Creating a Welcoming Learning Environment in the College Classroom

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Service Learning in First Year Writing

* **Service Learning** – Teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.
* **Cause** – The producer of an effect; the reason or motive for some human action; a principle, ideal, goal, or movement to which a person or group is dedicated; the welfare of a person or group, seen as a subject of concern.
* **Community Partnership** – Individual members and groups within a community working together to serve the specific needs of populations within that community. ECU has established community partnerships with over 100 community organizations and encourages students to become involved in these partnerships.

Environment

* Smile and Eye Contact
* Music
* List on the Board or PowerPoint Slide with the Objectives of the Day
* Model the Behavior
* Question Format
* Life Gets in the Way…

Study of Self

* Who Are You? Who Do You Want to Be?
* Student Survey
* Educational Moto
* Student User Handbook- Educational Values, Learning Style, Educational Needs
* Research- What Do You Care About?
* Reflection

Class Community

* Learning is Collaborative
* Coffee Talk
* Interviews
* Writing Community- Established within First Few Weeks of Semester. Working Group for the Semester
* Other Group Work- Based on Community Partner, Population and Cause; Research Scavenger Hunt; Sample Sources and Other Practice Activities
* Small Group Conferences

Principles of UDL

* Engagement
* Active Learning
* Reflection
* Mentoring
* Choices with Process