

Organizational Communication Students Complete Grant Project

Lori Kissinger's Organizational Communication in Communities students do not just learn about nonprofit organizations—they create them.



ORCO 3250 students gain firsthand experience in the work and dedication that is required to build a nonprofit organization. Throughout the semester, students work in groups to choose a cause, create an event and budget, write press releases and grants, and present their work to a hypothetical grant panel. During these presentations, groups explain their project and ideas to the panelists so that their organization may be the chosen recipient for the fictitious grant.

Student Rhiannon Gilbert states, "Of all the things we did in this class, I think I got the best hands-on experience by completing the hypothetical grant. I've always had a deep interest in nonprofit, but I never knew all the components that went into getting one off the ground. Dr. Kissinger has taught us so much based on her experience, and having the opportunity to fill out a grant and build a "nonprofit organization" from the ground up has given me real knowledge that I know I can confidently bring to employers in the future."

