



Dr. Judith Megaw

2005-2008 Susan H. Johnson Endowed Teaching Chair

As the recipient of the 2005 Susan H. Johnson Endowed Teaching Chair, **Dr. Judith Megaw** developed a Service Learning Initiative. Through this initiative, students have the opportunity to participate in community service activities and internships that provide them with “hands on” experiences. These experiences will help students to develop skills and values that are highly desired by employers. Service Learning is a teaching and learning process which connects meaningful community service experiences with academic learning, personal growth and civic responsibility. It extends learning beyond the classroom allowing students to use newly-acquired skills and knowledge in real life situations.

Dr. Megaw worked with the Vice President of Academic Affairs to produce a memorandum of understanding for forming partnerships with agencies in the community for Service Learning. She also created a community workgroup to develop partnerships with organizations and businesses in the community. She created agreements with Heathcote Botanical Gardens, the National Smithsonian Institution, the Vero Beach Art Museum, the St. Lucie County Historical Museum, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of St. Lucie and Indian River Counties, and more.

She created several Service Learning courses in different areas of study and provided professional development activities for faculty so they can become familiar with teaching practices related to service learning.