Community/Public Service Worksheet

Service Category: Community Empowerment Programs

Title: Scholars for Community Outreach, Partnership, and Engagement (SCOPE)

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Program Description: Scholars for Community Outreach, Partnership and Engagement (SCOPE), is an initiative of the Center for Community Based Partnerships, coordinated by the Office of Student and Community Engagement. The purpose of SCOPE is to enhance and support the capacity of University of Alabama students, to collaborate with faculty and community partners, in achieving mutually beneficial outcomes to address challenges facing communities. We worked with multiple community partners, matching students with community needs.

Objectives/Outcomes: 1. SCOPE Fellows (graduate students) will increase their scholarly contributions to the field of engaged scholarship.
2. SCOPE Research Associates (undergraduates) will discuss the characteristics of engaged scholarship after completion of a research field experience.

Assessment Measures: 1. 90% of active SCOPE Fellows will self-report at least one example of scholarly work at end of the academic year.
2. 75% of Research Associates will document at least 15 hours of engaged scholarship research experience completed in SLPro database.

Results: 1. 80% of active SCOPE Fellows reported at least one scholarly contribution this year.
2. 75% of active SCOPE Research Associates reported an average of 16 hours of research experience.

Conclusions: This was our first year of utilizing a new conceptual framework for the SCOPE program and the first year for establishing learning outcomes. We may have set our criteria too high for the first year but still feel that SCOPE members learning and impact was significant.

Improvement Actions: We will evaluate all of our outcomes and data over the summer and revise our target outcomes for the coming year accordingly.