

## **Webster University Named to President Bush's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**

Webster University was named to the inaugural President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in recognition of extraordinary volunteer efforts by the University and its students in serving the local community, as well as Gulf Coast communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. This new federal recognition program is designed to increase public awareness of the community service contributions made by college students and universities.

"We are honored to receive this national recognition from President Bush's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll," said Richard S. Meyers, president of Webster University. "One of Webster University's core values is the acknowledgement that community service experience is an integral component of individual enlightenment and global understanding. Our local, national and international volunteer projects give faculty, students and staff members an opportunity to give their time and talents to those in need. We are delighted to be included in the inaugural group of colleges and universities to receive this distinction."

"We appreciate and enjoy being part of an organization that values community service," stated Jeanie Erekson, director of the Utah campuses. "In Utah, our projects have included serving at the Cancer Wellness House, The Sharing Place, and the Volunteers of America Center for Women and Children. Through our service at various agencies we have had the added benefit of becoming aware of the many resources this wonderful community offers."

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is co-sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The recognition is presented in cooperation with Campus Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,000 college and university presidents, and is supported by major national higher education associations.

Institutions of higher education have a long tradition of service to their communities," says David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "When colleges organize effective community service programs, they do so not only to meet the needs of the communities that surround them, but to improve the academic and civic lives of their students, faculty, and staff."

Webster University is being recognized for several community service projects, including Webster Works Worldwide, an annual university-sponsored community service day during which students, faculty, staff and alumni from Webster campuses around the world volunteer for local agencies and nonprofit organizations. Many Webster students have also taken part in Hurricane Katrina relief by spending their spring and fall breaks in New Orleans assisting with clean-up efforts.

Founded in 1915, Webster University is a private, nonprofit, international university that offers a strong liberal arts curriculum as well as professional degree programs through five schools and colleges at 105 campuses. The University currently enrolls 20,550 (4,936 undergraduate and 15,614 graduate) students worldwide including traditional-aged students, adult learners and corporate and military personnel.