

**2008 Robert L. Sigmon Service-Learning Award Recipient**  
**Dr. Cheryl Brown, Greensboro College**

Dr. Cheryl Brown, a Professor of Sociology at Greensboro College earned a B.A. in Sociology at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA. She received her Master of Arts in Sociology and Ph.D. in Sociology from Georgia State University in Atlanta. She served as an instructor at Georgia State and as assistant professor at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. She has taught at Greensboro College since 2001, receiving the Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award in 2005. The Senior Class of 2007 selected Dr. Brown as the Baccalaureate Speaker.



Dr. Brown serves as a member of the Village 401 Advisory Board, where she advises the community engagement office of Greensboro College upon the best practices for supporting service-learning at the college. She is also a member of the Greensboro Collegiate Council, raising the awareness within Greensboro about student involvement and civic engagement initiatives at local colleges.

For several years, Dr. Brown has worked to establish and to advance ties with the people of Ixmiquilpan, in the state of Hidalgo, Mexico. In order to strengthen the work in Mexico, Dr. Brown worked with former Greensboro College student, Ascary Arias, to found Vidas de Esperanza, dedicated to improving the health and education of children in rural areas of Mexico and in the triad area. Lovingly known in Mexico as “La Maestra Brown,” or “the one who teaches,” Dr. Brown leads trips of students, faculty, and staff to Mexico to engage in the actual work alongside of the Mexican families with which they live during the visit. Other local college students have joined the trips as well. Dr. Brown has motivated Greensboro College to raise money in order to distribute milk to many families, and to build a cultural center for use by Otomi native Mexicans. Once back home in Greensboro, the work continues as the College connects with Mexican families from the same region.

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