

## **SUNY DELHI'S O'CONNOR CENTER HOLDS ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY**

**DELHI, NY ...** Nearly 300 SUNY Delhi students, faculty, staff, and AmeriCorp and community members will volunteer their time to improve the college campus and various sites throughout the Delhi community as part of Community Service Day on Saturday, May 3.

In its fifth year, Community Service Day has become a tradition for SUNY Delhi students and the organizations who partner up each spring with the college's O'Connor Center for Community Service.

"Volunteerism is an integral part of SUNY Delhi," said Cathey Andrews, coordinator for the O'Connor Center for Community Service. "Last year, the O'Connor Center placed 550 student volunteers in 38 non-profit organizations, performing more than 7,300 hours of community service."

For this year's Community Service Day, the O'Connor Center has several work crews scheduled to collect litter and beautify park areas around the village. Teams of volunteers will work on site to help with spring "clean up" activities at Hanford Mills Museum, Delaware County Historical Association, the Humane Society of Central Delaware County, O'Connor Hospital, Countryside Care Center, and the Delaware & Ulster Rail Road. Student volunteers will also join up with local 4-H members to plant trees at the college's Outdoor Education Center and assist the Delaware County ARC with its Bike-a-Thon in the villages of Stamford, Delhi and Walton. Other projects for the day include Delaware Opportunities' Safe Against Violence, Performance Plus of Stamford, and the Big Buddy Program.

Several college groups will get a jump on the weekend by volunteering for the American Cancer Society, beginning on Friday, May 2. Phi Theta Kappa (the college's honor society), fraternities and sororities, student hospitality clubs, as well as faculty, staff and

student groups, will show their support of Delaware County's first Relay for Life event by either participating in the relay or helping clean up after the event.

Located on the SUNY Delhi campus, the O'Connor for Community Service is a clearinghouse for volunteer activities that matches individual students, clubs, classes, faculty and staff with local community service opportunities. The O'Connor Center also serves community organizations seeking volunteer assistance. In addition, the Center provides volunteer orientation and training, as well as feedback on completed service projects.

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