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## PRESENTATION SUMMARY

**Presentation Title:** *Reciprocity and Urban Health in an Immigrant Community: Bridging the Town/Gown Divide Through Academic Service-Learning.*

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**Abstract:**

This session will focus on the process, outcomes and promise of academic service-learning as a force for community health in the immigrant urban landscape. Service-learning professors from a variety of fields of study will present their experience as it relates to the lower income immigrant community of Azusa. The session will include 1) the impact of business students on economic development, 2) the influence of music majors on community building through the arts, 3) the contribution of nursing students in health promotion and diabetes prevention through a Neighborhood Wellness Center, 4) the creation of a new vision for the future among fourth graders and their parents through a program called CHAMP (College-Headed and Mighty Proud), and 5) the resource of Federal Work Study funds/students in educational support and community building within a marginalized immigrant population. The growing public awareness of the need for education that makes a difference along with the desire of the Millennial generation of college students for purpose, meaning and relationship in their college experience creates an opportunity for our colleges and universities to make a major impact on their urban environments.

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