



2016 - 2017 Project Descriptions

Building a Better Tomorrow- Monday 7:00-8:00pm at Methodist Home for Children & Youth

In this project, VSU ENACTUS mentors young women of the Methodist Home for Children and Youth. The goal of this project is to relate, implement, inspire, and motivate these young women so they know they can have a better future. Our goal is for our students to act as mentors and develop a friendship and sisterhood with the young women of the Methodist Home. In addition, Entrepreneurship training and opportunities are introduced to the girls, demonstrating to them the ability to be self-reliant and not dependent on others.

There are weekly meetings with the girls, as well as daily one-on-one tutoring sessions. Participation in this project is restricted to female members and requires an interview.

LifeSmarts- Tues. & Thurs. 4:00-5:00pm at L.A.M.P

VSU ENACTUS, in conjunction with Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, (LAMP) will work together to educate men and women with basic life management skills. The 10-week session focuses on budget skills, life skills, time management, money management and interview skills. At the end of the session participants are given the opportunity to open and checking and savings accounts with one of BAB member's financial institution.

Computer Smarts- Mon. 4:00-5:00pm and & Wed 5:00-6:00pm at L.A.M.P

This program is designed to educate homeless men and women from the LAMP shelter with basic computer skills needed within the workforce. During this project we focus on teaching three training goals: Microsoft Office suite training, preparing a resume, and creating a cover letter. Those attending will also apply for work by uploading their resume. It is an innovative project with life application skills that will allow the attendees to rejoin the work force.

Greenhouse Project - Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm

This program benefits the residents of the New Horizons Homeless Shelter at LAMP. The resident do not have access to fresh foods, LAMP also is in need of new sources of funding. The residents, along with VSU Enactus students, will learn how to grow their own food. This is a skill they can take with them when they transition out of the shelter. The VSU Enactus students can use the skills learned in this project in other projects or in their personal lives. The aquaponics system should grow about 110 lbs of fish and for lettuce, 900 to 1440 heads over a year. Excess production will be sold to local fish markets and the produce sold at Farms Days, an every Saturday event in the city. Proceeds will return to LAMP for program funding.

Hudson Dockett- Tues. & Thurs. 3:30-5pm at Hudson Dockett Housing Authority

This is an after school mentorship program that is open for children between the ages of 4-15. ENACTUS students will gather together in being an influence on the children. The objective will be to effectively help increase the grades of the children that attend and also to perform different educational activities that will continually educate the students.

SIFE Skills Success Center-Mon. Tues. & Thurs 4:30-5:30pm (Wed. 5-6:00p) at Ora Lee West Housing Authority

The SIFE Skills Success Center is an after school mentorship program that is open for children between the ages of 5-15. The center has four specifically designed learning areas. Students will work on homework or specific subject matters designated by their teacher in the math/science/reading room. The children will also be offered private music lessons, as well art projects in the art room, or internet research skills in the computer lab. The center is designed so that students rotate through each learning room in an afternoon. ENACTUS Students will serve as mentors to these students.

Green Team- “Trash to Treasure” – Thursday at SL Mason Elementary School 2-3pm

This project is in partnership with PepsiCo and TerraCycle. In this project you will be guiding students on the journey of recycling and showing the importance of it. Once a week, you will be responsible for encouraging the children to come up with fun facts about recycling. Those facts will then be displayed on a “Green Team” Facebook page that will continuously encourage children and their parents to recycle.

Boys and Girls Club- Mon. & Wed. 5:30-6:30pm (Tombs St. Location)

This project works with two age groups that attend the Boys and Girls Club after school program. For the younger children, we focus on reading skills and environmental awareness, using recycling, reusing and upcycling to inform and inspire the children.

For the high school- aged boy and girls, we are focused on Mentorship, Competition and Entrepreneurship, using knowledge VSU Enactus students have learned and personal experience, to encourage them to see the opportunities Entrepreneurship can offer them. We work on research skills, idea development, and logistics as it relates to a product or service, mathematics as it related to finance and accounting, public speaking and professional conduct.

The Kenya Project and International Projects – Tues. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30pm in HSBA - 1123

This project is a partnership between the VSU Enactus Team, The Rural Empowerment and Development Innovations, (REDI) and the University of Maseno, Kenya Enactus Team in which we take full advantage of the opportunity to change lives overseas. After traveling to the rural area of Katonde, in Nyanza Province, Kenya, Enactus met with a motivated group of women, presented basic business management courses and contributed to the founding of the Wakonyre Women’s Poultry Business. With the Kenyan Women of Wakonyre now communicating qualitative and quantitative information weekly, utilizing Dropbox, Skype and other technologies, our overall objective is to support the success of the business through real-time problem solving and innovative business analysis.

This project is also exploring other international opportunities for VSU Enactus involving the African nation of The Gambia. VSU Enactus created Kultured Kampus to import authentic African clothing into the US for resale. We are giving employment to underemployed tailors to create a line of authentic African clothing, such as dashikis for adults and children, skirts, ties, handkerchiefs, etc. Public education is spotty or non-existent, especially for young girls. Private or charter schools offer better outcomes but are expensive. Forced marriages are prevalent in exchange for financial consideration. Profits from the sale of the clothing will fund private or charter school tuition for 100 Gambian children. The items will be sold in an online store and the profits will establish scholarships for Gambian children - for an entire school year!