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## 12th Annual Illinois Statewide K-16 Service-Learning Conference

On Monday, October 23, the Office Lt Governor Pat Quinn, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Resource Center co-sponsored the 2006 Illinois K-16 Statewide Service Learning Conference. More than 250 students, educators, and community leaders committed to fostering an ethic of civic responsibility attended the all-day conference in Springfield, Illinois.

Terry Pickeral, the Director of the National Center for Learning and Citizenship, served as the keynote speaker for the conference.

The 12th annual conference officially kicks off an expanded service-learning program for Illinois with an emphasis on high-quality training and technical assistance.

In July of 2006, Lt. Governor Quinn assumed responsibility for Illinois' Learn and Serve America program through an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). In September, Lt. Governor Quinn's office and ISBE awarded Learn and Serve America grants totaling more than \$550,000 to 44 school districts and regional programs in an effort to promote student involvement in both the classroom and their community.

## National Service Learning Conference

The 18th Annual National Service-Learning Conference: Beyond Borders, Beyond Boundaries will be held in New Mexico, during March 28-31, 2007. Originating in Minnesota in 1989, the National Service Learning Conference is the largest gathering of students and practitioners from the service-learning movement, drawing nearly 3,000 participants from all 50 states and 12 other countries, including more than 900 young people.



Conference registration includes admittance to plenary sessions, featured forums, workshops, on- and off-site service projects, site visits, the welcome reception, the Project Ignition Awards Ceremony, and all conference meals.

If you have questions regarding registration contact (800)366-6952 or [nslcreg@nylc.org](mailto:nslcreg@nylc.org)

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## MLK Day of Service

Dr. Martin Luther King's strong commitment to fighting for civil rights and justice for all Americans should never be forgotten. Instead of taking off the January 15th federal holiday in his honor, join thousands of Americans across the nation to honor his legacy of peace, tolerance, and equality by engaging in service activities to better your community. To learn more and to utilize resources for this day of service, please visit [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov)



## Project Profile: Chicago Public Schools - Red, White and Green Project

The Chicago Public Schools-Service Learning Initiative was recently awarded one of 23 Red White and Green Youth Action Campaign grants. The \$500 grants will support younger Americans as they develop their voice and impact public policy on the critical issue of climate change.

Four Chicago Public High Schools will participate in this service learning opportunity. Students from Uplift Community School, Chicago Discovery Academy, Gage Park High School, and Curie Metropolitan High School will bring their project results and their public policy recommendations to Washington, DC for a three-day Youth Summit in late 2007. The young participants will share the outcomes and next steps of their service ventures, hear from climate change experts, and present their policy recommendations to Congress, to the White House, and to 2008 presidential candidates. For more information on the Red, White and Green Campaign, please visit [redwhitegreen.org](http://redwhitegreen.org)

## Cesar Chavez Serve and Learn Workshops

On December 6, 2006 at the Duncan YMCA in Chicago, staff from the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation conducted a service-learning workshop to encourage participation in the Cesar Chavez Serve and Learn program. Julie Chavez Rodriguez, granddaughter of the late labor hero, facilitated the workshop to give the over 60 educators in attendance the tools and support they need to implement this service-learning model.

The Cesar Chavez Serve and Learn Program is administered in the office of Lt. Governor Pat Quinn. The program had over 4,000 participants in 100 service-learning projects throughout Illinois last year. To learn more about this program, please visit [ServeAndLearn.org](http://ServeAndLearn.org) or contact the Lt. Governor's office at 312.814.5220

## Ancient Aztec City at Newberry Library

On Monday, November 20, at 11 a.m., Lt. Governor Pat Quinn joined officials of the Newberry Library in unveiling a new attraction – a model of Tenochtitlan, capital city of the Aztec Empire, built by students, teachers, and parents at McKinley Park Elementary School in Chicago.

McKinley Park's scale model reconstructs the magnificent imperial city as it was in 1519, when Hernán Cortés arrived with his Spanish forces. The model city of Tenochtitlan was one of 100 service learning projects completed last year in the Lt. Governor's Cesar Chavez Serve and Learn Program. This innovative program, administered in conjunction with the Illinois State Board of Education, combines academic instruction and community service projects to teach children the importance of service to others.

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