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PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Presentation Title: Equipping and Empowering Student Professionals through Service-Learning

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Presenters:

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Abstract:

The dramatic growth of service learning programs in higher education institutions over the past two decades reflects an increasing commitment on the part of students and administrators to learn from and contribute to the local community.

At Azusa Pacific University, undergraduate student interns are highly involved in project development, community outreach, and program evaluation presenting this select group of students with a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. This workshop will outline a model of undergraduate student leadership and professional development through Service-Learning, as well as how this model contributes to overall program effectiveness and strengthens campus and community relationships. Participants will have the opportunity to share about their interest in and experience with service learning at their respective institutions, think critically about issues of best practice using creative prompts provided by presenters, and discuss potential benefits of current programs, including use of evaluation and assessment data. This workshop emphasizes a collaborative model of civic engagement, genuine reciprocity as a necessary component of true servant leadership, and practical application of subject matter. All workshop materials will be provided to participants.

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