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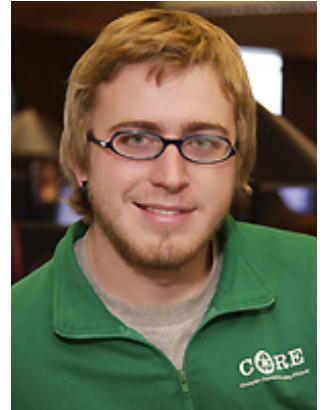
**Champlain News & Events****Student Nolan Masterson wins statewide public service award**

-- Edmunds Middle School partners and Champlain faculty member Kelly Thomas also honored --

Nolan Masterson, a senior at Champlain College, was honored with a statewide service award on March 29 for his outstanding public service through a spectrum of efforts.

Named after Vermont's former Governor, the Vermont Campus Compact Madeleine M. Kunin Award is given each year to one Vermont college student who demonstrates a linkage of their service to a larger social context and a commitment to community impact. The recipient of this award has demonstrated a deep sense of civic responsibility and leadership, evidenced by initiative, innovative approaches to community issues, and effective community building.

Vermont Campus Compact (VCC), a statewide consortium of colleges and universities strengthening the civic mission of higher education, each year honors students, faculty and staff, and community agencies with whom they partner, for their contributions and impact on Vermont communities through campus service, service-learning and/or civic engagement. Governor Jim Douglas was on hand at the VCC Gala awards event.



Nolan Masterson

Masterson established a comprehensive recycling program on the Champlain College campus. He identified a need for recycling services, surveyed the campus, and provided the physical plant department with a complete plan that included logistics, proposed sites, pick-up schedule and budget. Masterson purchased the recycling bins and placed them throughout campus and he grew the idea into a fully operational service program that he has overseen and managed for the past 18 months. His efforts have changed both the practice and culture around sustainability on the Champlain campus, leading to a recent energy audit and a campus-wide compact florescence light bulb replacement program.

Masterson then organized CORE, Champlain's first environmental organization, which worked to raise awareness on campus through dorm presentations, posters, an Organic Feast, and Trash on the Lawn Day, where they collected and sorted one full day's worth of campus trash into four visible piles -- compostable, recyclables, reusables, and trash - in the middle of campus.

Masterson has also been involved in Champlain's efforts to diversify its student body. Through his leadership as a student member of the faculty senate's multicultural affairs committee, he, with a small group committed students, facilitated discussions and organized a petition drive to create a campus office for diversity. Through the hard work of several campus committees and the voice of students, the process has started to develop such an office and Masterson is now serving on the search committee for the office's first director.

Masterson has also been named Champlain College's 2007 winner of the Vermont Campus Compact/ TD Banknorth Commitment to Service and Engagement Award. This award is given to one student per VCC member institution for both the breadth and depth of community involvement.

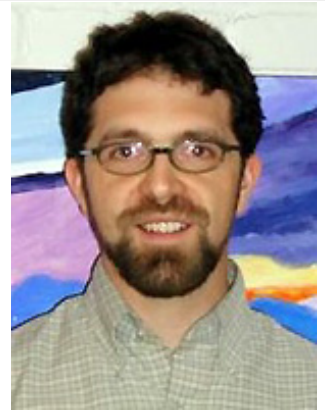
Masterson is enrolled in Champlain's [High School Teacher Education program](#). He is the son of Michael and Tina Marianut of Brunswick, Ohio, and Brian and Vicki Masterson of Strongsville, Ohio. He is a graduate of Brunswick High School.

VCC Engaged Partner Award

Edmunds Middle School and Edmunds Community Outreach Coordinator Dov Stucker have been named Champlain College's 2007 winner of the Engaged Partner Award. This award is given to one

community partner per VCC member campus that has worked with a campus to develop and sustain a lasting partnership.

Champlain College Education students learn to teach in culturally and ethnically diverse communities through the partnership with Edmunds Elementary and Middle Schools -- two of the most diverse schools in the state. The curriculum includes a multi-year commitment to ongoing relationship-building and [tutoring of immigrant children](#), as well as a co-taught Service Learning in the Classroom course. Fifty Champlain college students have connected with more than 200 children in just three years.



*Dov Stucker of
Edmunds Middle School*

Finalist in Community-Based Teaching



Kelly Thomas

Kelly Thomas of Champlain College's [Professional Writing faculty](#) was named a

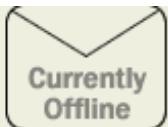
finalist for the Vermont Campus Compact Award for Excellence in Community-Based Teaching, which recognizes a faculty member for making public service an integral part of their teaching. A Shelburne resident, Thomas was honored for her service learning course called Writing and Performing Oral History.

In Thomas' course, 10 Champlain students created oral histories for Spectrum Youth and Family Services, Vermont Dismas House and the Gardenview Program of the Converse Home. They interviewed clients, volunteers, family members and staff and board members. They then created an edited CD of the interviews and delivered them to the organizations so they could have a portrait of their organizations.

All winners and finalists were honored at the [VCC Gala](#) on the evening of Thursday, March 29, at the Vermont State House in Montpelier. Marc vanderHeyden, Saint Michael's College president and VCC chair, presided, and TD Banknorth President Phil Daniels was on hand to present the Commitment to Service and Engagement Awards. Governor Jim Douglas presented a special award announced at the Gala. A reception, best practices showcase, displays, student presentations, multimedia show, and more followed the awards. The law firm Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew was also a major Gala sponsor.

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