On behalf of the 2013 Selection Committee I would like to announce that Dr. Rebecca Dumlao is the 2013 Robert L. Sigmon Service-Learning Award recipient. This year’s nominees included an impressive field of NC service-learning practitioners. Thank you for submitting a nomination.

For over a decade, Dr. Rebecca Dumlao has assumed increasing leadership in service-learning and community engagement at East Carolina University and beyond. She has developed Communication Modules for Service-Learning a “one-stop” web-based site intended to help ECU faculty work collaboratively with engagement initiatives on campus; chaired ECU’s Service-Learning Committee which plans a yearly service-learning conference, oversees service-learning course designation, and facilitates faculty development workshops; and served as the editor of book reviews for Partnerships: A Journal of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement. She laid the foundation for service-learning in the School of Communication at ECU by developing the first service-learning course. Today the curriculum includes a required Senior Communication Capstone with a service-learning project component. Since 2001, over 1600 students have completed the course contributing over 18,000 hours of service locally. Upon receiving a grant in 2011, she designed Puppet Shows to Make a Difference through which honors communication students share information about healthy eating and diabetes prevention with at-risk children. Currently, Dr. Dumlao is working to develop a global service-learning program in Trinidad, West Indies, in conjunction with Amizade, a non-profit organization that provides service-learning and volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups.

NC Campus Compact will present this award during the 2013 Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement (PACE) Conference on February 13, 2013. To learn more about the award, including previous recipients, visit this link.

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