

## 2006 Community-Service/Service-Learning Professional of the Year Award

### Jason Denius, East Carolina University – Winner

Jason Denius, the Director of the East Carolina University Volunteer and Service Learning Center, oversees coordination of 8,000 volunteers per year which assist in supporting the needs of over eighty community groups and organizations. During his six year tenure with ECU's Volunteer and Service Learning Center, he has been instrumental in the growth and institutionalization of service and service-learning across campus.



Denius also advises student service organizations and assists faculty and students who incorporate service-learning into their teaching and learning experiences. Specifically, he has helped create dozens of service-learning courses and collaborated with faculty on publications and state presentations highlighting their campuses service-learning efforts.

Jason brings the community to the campus for workshops and trainings as members of East Carolina Universities *Community Advisory Board*, which gives community partners a voice in the development of service-learning and civic endeavors at ECU and puts community partners into service-learning classrooms for meetings with students and faculty members. He also promotes institutional collaboration by working with SCALE this past year to develop ECU Reads, connecting ten ECU students with in school tutoring and mentoring programs at a local elementary school. He fostered relationships with Campus Living to improve a residential community service floor which engages twenty like-minded freshmen in a yearlong commitment to volunteerism and he headed the Give and Go Committee, a collaboration of facilities services, CompUSA living, business services, transportation and the Volunteer and Service Learning Center that raised more than \$20,000 in donations for local community partners.

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Tim Kelly, Training Officer

*NC Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service*

Carrie James, Assistant Professor

*South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC*

Pam Mutascio, Director of Program Resources, Models and Research

*Campus Compact (national office), Providence, RI*

Drew Stelljes, Coordinator of Student & Volunteer Services

*The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA*