



Local “ACT”ion with Compassion A Floor with Vision

As you know, the theme for *Communitas* RLC is Local Action with Compassion. It is our goal to truly deliver on this theme in 2009-2010. Some students are more inclined to do community service and may have more time for it or more commitment to it. We want those students to provide a core group around which we can put on great community service events and know that there will be a solid turn out for them. This will be the “marine corp” of *Communitas* and the group around which we want the whole community to gravitate.

Therefore, to implement this ambitious vision, *Communitas* is proud to introduce the Act Floor for the 2009-2010 academic year. This “themed” floor will be housed on the 3rd floor of Campisi Hall. Selection for this themed floor will require all returning community members (e.g., sophomores, juniors, & seniors) who live on the floor, regardless of their community from the previous year, to sign a pledge to fulfill one service requirement per quarter.

More specifically, the commitment for a non-freshmen student living on the 3rd floor of Campisi is to complete a minimum of one *Communitas* sponsored service project* each quarter. Students that agree to this will be invited to live on the floor with no questions asked...they just will be expected to serve at least one time a quarter, thus providing a close-knit quorum for the rest of the community for all community service projects. However, to avoid “social loafers” who won’t actually meet the pledge, we are putting a “responsibility” clause into the program. If any applicable student fails to fulfill this pledged requirement, he or she will be assessed a fine of \$150 in the quarter for not completing the pledged minimal expectation (unless there is some extremely good explanation why not).

The purpose of the requirement is not to punish community members, but to inspire returning *Communitas* members to get involved and to provide that inspiration to others in the community - - we want this to be the “marine corp” of *Communitas* with committed students who want to do community service. It’s our hope that returning students will see the benefit of serving and inspiring all those they come in contact with to serve also. In addition to “feeling fulfilled”, students living on the 3rd floor will continue to have a large community of returners and will have lofty higher ceilings to match their lofty goals in life.

RD Brandon Farmer & FD Shelby McIntyre – “We approve this message”

*Service Projects do not include social programs, diversity/inclusive excellence programs, Monday Night Socials, wellness programs, SCAAP or Arrupe sponsored service programs, judicially assigned contributed service hours, programs sponsored by Late Night SCU, MCC Programs, community sponsored programs, etc...**ONLY *Communitas* sponsored and led community service projects.** Due to the CF programming requirements, there will be a minimum of 3 service programs per quarter, totaling 9 guaranteed opportunities for the year.