

MTSU Speech Students Help Make Costumes for a Great Cause

Middle Tennessee State University Fundamentals of Communication students recently teamed up with VSA Tennessee and Project 22 to assist individuals with disabilities make costumes.



Project 22 is an organization that works with individuals with disabilities over the age of 22 in Sumner County, while VSA Tennessee provides opportunities to individuals with disabilities through the arts and art education. Lori Kissinger's speech students received the opportunity to work with the two organizations as part of a service-learning project in the Experiential Learning Program which focuses on a hands-on approach to learning and provides a nontraditional classroom experience.

Under the direction of artist Dee Kimbrell, MTSU students and participants crafted costumes out of recycled materials. The costumes made encompass the 5 senses (sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell) and will be worn by VSA's Movement Connection dancers, a group of individuals with Down syndrome, during an exhibit at the Frist Center next fall.



Use the following links to learn more about Experiential Learning, Project 22, and VSA Tennessee:

<http://www.mtsu.edu/exl/>

<http://project22.weebly.com/>

<http://vsatn.org/>