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Project Name:

Project GEMS - Smaller Learning Communities Grant

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**Description**

I serve as outside evaluator on the Smaller Learning Communities grant for the local school district.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

Because these schools are also clinical practice sites for the teacher education students in our programs, this reform initiative also informs their practice.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

The district, schools and individual teachers are using data derived from the grant initiatives to improve professional practices at the schools.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

None

**Who from the community is involved?**

Vigo County Schools Central Office personnel, faculties at Terre Haute North and South Vigo High Schools

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Bradley Balch, Dean, College of Education  
Susan Kiger, Interim Chair, Dept. of CIMT

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
Up to 60per year involved	Vigo County Schools	Yes

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Project Name:

Reading Comprehension Strategies

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**Description**

Professional Development nservice provided to the Vigo County Schools, High School faculties.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

Professional development of teachers is a central function of our programs and of faculty interest and engagement.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Teachers were able to use specific strategies to enhance the reading comprehension of their public school students across the various disciplines.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

None

**Who from the community is involved?**

High School faculties of Terre Haute North and South Vigo High Schools, West Vigo High School, Washington High School and McLean High School

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Susan Kiger

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
0	Vigo County Schools	No

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Project Name:

Instructional Unit Planning - Trainer of Trainers

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**Description**

Professional Development Inservice regarding the use of a given instructional unit planning system.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

These are a central mission of the department.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

The Instructional Planning system has now been promulgated throughout the high schools and is being used by faculty for planning.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

None

**Who from the community is involved?**

Design Team Leaders at Terre Haute North and South Vigo High Schools

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Susan Kiger

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
None	Vigo County	No

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Project Name:

Teaming to Improve Practice: Addressing Student Achievement

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**Description**

Inservice to help faculty at Fountain Central High School understand the process of teaming. Additional emphasis on reviewing instructional strategies audit in service of strategic planning of instructional practices.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

These are a central mission of the department.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Faculty and administration are more strategic in addressing issues of supporting student achievement.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

None

**Who from the community is involved?**

Faculty and Administration of Fountain Central High School

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Bradley Balch, Susan Kigeer

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
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Project Name:

Northview High School Long Term Facility Planning Committee

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**Description**

Planning for facilities of public schools.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

It is an ongoing part of our daily business.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Make improvements to the buildings and planning to build necessary facilities.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

No other ISU faculty are involved

**Who from the community is involved?**

Brazil Mayor and County Judge

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Della Thacker

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
2 public school students	Northview High School	Yes

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Project Name:

Career Day

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**Description**

Presenting about the profession of teaching to middle school students at career exploration activities.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

It is part of our daily business!

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Students get a feel for different occupations in the community

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

No other ISU faculty are involved.

**Who from the community is involved?**

Faculty, students and administration of Chauncey Rose Middle School.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Della Thacker

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Where it takes/took place</b>	<b>Is this activity ongoing</b>
Entire CR Student	Chauncey Rose Middle School	Yes

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Project Name:  
Clay County Science Fair

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**Description**

Science Fair involving approximately 100 K-12 students.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

It is part of our daily business!

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Promotes interest in math/science.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

No other ISU faculty are involved.

**Who from the community is involved?**

Anyone with a math/science background or interest.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Della Thacker

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Where it takes/took place</b>	<b>Is this activity ongoing</b>
Approximately 100 public	Northview High School	Yes

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Project Name:  
Assisting with school events

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**Description**

Providing assistance at public school events such as athletics, honor events, etc. in order to build and maintain good public relations with the schools.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

It is part of our daily business.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Building strong public relations

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

No other ISU faculty are involved.

**Who from the community is involved?**

Parents, faculty, students, administration of public schools

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Della Thacker

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Where it takes/took place</b>	<b>Is this activity ongoing</b>
No ISU students are	Clay Community Schools	Yes



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Project Name:  
Tutoring Initiative

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**Description**

Providing academic support to the reading comprehension skills of students at Sarah Scott Middle Schools.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

It is part of our daily business.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Student's academic abilities have been enhanced.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

Karen Hamilton

**Who from the community is involved?**

Sarah Scott Middle School Students

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Karen Hamilton

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Where it takes/took place</b>	<b>Is this activity ongoing</b>
25	Sarah Scott Middle School	Yes

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Project Name:  
Integrated Thematic Units

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**Description**

Workshops delivered in Vigo and Marion Counties to help teachers conceive of integrated thematic units for delivery in the public schools

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

It is part of our daily business.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Enhanced curricular and instructional approaches to teaching and learning.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

None

**Who from the community is involved?**

Faculty of various school districts.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

A team of individuals from ISU including Karen Hamilton

<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Where it takes/took place</b>	<b>Is this activity ongoing</b>
No ISU students were	Vigo and Marion Counties	No