



2019-20 NADIIAA Array of Projects or Activities Award Nominations

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Contact Information

Institution:

Springfield College

Conference Affiliation/Independent:

NEWMAC

Please list all of the projects you would like considered for Array of Projects (up to 10):

National Girls and Women in Sport Day Clinic
Fill the Bus Food Drive
Pen Pal Program
Special Olympics Events
Team Impact events
Springfield CAN Program/Revitalize Springfield
Play Ball clinic
Track and Field Day
Food Drive for Coast Guard Academy
Dream to Read Program

Project 1

Please Provide the Name and a Brief Description of Overall Project:**Name of Project**

National Girls and Women in Sport Day clinics

Description:

The National Girls and Women in Sport Day clinic is a one day 3 hour long sports clinic where girls from the community come on our campus and learn about different sports while interacting with our student-athletes. They rotate through each team in a station format. We play "girl power" music and the girls who attend the clinic can stay and watch our women's basketball game after the clinic.

Objective:

The Springfield College National Girls and Women in Sports Day Clinic is aimed towards exposing girls in the community to sports and on having a positive experience and meaningful interactions with our female student-athletes. This year we partnered with Girls on the Run, an organization that focuses on instilling confidence in girls and the connection between physical and emotional health.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

This project has been instrumental in connecting our teams with local groups. We have Girl Scout

troops, 4H groups and local teams come out to the clinic. Our student-athletes also enjoy sharing their love of their sport with the kids and interacting with them.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Women's Soccer Team, Women's Tennis Team, Women's Volleyball Team, Field Hockey team, Softball Team and Club Dance Team

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

75

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

February 16, 2019

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

160 girls in the community in grades K-6 attended the clinic.

Additional Information via Website URL

<https://springfieldcollegepride.com/general/2018-19/releases/20190115er7ccx>

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Project 2

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Fill the Bus Food Drive

Description:

The Springfield College Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) which is our campus SAAC, conducted a campus wide food drive and collected over 1,700 pounds of food that was brought to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Members of SALT went on the bus to drop off the food as well.

Objective:

The goal was to collect as much food as possible to donate to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Each athletics team had a large box to fill and other members of SALT collected food from departments and dorms on campus. We were able to fill each seat on the large coach bus with a box and the floor of the bus was also filled with boxes of food.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

This Food Drive has had a huge impact on our neighbors in Western Massachusetts. They rely on donations to be able to serve about 9.6 million meals a year.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT)

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

There were approximately 65 members of SALT who were responsible for a box but ultimately, all of our 650 student-athletes were involved as each team filled a box (or more) with food.

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

November 16, 2018

Additional Information via Website URL

<https://www.facebook.com/FoodBankofWesternMA/posts/thank-you-to-springfield-college-for-donating-1700-pounds-of-food-to-the-food-ba/10156131816282675/>

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Project 3

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Pen Pal Program

Description:

Four of our teams participated in the Pen Pal program and wrote letters back and forth with kids from a local elementary school. The pen pals exchanged letters over the course of 3 months and culminated with an event where the pen pals met in person.

Objective:

To connect Springfield College student-athletes to local youth in Springfield and to develop relationships while assisting with writing skills and literacy development.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

The kids from DeBerry School really enjoyed the interactions they had with the Springfield College students at the event following the program. Teachers expressed that having a college student for the students to write to helped with their motivation to learn how to write letters.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Football
Women's Lacrosse
Women's Gymnastics
Women's Volleyball

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

175 student-athletes

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

February 2019-April 2019

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

Special Olympians of Massachusetts

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

Kids in grades 2-5 at DeBerry Elementary School in Springfield.

If no additional projects, please click Submit. If additional projects please click Next.

Project 4

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Special Olympics Events

Description:

Many of our teams participated in Special Olympics Events in 2018-2019. The Men's and Women's Soccer team practices with a Special Olympics Soccer Team once a week throughout the fall season, the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams swim teach lessons to a local group of Special Olympians and Springfield College hosted 34 Special Olympic and Unified Teams in a Volleyball Qualifying Tournament in conjunction with Special Olympics of Massachusetts

Objective:

The goal of these Special Olympics Events is to promote social inclusion through sport. The objective is to foster camaraderie between our student-athletes and athletes with disabilities.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

These projects have further fostered the relationship between Springfield College and Special Olympics of Massachusetts while building camaraderie between two groups.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Men's and Women's Soccer teams,
Men's and Women's Diving Teams and
student-athletes from a variety of teams volunteered at the Volleyball Tournament

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

Soccer - Every Wednesday throughout the soccer season, Fall 2018
Swimming - 6 sessions were held throughout the course of the season, Fall 2019-Winter 2019
Volleyball - April 28, 2019

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

Soccer practices - 58 student-athletes
Swimming and Diving practices/lessons - 35 student-athletes
Volleyball Tournament - 93 student-athletes

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Project 5

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Team Impact Events

Description:

In 2018-2019, Springfield College had 10 teams matched with a Team IMPACT Teammate. We hosted 3 events to interact with the Team IMPACT kids and to create awareness for the organization. We hosted two team IMPACT awareness games. One was at a football game and one was at a basketball game. At each of these events, there was a table with literature on team impact and we sold T-shirts with the team impact logo and hashtag on them as well as the names of the team IMPACT kids. The

kids were recognized at halftime of the games and the student-athletes interacted with the kids throughout the games. We also hosted an event in conjunction with Team IMPACT and the Springfield Thunderbirds, a local semi-pro hockey team. The Team IMPACT kids and the Springfield College student-athletes held the giant flag on the ice before the game during the National Anthem.

Objective:

To help foster the bond between Team IMPACT kids and the teams they are matched with as well as to spread the word about this life changing organization and how students can get involved.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

Since its inception, Team IMPACT has created relationships that have enhanced the lives of hundreds of courageous children and touched the lives of thousands of student athletes across the country. The team behind Team IMPACT is honored and inspired to continue and expand the long standing tradition of athletes paying tribute to something that is far greater than themselves; the ability to come together, serve the community and support each and every member of the team through adversity both on and off the field.

Team IMPACT children are diagnosed with a wide variety of life-threatening and chronic illnesses, yet a common denominator is the impact their diagnosis has had on their quality of life.

In addition, our teams who are matched with a Team IMPACT teammate have regular interactions with their match and their families. They often attend practices, games and team activities as well as these events.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT), 10 teams who are matched with a Team IMPACT teammate: Football, Women's Gymnastics, Baseball, Women's Tennis, Men's Gymnastics, Softball, Field Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Soccer, Men's Basketball

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

100+

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

Football Team Impact Awareness Game - October 6, 2018
Basketball Team Impact Awareness Game - January 26, 2019
Springfield Thunderbirds Game - February 15, 2019

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

10 Team IMPACT kids and their families

Additional Information via Website URL

https://springfieldcollegepride.com/information/Team_Impact/TeamImpact

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Project 6

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Springfield College Assisting Neighbors(CAN) Program and Revitalize Springfield

Description:

There were 4 teams who participated in the Springfield CAN program. They were paired with a local

neighbor and created a relationship with the neighbor while cleaning up their yard for fall and spring cleanup. The football team participated in a similar project called Revitalize Springfield where approximately 50 members of the football team helped to clean up local residents backyards.

Objective:

To assist neighbors who may not have the means to cleanup their yards while creating positive relationships with neighbors.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

This project has helped to cleanup the surrounding neighborhoods and has impacted these neighbors in a positive way.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Football Team
Baseball Team
Men's Gymnastics Team
Field Hockey Team
Women's Track & Field Team

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

150+

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

Fall 2018 and Spring 2019

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

Springfield College neighbors

If no additional projects, please click Submit. If additional projects please click Next.

Project 7

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Play Ball Clinic

Description:

Springfield College, in conjunction with Major League Baseball, the Boston Red Sox Foundation, and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation hosted a PLAY BALL Event for local youth on Friday, April 27, at Archie Allen Field.

As part of the festivities, the Springfield College baseball and softball team members served as clinicians and assisted Major League Baseball staff members in leading fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students from the Elias Brookings Elementary School and William N. DeBerry Elementary School through baseball and softball activities.

Attendees received PLAY BALL t-shirts and colored wristbands, and a Franklin PLAY BALL bat and ball set.

Objective:

To expose kids at the elementary schools in the city of Springfield to baseball and teach them some of the skills involved while fostering positive interactions with the Springfield College student-athletes.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

This clinic has has a positive impact on the school and has been used as a reward for students who get to go to the clinic and learn to play baseball.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Baseball Team
Softball Team

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

55

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

April 26, 2019

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students from the Elias Brookings Elementary School and William N. DeBerry Elementary School

Additional Information via Website URL

<https://www.mlb.com/news/springfield-college-hosts-play-ball-event-c274126426>

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Project 8**Please Provide the Name and a Brief Description of Overall Project:****Name of Project**

College Track and Field Day

Description:

The men's and women's track and field teams conducted a one day clinic to teach kids about track and field.

Objective:

College Track and Field Day is designed to introduce Elementary School aged children to the sport of Track and Field. Young kids usually aren't exposed to Track and Field until they are in middle or high school so this clinic will introduce them at a younger age and hopefully get them interested in a new sport.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

The kids who attend from local schools have enjoyed coming onto the college campus and learning about track and field. It has also given our student-athletes the opportunity to share the passion they have for their sport.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

50

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

December 14, 2018 11am-1:30pm

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

Elementary School children

If no additional projects, please click Submit. If additional projects please click Next.

Project 9

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Food Drive for Coast Guard Academy

Description:

In February 2019, our women's basketball team brought 17 boxes of food to Coast Guard Academy that our Student Athlete Leadership Team collected to help replenish their food pantry that was depleted because of the Government shutdown.

Objective:

Help replenish the food pantry at fellow NEWMAC Conference school, Coast Guard Academy that was depleted because of the Government shutdown

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

This was the response from the Coast Guard Director of Athletics after the food drive. "I wanted to send along our sincere appreciation for the food donations made by the Springfield College women's basketball team last night. We are working with our Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA) to make sure those donations are put to good use. Our team here is truly touched by the generosity and compassion displayed by Coach Graves and the women's basketball program. As a fellow NEWMAC member we are impressed by the way S.C. has demonstrated leadership in service to others, a trait that is valued by our Academy and the operational Coast Guard. As a Springfield College grad I am extremely proud to see firsthand the "leaders of character" that your institution is developing. "

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Student-Athlete Leadership Team, Women's Basketball Team

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

50+

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

Collected food for 10 days, delivered on February 13, 2019

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

Coast Guard Academy Cadets, Veterans who suffer from food scarcity

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Project 10

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Dream to Read Program

Description:

During January Intersession, players and coaches from our men's basketball program visited local elementary schools to read to kids to help promote literacy. They read the book Rudy's Secret Cap, written by Springfield College alumni, Al Petipas and Judy Van Raalte which emphasizes the importance of staying cool, asking for help and staying positive. The kids are then invited to come and watch one of their basketball games.

Objective:

To help promote literacy in local Elementary School aged kids and to provide positive role models for the kids.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:

The kids at the local schools benefit in a positive way from listening to the men's basketball players read to them and they have been positive role models for the kids.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

Men's Basketball Team

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

14

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

3 weeks in January 2019

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:

local elementary school age kids