

## DEMONSTRATION/CELEBRATION EXAMPLE

At WM. H. Turner Technical Arts High School, teachers Chris Kirchner and Jose Ugarte, who work with seniors in the school's Academy of Information Technology and Entrepreneurship, assign a service-learning project designed to improve students' writing ability, information technology skills, and civic dispositions and competencies. Early in the year, groups of students select a particular social issue (in 2003-04, for example, issues ranged from AIDS in Africa, to Miami's civil rights movement, to Social Security). Students investigate the issue, and their research provides the basis for an interview that is conducted with local volunteers and/or community activists. At the same time, students gather documents (e.g., newspaper articles, historical images) related to their issue. Research findings, videotapes of the interviews, and excerpts of documents are woven into a documentary, and the documentaries are refined and presented at a culminating event that includes students, teachers, interview subjects, senior citizens, district administrators, and the district's service-learning staff. Students begin their presentations by acknowledging what they learned from the interview subjects and their project. For example, a student who had interviewed a civil rights volunteer commented, "I learned that history is all around us. It's not just something in books, but it's all around us. We just need to unlock it." Documentaries are shown. At the end of the presentations, in keeping with tradition, students from each group "pass their project on" to a younger student to "keep the legacy going" and donate their videos to an archive in the library for community use. *Miami, FL*

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