

Purdue P-12 Networking Summit & Poster Session

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Abstract:

The Purdue Boiler Out Volunteer Program, which is coordinated through the International Programs Office, provides international and American students with meaningful community service projects that reflect its three core values of Outreach, Understanding, and Teamwork. As a semester-long, application-based program, Boiler Out accepts a cohort of approximately 200 Purdue students from over 30 countries every fall, spring, and (soon to be implemented) summer. Almost daily throughout the semester, Boiler Out sends a group of 6-8 students, led by a student leader or staff member, out into the community or out on campus to do a volunteer project alongside other Purdue students and local community members. Volunteers do a variety of activities including, but not limited to serving the environment, the socioeconomically disadvantaged, children & youth, senior citizens, animals, and the community (events/festivals). Many Boiler Out volunteer projects are geared towards helping in P-12 schools or with P-12 students. Past events include:

- Burnett Creek Elementary School Family Fun Night
- Central Catholic High School Multicultural Festival
- Corn cooking with New Community School at Feast of the Hunters' Moon
- New Community School Greenhouse Project
- Hanna Center Afterschool Program
- Junior Achievement Global Marketplace at Sunnyside Intermediate School
- Klondike Middle School Student Showcase
- Clay Creations at Klondike Middle School Happy Hollow Family Fun Night
- Happy Hollow Elementary Kids' Night
- Cool School Program
- Cumberland Elementary School Family Art Night
- International Education Week presentations at Rossville Community School
- Tecumseh Middle School Savanna replanting/mulching