

## **Definition of Service-Learning for Saint Joseph's College of Maine**

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's College of Maine is an academic pedagogy where students participate in an organized activity that meets a defined community need and relates to their individual coursework. This is based on reciprocity between Saint Joseph's College of Maine and our community partner organizations. The Office of Service Learning defines a community partner organization as an entity (not-for-profit, commercial, municipal, government or private) which is willing to allow our students the opportunity to utilize their acquired skills and knowledge for a meaningful end. Service learning classes are offered in many departments and demonstrate the creative expertise of faculty committed to extending disciplinary work into local communities.