



PAUL S. SARBANES CENTER FOR

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

at Anne Arundel Community College

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The Sarbanes Center provides leadership and support to engaged learning activities for the college and the community it serves. These activities offer college participants – students, faculty and staff – hands-on opportunities to learn through real-world experiences, working with government agencies, schools, businesses and nonprofit organizations.

The center seeks to build sustainable partnerships to match the learning needs of the college community with the needs of the community it serves. Through effective collaboration across the disciplines and within the community, the Sarbanes Center enhances learning among members of the college community while it strengthens the greater community as a whole.

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CENTER FOR LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

The center promotes civic engagement and learning by providing opportunities for students, faculty and staff to serve their community through academically based service-learning assignments and general community service projects. For students, service learning is a strategy to help connect class learning objectives to community service projects and faculty-guided reflection.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LOCAL ISSUES

The mission of the center is to help students better understand applied research methods, to serve the community by offering research services and to further college faculty development. The center also assists the college by collecting information to help assess and meet community needs. The center's primary activity is to conduct public interest surveys on a semiannual basis and to summarize results for public use.

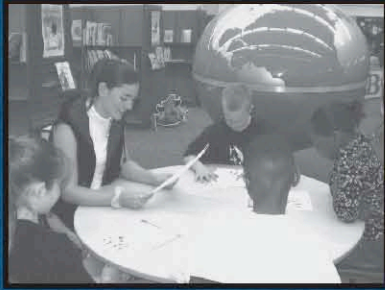


ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

The center focuses on environmental issues that require practical solutions. Students are placed in research-based experiences. Thus, the center helps to enhance the quality of our environment through projects such as the creation and restoration of wetlands, habitat creation, bioremediation, toxicity testing and environmental monitoring.

INSTITUTE FOR THE FUTURE @ AACC

IF @ AACC promotes future thinking, develops the art of foresight, advises, consults, collaborates and trains. IF also facilitates creativity in planning and trend analysis. The institute routinely conducts credit courses and professional workshops on thinking about the future and on tools for addressing it. The institute endeavors to “Think globally; act locally!”



INTERNSHIPS/COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Students learn by combining academic studies with paid and non-paid, part- or full-time, on-the-job work experiences related to the student's major. Internship experiences assist students in connecting classroom theory to real-world employment practices.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Prior learning assessment provides an opportunity through portfolio assessment for students to seek credit for learning accomplished outside traditional classroom environments and that meets college-level standards.

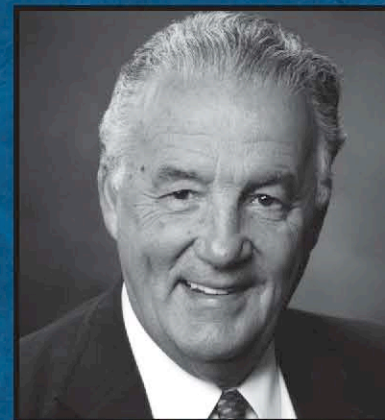
HONORING PUBLIC SERVICE

U.S. Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes built on the values of education and hard work that he learned as a child to create a life dedicated to public service. He believes in the integrity and honor of giving back to the common good and engaging in the life of the community.

In creating the Paul S. Sarbanes Center for Public and Community Service, Anne Arundel Community College seeks to replicate that dedication to meeting community needs by strengthening curriculum to develop engaged citizens. AACC's center already was recognized for its community service endeavors by being named to the first-ever President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

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Former U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes represented the state of Maryland from 1977-2007, the longest-serving senator in Maryland history. During his service, one of his most distinguished contributions was the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that changed financial practice and corporate governance regulation. As a tribute to his support of higher education and his service to the communities in Maryland, Anne Arundel Community College created the Paul S. Sarbanes Center for Public and Community Service.



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