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University Park, Illinois, October 22, 2010 – Governors State University (GSU) recently received a $9,056 AmeriCorps Grant from Illinois Campus Compact (ILCC) to fund service learning opportunities for GSU students.

The ILCC was awarded 100 part-time AmeriCorps slots from Washington Campus Compact for the Students in Service (SIS) program. GSU was one of 12 institutions awarded funds to support student participation this year in the SIS program.

The SIS program supports the recruitment of college students to volunteer in their communities – helping to increase the capacity of local nonprofit agencies and schools and meeting critical needs in communities. In return for completing 300 hours of volunteer work in underserved communities, eight GSU students will each receive a $1,132 education award to help offset their education expenses.

Sheree Y. Sanderson, Director of Student Engagement and Service Learning, is the SIS campus coordinator for the program. For more information, call 708-534-4552 or email s-sanderson@govst.edu.

Over 3,700 college students will participate nationally and they will contribute approximately 1.4 million hours of service to their local communities. “The Students in Service program has proven to be incredibly valuable to communities. The education award helps students financially to stay in college while gaining valuable workforce and civic skills through their service experience,” said Jennifer Dorr, executive director of Washington Campus Compact.

Established in 1993 and hosted at DePaul University, Illinois Campus Compact is a coalition of 43 colleges and universities that bond together to actively engage presidents, faculty, staff and students to promote a renewed vision of higher education – one that supports not only the civic development of students, but also the campus as an active and engaged member of its community. ILCC is an affiliate state office of Washington Campus Compact, a national organization comprised of more than 1,100 institutions committed to the civic and public purposes of higher education.