus Habitat student group and organize annual events and activities for students such as the Collegiate Challenge (Spring Break service), Cardboard City (understanding homelessness), and Neighborhood Revitalization (rehab and repair of existing homes).
- **Fundraising** – Develop creative ways to raise money for Habitat and the local campus chapter.
- **Habitat Restore** – Work with existing volunteers in the store.

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Natural Resources Dept.

Mission: Assist the Tribe to protect, enhance, & restore land, air, and water resources, and environmental health for generations to come.

- **Research and Fieldwork** – Support a number of ongoing studies and surveys such as fish communities and water quality in the Elwha estuary, capturing pods and tagging/tracking for lampreys, deer fawn monitoring and radio collaring, small mammal trapping and Elwha wildlife recolonization, and beavers.
- **Education and Outreach** – Facilitate projects that educate the public including photo documentation for presentations and public education, web development and graphics.

Mangrove Action Project

Mission: Partnering with mangrove forest communities, grassroots NGOs, researchers, and local governments to conserve and restore mangrove forests and related coastal ecosystems, while promoting community-based sustainable management of coastal resources.

- **Education and Outreach** – Help inform the local community about MAP's international programs, issues with imported shrimp, and mangrove destruction for shrimp farms (hosting petition drives, campaigns on social media, consumer and restaurant challenges...). Assist with implementing K-12 science curriculum on mangroves and the environment.
 - **Fundraising** - Raise funds for MAP projects through grassroots fundraising, crowdsourcing, campaigns, or other creative fundraisers.
 - **Research** – Develop best practices on how to properly and successfully restore and replant mangrove as a model for restoration projects around the world.
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North Olympic Land Trust

Mission: Dedicated to the permanent conservation of open spaces, local food, local resources, healthy watersheds and recreational opportunities.

- **Fieldwork** – Join the Tuesday work crew building trails, educational kiosks, and spring plantings on land protected by conservation easements. Assist with annual easement monitoring to support land conservation efforts.
- **Events and Fundraising** – Help coordinate annual events such as the Fall Farm Tour including education and outreach.
- **Office Work** – Participate in numerous projects that can be matched to student's area of focus and interest including photographing easements, marketing campaigns, and donor stewardship.

North Olympic Salmon Coalition

Mission: To restore, enhance, and protect the habitat of North Olympic Peninsula wild salmon stocks and to promote community volunteerism, understanding, cooperation and stewardship of these resources.

- **Research and Fieldwork** – Participate and help organize semiannual Peabody Creek planting, rehabilitation, and restoration work and spawning survey of the Coho. Complete projects in the Native Planting Nursery in Port Hadlock.
- **Education and Outreach** - Assist with habitat restoration and community stewardship education programs that support 7th grade curriculum with fieldtrips and classroom activities in Port Townsend, Clallam Bay, and Neah Bay.
- **Office Work** – Support day-to-day operations in the new PA office, seasonal programming, and event coordination and outreach at festivals.

North Pacific Coast Marine Resource Committee

Mission: To actively promote ecosystem resilience through understanding, conserving, and restoring our marine resources. This will be accomplished through research, education, community engagement and advocacy for our shared marine environment and the sustainability of its coastal communities.

- **Research and Fieldwork** - Participate in ongoing seasonal projects with focus areas in education and outreach, oil spills, oyster restoration, invasive species, and marine debris.

Olympic Climate Action

Mission: OCA is a group of local citizens concerned about climate change on the Olympic Peninsula. Our goal is to educate about the issues and alternatives, and to motivate local citizens and governments to aggressively support national, state, and local efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

- **Policy and Advocacy** – Work with other community organizations (i.e. Sierra Club, Audubon Society) on local, state, and national policy (i.e. Climate Action Plan with County, The Alliance for Clean Jobs and Energy's Carbon Tax)
 - **Event Coordination** – Organize ongoing education and awareness events including movie and speaker nights, Earth Day, and People Climate's March; help with marketing and social media for events. Organize events on campus at PC.
 - **Education and Outreach** – Create a student outreach program to generate more young adults interested in climate change advocacy; provide presentations and host educational booths at local events.
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Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

Mission: To protect the Olympic Coast's natural and cultural resources through responsible stewardship, to conduct and apply research to preserve the area's ecological integrity and maritime heritage, and to promote understanding through public outreach and education.

- **Environmental Education** – Assist with Junior Oceanographer summer camps for K-12 or ROV Club and Camps (Robotic Marine Tech Camps) at PA and Sequim High schools, providing students experiences in ocean exploration.
- **Outreach and Education** – Support the Citizen Science program by working on public awareness campaigns that promote environmental issues. Train as a docent in the Discovery Center Visitor Center. Host an educational booth at summer events such as Makah Days and Crab Fest. Help develop social media and the website.
- **Videography** – Film NOAA's educational programs including camps, research cruises, and fieldwork; Sea star Wasting education and videos; and Nature Best Tourism and Ecotourism -videos representing the outer coast sanctuary.

Peninsula College Arboretum

About: The Arboretum, a vision of former botany professor Ed Tisch, is maintained with the help of students and staff who care about native and woody plants of Western WA.

- **Research and Fieldwork** - Work with Barbara Blackie to set up student work days in the campus arboretum; field work includes weeding and planting.
- **Outreach and Education** – Work with Peninsula College House of Learning (Longhouse) to update arboretum signs to include and reflect local languages.

Peninsula College House of Learning (Longhouse)

About: A center for cultural expression and educational achievement, as woven together by the college and six local tribes - Hoh, Quileute, Makah, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam, and Elwha Klallam.

- **Event Coordination** – Help staff with LH events and educational programs including Culture Fair, Visiting Elders, and other workshops involving traditional arts.
- **Garden Design** – Work with community and tribal members to develop a LH native garden to include medicinal plants.

Port Angeles Food Bank

Mission: Nourishing our community.

- **Volunteer Coordination** – Develop the food bank's current volunteer program, train volunteers, and work on a volunteer handbook.
- **Bigger Picture** – Design a project or work on existing gleaning programs that involve multiple organizations (i.e. the food banks and WSU Extension).
- **Packing and Distribution** – Assist ongoing food bank volunteers with organizing meals and food boxes for needy families and food bank recipients.

Stevens Middle School – Tribal Youth Program

Mission: Create and sustain learning communities that prepare each student to live, work, and learn successfully in a changing world.

- **Educational Tutors** – Work with tribal youth and assist with Tuesday and Wednesday Homework Club (all subjects needed, especially Math).
- **After School Programs** – Assist staff with cultural and educational programs for Native American youth (Monday through Friday after school).

Washington CoastSavers

Mission: People actively engaged in saving Washington's Pacific Coast from the harm of marine debris.

- **Research and Fieldwork** - Research and develop best practices for hosting a beach cleanup experience for large groups (50 or more) like PC students, church groups, and work parties. Create a how-to manual for future groups. Coordinate a beach cleanup event for the outer coast to remove trash throughout the year. Research Adopt-A-Beach and how it can be replicated here on the peninsula. Research ways to bring recycling to annual beach cleanup events.
- **Office Work** – Support day-to-day operations with website development, special events and fundraising, quarterly newsletter, and corporate sponsorships.

WSU Extension Clallam County

Mission: WSU Clallam County Extension programs connect the people and communities of Clallam County with the knowledge base of Washington State University to promote quality of life and advance economic well-being through fostering inquiry, learning, and the application of research.

- **Program Work** – Assist with existing programs such as Master Gardener (spring plant garden tour and other events), 4-H (Youth and Government program), Waste Reduction (Farm Gleaning and volunteer coordination), Food and Farms (Farm Tour events, marketing, and ongoing workshops), Food and Nutrition (Clallam Food Coalition and issues such as food access, Farm to School initiatives, and food policy), and Protecting our Waters.
 - **Office Work** – Support day-to-day operations such as office administration, financials, website, outreach, and public inquiries.
 - **Photography** – Create local farmer profiles by documenting their story through photography.
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