

Community Service Program Overview Class of 2011

What are the Community Service Requirements?

- Prior to the beginning of **sophomore year**, students must have completed at least 20 service hours.
- Before **junior year**, students must have completed at least 50 service hours.
- Before the beginning of **senior year**, a student has two choices:

Complete a total of at least 100 hours, with the following requirements:

- 50 hours must be in direct contact with disadvantaged people.,
- Students must complete a reflection packet on her service with disadvantaged people (not just the back side of the “green sheet!”), and
- Students will prepare a display or presentation about her service; **OR**

Do a senior culminating project (see explanation below.)

Senior Culminating Project

During their junior year, students are given the option of beginning to plan their “senior culminating project.” This project calls upon upper-classwomen to tap into their interests and talents, and create goal-oriented projects that serve disadvantaged people and/or address social justice issues. Examples include: offering a cooking class to low-income senior citizens, instituting a recycling program at a camp, offering a “book-club” to inner-city children, developing an educational or fundraising campaign for a needy population, etc. Students may work individually, in pairs or in small groups.

Senior culminating project expectations:

- Students will work closely with a faculty mentor throughout their project.
- With the help of the community service coordinator, students will identify a non-profit organization through which they will offer their project.
- The project will involve at least 14 hours in direct contact with people.
- Students will implement the project during second semester junior year, the summer between junior and senior years, or, in rare circumstances, in the first semester senior year.
- Students, whether working individually or with others, will write a separate reflection about the project.
- Student(s) will create a display or make a presentation about the project.