

# Simmons College Named to President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll 7 Years in a Row



BOSTON (March 7, 2013) — Simmons College has been named to the [2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#) by the [Corporation for National and Community Service \(CNCS\)](#). Simmons has received this honor for seven consecutive years, and is one of only 16 colleges in the country – the only one in Massachusetts – to earn the "[Honor Roll with Distinction](#)" level for five of the seven years since the Honor Roll began.

The announcement was made this week at the American Council on Education's 95th annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve.

In the academic year 2011–2012, [The Scott/Ross Center for Community Service](#) (S/RC) at Simmons facilitated the community service work of 1,359 undergraduate and graduate students who provided at least 20 hours of service during this year, with 556 students providing service in conjunction with their academic course learning. In all, the college contributed nearly 230,000 hours of service to the community, including volunteer work, work–study, internships, practicum, and student–led groups.

The S/RC works to provide support and meet the critical needs of more

than 60 Boston–area community groups including: The Promising Pals Program, a literacy and mentoring program for students at the Timilty Middle School; health promotion and advocacy programs through the Simmons Department of Physical Therapy; and the Simmons Goes Fit program, which promotes exercise and activity at the Tobin Community Center in Boston. The Center also coordinates 16 initiatives led entirely by Simmons students, including tutoring and mentoring programs held at four Boston Public Schools.

Simmons College Trustee and alumna Emily Scott Pottruck established the S/RC in 2000, in recognition of the College's long-time commitment to community service. The center serves the Greater Boston community by developing reciprocal partnerships with community organizations while enriching and expanding students' educational and co-curricular experiences.

[Simmons College](#) is a nationally recognized private university located in the heart of Boston. It offers undergraduate education for women, and renowned coeducational graduate programs in health sciences, education, liberal arts, social work, library and information science, and communications management, as well [@SimmonsCollege](#) and [@SimmonsNews](#).