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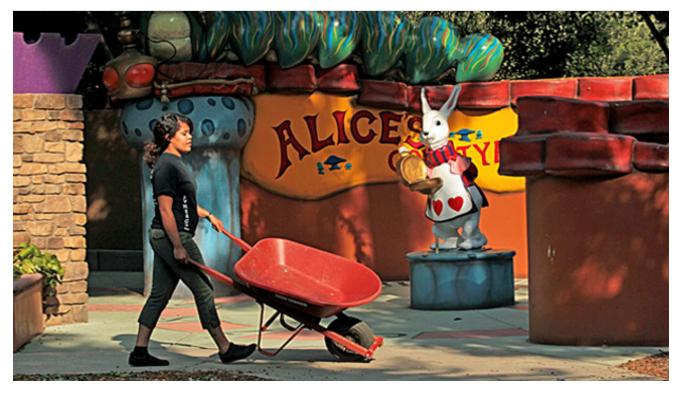




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Fresno State has been named to the national President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction by the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C.



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This is the fourth consecutive year the university has been among top honorees for the award. Winners were announced at the American Council on Education annual meeting, which President John D. Welty attended.

In 2008, Fresno State won the President's Award, the highest award recognizing a university's commitment to community service.

Nearly 700 higher education institutions were named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, with Fresno State and 112 others earning the additional "with distinction" recognition.

Fresno State has logged more than one-million volunteer hours by students, faculty and staff each of the past three academic years. University President John D. Welty challenged the campus to increase community service to one-million hours by Fresno State's Centennial celebration (2010-11), but the target was exceeded in 2009-10 and each year since.

Chris Fiorentino, director of Fresno State's Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning, said the award recognizes the culture of service that has taken hold at the university.

"Being named to the "with Distinction" list is an achievement worthy of note," Fiorentino said. "Being included on this list four years in a row is even more notable."

Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), said institutions like Fresno State "have inspired students and faculty alike to roll up their sleeves and work alongside members of the community to solve problems and improve their neighbors' lives."

CNCS manages the program in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the American Council on Education and Campus Compact.

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