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### **SERVICE LEARNING AWARDS**

Service Learning Awards were presented at the Commission on Higher Education Meeting, Thursday, March 1, 2007. Criteria set forth for the winners were: community impact, number of students who participate, integration into academics.

Winners named were: The Citadel for their “Buddy Program”. Director of the Project is Dr. Conway Saylor, Professor of Psychology. The program pairs 160 to 220 student participants per year with “Buddies” to fill the need in the community for young adults willing to mentor, provide modeling and friendship, and expand the activity options for people with disabilities whose social/recreational skills and opportunities are severely limited.

Midlands Technical College won for their Marketing Plan for the Village of Hope Community Development Corporation. The program uses a Marketing 101 course to involve students to develop a marketing plan to meet current and future needs of the Village of Hope Development Corporation, a grassroots community development and improvement organization. David Carter, Instructor, was the Director of the Project.

Benedict College was given an award for their PLUS Program (Preparation for Leadership and Unity through Service) Day. This program is part of Benedict College’s required Service Learning program, and involves approximately 200 students a year in community-oriented projects. The students, primarily freshman and sophomores, work with faculty to prepare a plan of action linked to the community needs and put the plan into action. Tondaleya G. Jackson is the Project Director and Angel Woodard is the Program’s Assistant Director.

Plaques and checks for \$500 were presented to each of the winning schools by Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education. The financial awards were sponsored by State Farm Insurance.



Citadel – L-R: Dr. Isaac (Spike) Metts, Dr. Steve Nida, Dr. Layton McCurdy



Midlands Tech – L-R: Dr. Edwin Breazeale, Dr. Gina Mounfield, Dr. Marshall "Sonny" White, Jr., David Carter, Dr. Layton McCurdy



Benedict College - Ms. Angela Woodard, Ms. Tondaleya G. Jackson, Dr. Layton McCurdy