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## A message from the President:

The Fall Semester brought many positive changes to the University of Delaware chapter of NSCS. We expanded our executive board making it one of the largest in the nation and implemented new activities, such as visiting hospitals and bringing cards to nursing homes. Through our work, we brightened people's days. A good feeling comes with the organization and our accomplishments. The reason for squeezing many of our activities into a newsletter is to remind you that you are making a difference. Next semester, we planned tons of activities with new ways for you to stay involved. Have your own ideas? Just e-mail any member of the executive board and get your project underway. Come and help make a difference. Happy holidays.

**"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."**

**-Aesop**

## Newark Manor:

On November 19, NSCS members headed out to the Newark Manor to spend a day in the company of the elderly residents. One of the residents, Mrs. Bertha was celebrating her ninetieth birthday party and the activities hall had been nicely decorated for the occasion. Music was provided for the residents who spent their time happily singing along to their favorite tunes including *Tea for Two*, *Moonlight Bay*, *Daisy Daisy*, and *Bicycle Built for Two*. After singing *Happy Birthday*, the celebration began and the residents as well as the volunteers enjoyed apple juice and cookies. Then, the members had the opportunity to meet and talk with the residents. The volunteers said they "had a wonderful time watching 'Happy Days' with the residents and listening to their stories."

## Reflections on being on the NLC:

### Angela Alexander:

As I look back on my experience being on the NLC since July, I can truly say it has been one of the most rewarding experiences ever.

My first task was NLC training – 3 full days of leadership development, goal setting, and fun with my fellow NLC-ers, down in Austin, TX. By the end of the 3 days we had bonded, and were ready to be NSCS ambassadors during the leadership summit. The leadership summit involved over 300 officers, members and advisors from around the country, all engaged in activities to make us better leaders, as well as giving us a unique opportunity to serve others. In just 7 hours, we collectively built a playground for children at the YMCA. Since the summer, the NLC has been busy planning various initiatives and programs. Nationwide there are several regional service initiatives, including our own in region 1. Back in August I took a trip down to DC to meet with staff

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## Habitat for Humanity:

Have you ever helped to build a house? Do you know how to install insulation? Have you ever used power tools? Do you want to learn? Eleven members answered yes to the last question and now can say that they have had a hand in building someone a home after participating in one of the two Habitat for Humanity Builds this semester. Our dedicated members woke up early, got dirty, and most importantly, got to know each other and worked together as a team while having a blast.

One site, located in Wilmington, DE, was in a very early state of completion and the seven members who volunteered donned hardhats and gloves to help with the framing of the house.

Senior Stephanie Berardi participated at the Wilmington site and offered these reflections of her experiences, "Habitat for Humanity ranks up there as one of the most worthwhile things I can do with my time. A lot of us tend to think that we are limited in our abilities, but after slapping on a hardhat and watching a house transform, it's impossible not to find the experience gratifying, empowering, and exhilarating all at the same time. When the day is done the dirt washes away, but the smile remains long after."

We will be participating in more builds this spring semester. Check the calendar for more information and check out the pictures at the NSCS website! Email [bkirley@udel.edu](mailto:bkirley@udel.edu) for more information.



## 9-11 Project

In memory of those who died on Sept. 11, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) collected 3,000 signatures from U of D students. Each student's name will represent a victim, and in memory of each victim, a piece of candy will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club. NSCS chose the Boys and Girls Club to support President Bush's call to Americans to service. He said, "Through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of service and decency and kindness, I know we can overcome evil with greater good." The candy will sweeten the day of the children and remind them of their country's unity, while the bitterness that some candy possesses will remind them of the bitter day in our country's history. Thus, NSCS's project is titled, Bitter/Sweet. This project will be registered under the Unity in the Spirit of America Initiative, coordinated by the Points of Light Foundation commissioned by President Bush to honor the victims of this tragedy.

## Other Events this semester:

- Arts and Crafts at AI DuPont Children's Hospital
- Visits to the Mary Campbell Center
- Made Happy Thanksgiving cards for the residents of Newark Manor
- Collected over 150 cans for the Delaware Food Bank!

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