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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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| Title              | Community Engagement, 1967-present  |
| Extent             | 1 linear foot. 2 boxes.   |
| Arrangement        | Materials were sorted into five series and organized in chronological order within each series.   |
| Provenance         | This collection was created by the Archives staff.  |
| Finding Aid        | Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version:<br><a href="http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/">http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/</a> |
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| Restrictions       | None.   |
| Document types     | Correspondence.<br>Publications.<br>Educational Materials.  |

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

As a teacher's college, Eastern shared the responsibility of educating the children of Windham by supplying teachers and student teachers to the local school system and hosting educational programs including a popular annual Arts & Crafts program offered at Eastern every summer from 1949-1988.<sup>1</sup> During Eastern's transition from Teacher's College to Liberal Arts College, a 'Community Relations Project', directed by Professor James H. Tipton, began and in 1969 Samuel Tirado was named as the Director of Community Relations at the college.<sup>2</sup>

In 1991 Eastern Community Outreach (E.C.O.) was established<sup>3</sup> and community service became an integral part of student programming. In 2008 a Center for Community Engagement was established as one of the university's strategic planning initiatives. In the fall of 2009 the Center for Community Engagement opened its doors at a newly renovated property at 333 Prospect Street with a renewed mission to strengthen relationships between the campus and surrounding community.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

This collection offers information about Eastern's activities and involvement with the surrounding community from 1967 to the present. It includes correspondence, minutes, reports, policies, programs and events which illustrate the efforts of the school to maintain a good relationship with the local community in Windham and Willimantic.

## **SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

### Series I – Correspondence

This series offers general correspondence to the campus identifying opportunities for service such as the Day of Giving and Eastern Hits the Streets plus announcements for events like the annual Community Service Awards (2008-present).

### Series II – Events

This series includes announcements & news clippings about sponsored events such as Three Kings Day, Summer Arts Programs,

### Series III – Minutes

This series includes minutes from the Community Action and Town-Gown committees.

### Series IV - Publications

This series offers flyers, bookmarkers, booklets which describe the program and local notices of activities and service opportunities,

### Series V – Reports

This series includes a copy of the original strategic initiative which established The Center for Community Engagement.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY: N/A**

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

Related information may be found in the following collections: Student Center/Clubs, Housing and Residential Life, Career Services, Strategic Planning and Office of the President.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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| <b>Series I - Correspondence</b> |   |                  |
| 1                                | Community Relations-Three Kings Day   | Fall 1967        |
|                                  | Community Relations   | Spring 1968      |
|                                  | Community Relations-Puerto Rican Cultural Exhibit                               | Fall 1969        |
|                                  | Community Relations Programs  | Spring 1970      |
|                                  | Community Relations   | Fall 1973        |
|                                  | General   | Spring 1993      |
|                                  | General   | Fall 1997        |
|                                  | New Center for Community Engagement (CEE)                                       | 31 March 2009    |
|                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service Award Ceremony (2008-2009)                    | 16 April 2009    |
|                                  | Opening Reception   | 8 Sept 2009      |
|                                  | General   | Fall 2009        |
|                                  | General   | Spring 2010      |
|                                  | Community Service Awards  | 29 April 2010    |
|                                  | General   | Fall 2010        |
|                                  | General   | Spring 2011      |
|                                  | Community Engagement Service Awards   | 14 April 2010    |
|                                  | General   | Fall 2011        |
|                                  | Day of Giving & New Blog  | 1 December 2011  |
|                                  | General   | Spring 2012      |
|                                  | Community Grant Service Corps   | 5 March 2012     |
|                                  | 2012 Service Expo & Awards  | 19 April 2012    |
|                                  | General   | Fall 2012        |
|                                  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Giving  | 31 October 2012  |
|                                  | Immigration Forum   | 24 February 2013 |
|                                  | General   | Spring 2013      |
|                                  | Service Expo & Awards   | April 2013       |
|                                  | General   | Fall 2013        |
|                                  | Community Engaged Learning- for Faculty (Nov. 7)                                | 28 October 2013  |
|                                  | CCE Service Award Nominations   | Spring 2014      |
|                                  | Town-Gown Meeting   | Fall 2014        |
|                                  | Town-Gown Committee info  | Spring 2015      |
| <b>Series II - Events</b>        |   |                  |
|                                  | Three Kings Day   | 9 January 1972   |
|                                  | University-Community Band Spring Concert  | April 1987       |
|                                  | Centennial Choral Christmas Concert with the<br>Willimantic Community Orchestra | 10 December 1989 |
|                                  | Arts Spectrum Day   | 15 March 1991    |
|                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Arts Festival                                     | Summer 1994      |
|                                  | Summer Arts Events  | Summer 1995      |
|                                  | Calendar of Events  | Spring 1998      |
|                                  | Lost in Translation 3   | 15 April 2009    |
|                                  | Poverty Awareness Marathon  | September 2013   |

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| <b>Series II - Events</b>       |   |                   |
| 1                               | General   | Nov-Dec 2013      |
|                                 | Open House  | 14 April 2014     |
|                                 | Celebrating Community Engagement Luncheon (3)             | 1 May 2014        |
| <b>Series III-Minutes</b>       |   |                   |
|                                 | W/E CAN - Community Action Network                        | Fall 2005         |
|                                 | W/E CAN - Community Action Network                        | Spring 2006       |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown Committee                               | Fall 2006         |
|                                 | W/E CAN - Community Action Network                        | Spring 2007       |
|                                 | W/E CAN - Community Action Network                        | Fall 2007         |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | Fall 2009         |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | Spring 2010       |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | Fall 2010         |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | Spring 2011       |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | Fall 2011         |
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|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | Fall 2013         |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | Spring 2014       |
|                                 | W/E CAN Town/Gown   | 2014-2015         |
| <b>Series IV – Publications</b> |   |                   |
|                                 | News clippings - <i>Chronicle</i>                         | 1971-1973         |
|                                 | Undergraduate/Graduate Catalog                            | 1991-1992         |
|                                 | A Guide to Community Service                              | 1991              |
|                                 | “Community Service Key Part of Curriculum at Eastern”     | Fall 1992         |
|                                 | Eastern Community Outreach                                | 1993              |
|                                 | “ECSU has a Tradition of Service to Others”               | Fall 1994         |
|                                 | Undergraduate/Graduate Catalog                            | 2002-2004         |
|                                 | Undergraduate/Graduate Catalog                            | 2004-2006         |
|                                 | WE/CAN - Town Gown Committee                              | 8 Dec 2008        |
|                                 | “Eastern Named to President’s Honor Roll” (web)           | 11 Feb 2009       |
|                                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Community Service Award Recipients        | 24 April 2009     |
|                                 | “Eastern’s 1 <sup>st</sup> Ever Community Service Awards” | Summer 2009       |
|                                 | “Valuing Community Connections in CT”                     | 15 September 2009 |
|                                 | Center for Community Engagement                           | Fall 2009         |
|                                 | The Center for Community Engagement - booklet (2)         | Fall 2009         |
|                                 | Stationery (Town/Gown)                                    | 2009              |
|                                 | “Eastern Makes President’s Honor Roll”                    | 1 Mar 2010        |
|                                 | Town-Gown (web page)                                      | Fall 2010         |

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| <b>Series IV – Publications</b> |   |                |
| 1                               | Community Service Expo & Awards                 | Spring 2011    |
|                                 | Community Life Improvement Project              | 3 May 2011     |
|                                 | Chronicles of Change (blog)                     | October 2011   |
|                                 | Chronicles of Change (blog)                     | November 2011  |
|                                 | “Eastern Honored for Community Service”         | 28 Mar 2012    |
| 2                               | “Alternative Spring Break Trips”                | 15 March 2013  |
|                                 | Community Service Honor Roll                    | 25 March 2013  |
|                                 | Press Releases                                  | 22 Dec 2014    |
|                                 | Community Engagement - booklets (2)             | n.d.           |
|                                 | “Volunteer” - bookmarkers (3)                   | n.d.           |
| <b>Series V – Reports</b>       |   |                |
|                                 | Community Relations Project                     | March 1968     |
|                                 | Puerto Rican Art Exhibit                        | [1969]         |
|                                 | 1969 Puerto Rican Cultural Exhibits             | 1969           |
|                                 | 1968-1969 Community Relations- Final Report     | 9 January 1970 |
|                                 | Final Report 1969 Puerto Rican Cultural Exhibit | May 1970       |
|                                 | El Faro Family Orientation Project              | 1972           |
|                                 | Community Relations- Sam Tirado, Service Award  | February 1973  |
|                                 | Economic Impact                                 | Fall 2001      |
|                                 | Economic Impact                                 | Sept 2001      |
|                                 | ECSU Strategic Initiative 1.3                   | Spring 2008    |
|                                 | Annual  | 2011-2012      |
|                                 | Volunteer Orientation                           | 2014-2015      |