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UNIVERSITY OUTREACH works to facilitate learning and engagement through thoughtful collaboration and partnerships with campus and community.
WHAT DRIVES OUR WORK

University Outreach was founded in 1994 to facilitate learning and engagement through thoughtful collaboration and partnerships with campus and community. Guided by the University of Michigan-Flint’s mission, the work of University Outreach is driven by values of justice and fairness, community-building, healthy relationships, economic vitality, and a belief that we are here to serve one another.

We take pride in our history of serving campus and community, and remain committed to the success of our state.

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

+ UM-Flint was selected as the first recipient of the “Engaged Campus of the Year Award” presented by the Michigan Campus Compact.

+ UM-Flint is one of only 311 universities nationwide to receive the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. Now, other universities are contacting us to learn about our community engagement practices!

+ UM-Flint tracks which courses have community engagement activities, including projects where students apply their classroom learning on real-world projects. In 2012, 109 courses had the “Civic Engagement Course Indicator.”

+ More than 260 students participated in community service programs, contributing over 12,000 hours of service valued at $243,950.

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Essential to the University of Michigan-Flint’s mission is the belief that empowered individuals can exercise a measure of control over the social, environmental, and economic issues in their communities.

University Outreach’s approach to problem solving is multi-disciplinary and focused on practical experiences. It is a university-wide undertaking that looks to partner with individuals, neighborhood associations, businesses, not-for-profits, and government entities. We seek to inspire our faculty, students, and community members alike with the belief that social action united with intellectual insight can bring about positive change.

PEOPLE + PLACE = POSSIBILITIES