Panther Service Cup
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Panther Service Cup?
The Panther Service Cup is an award created by the office of Community Outreach and Leadership Development as part of the President’s Awards of Excellence. It recognizes the group or organization with the best overall community engagement program based on the following aspects: community service, philanthropic fundraising, advocacy/awareness, and individual service hours. The Panther Service Cup is awarded to the organization with more than just a high number of service hours, but also the quality and impact of the program. It will be a traveling trophy.

Who will be judging the submissions?
The awards will be judged by a panel comprised of representatives from Drury and the local community.

When will the award application be due?
All submissions must be turned in to the office of Community Outreach and Leadership Development by April 20 at 10:00pm, 2016. Please email them to leadership@drury.edu.

When will the Panther Service Cup be awarded?
The Panther Service Cup winner will be presented by President David Manuel at the Drury Awards banquet at the end of the spring semester: Friday, April 29 from 4:30-6:00 (an invitation only event). The banquet will also include other awards.

Who else competes for the Panther Service Cup?
The award is open to all recognized groups of the university like: registered student organizations, residence halls, Greek organizations, classes, teams, etc.

Won’t bigger organizations or service organizations always win? Why should we compete?
The Panther Service Cup was created to award the organization with the best overall community engagement program. The criteria look at more than just the number of service hours performed by an organization. It also identifies the impact and level of engagement of a program. Winning this award not only honors the hard work and dedication of your organization, but it can also serve as a tool for recruitment and PR to the rest of the campus and Springfield community.
Key Definitions:

Community Service – Direct Service and Indirect Service

Direct Service
Activities that require personal contact with others; for example working with senior citizens, teaching ESL, or reading to small children

Indirect Service
Working on a community issue, but not directly with people; for example, making a meal to feed the hungry, food drive, cleaning up a park, building a playground, helping a not-for-profit improve their social media site, etc...

Advocacy/Awareness
Educating the public/your community about a social or community issue; for example raising awareness through presentations, manning a publicity table, distributing educational materials, or reflection as an organization on the impact and meaning of the project.

Philanthropic Fundraising
Raising money for a specific social or community issue or nonprofit organization.