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Flushing Teacher Receives National Award

St. Paul, Minn. — Michael Genovese, Director of Service-Learning at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, N.Y., has been selected to receive the 2010 Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award. The award, which is given by the National Youth Leadership Council and the State Farm® Companies Foundation, will be presented on March 26 at the 21st Annual National Service-Learning Conference in San Jose, Calif.

The award recognizes those who have equipped young people to lead and serve, both through their direct work with youth and by nurturing others to expand their service-learning skills and knowledge.

Genovese has been a service-learning practitioner for more than 30 years, as the “hands-on” director of service-learning at Holy Cross High School. For the past 17 years, he has served as the co-director of a Learn and Serve America school-based project called SPARC, engaging diverse schools in a service-learning partnership in the New York City metropolitan region.

“I love what I do and believe that students engaged in service-learning can affect the climate of our society and be advocates of social justice and change-agents,” said Genovese.

He has served as a national peer consultant with the Kellogg Service-Learning Leadership Initiative; as co-director of the New York Metropolitan Service-Learning Institute and the New York City and Long Island Regional Service-Learning Networks; and as chairperson of New York City Mayor’s Task Force for Student Volunteers.

State Farm and NYLC support service-learning programs that provide opportunities for students to have a direct impact on their communities by applying their academic skills to real-world issues.

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About Service-learning

Service-learning is a teaching method that enriches learning by engaging students in meaningful service to their schools and communities, and integrating the service with established learning objectives. It emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving, and tackles real issues such as hunger, ecological concerns and diversity.

About NYLC

NYLC has been at the center of community service and service-learning programs and policy development since 1983. It annually convenes The National Service-Learning Conference, which included participants from 50 states and 41 countries in 2008. NYLC also offers adult and youth trainings, runs model programs and develops service-learning curricula.

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