

2007 Community-Service/Service-Learning Professional of the Year Award
Jenny Koehn, Appalachian State University - Winner

Jenny Koehn has worked as the Community Service Coordinator for the Appalachian and the Community Together (ACT) program since 1999. During that time she has assisted students in developing and promoting Hunger and Homelessness Week, Raise Your Voice forums, Earth Day Celebration, and the Don't Throw it Away/BIG Sale event that rescues gently used items from ASU students and sells them at discount prices the following fall to incoming freshman. This annual program not only saves landfills from unnecessary items, but also raises money for many deserving community partner agencies each year.



In 2000, Jenny instituted the MLK Challenge which takes place on the Martin Luther King Day holiday. This year the program involved 200 students working with 17 local agencies. Jenny also brought Dance Marathon, the 24 hour dancing/fundraising event to campus which this past year engaged 150+ energetic students, and has raised over \$60,000 for children and families in Watauga County in the past 4 years.

Koehn expanded Appalachian's Alternative Spring Break Program which has grown from two staff-led trips six years ago, to 20 student-led trips that involved over 185 students and 20 staff/faculty members this past year. Sixteen of these trips were domestic, while four were international trips that went to Jamaica, Belize, Panama, and the Dominican Republic.

2007 Selection Committee

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