

# PRESIDENTS' GOOD STEWARD AWARD



***Doug Blais***

***Southern New Hampshire University***

A long-time advocate for service learning, Doug was one of the first faculty members in the School of Business to fully embrace service learning in his classroom as an integral and valuable pedagogy. He has been able connect the Sports Management major to service-learning in meaningful ways which has exposed hundreds students to service that would otherwise not find themselves in a service learning class. One of his recent students said, “I never would have done this but this made such an impact on my life, I am going back this semester.” Always a champion for service-learning, he has served as an unofficial service-learning mentor to other faculty, often recruiting other faculty to integrate service into their courses. He has helped us advocate for service-learning education in closure activities, serves on the Experiential Education committee, and is interested in helping our Center better use our data to tell our story. Doug is one of the few faculty members who takes the time to visit community service sites to see his students in action outside of the class. He is not fazed by the inevitable challenges that present themselves when it comes to community work as he is continuously optimistic and problem solving by nature. In addition to all the time he invests in service

learning, he also served as a chaperon for the 2018 alternative spring break trip to the Dominican Republic. During this trip he volunteered with a group of SNHU students in teaching English to young children living in the community of Monti Cristi. Whether he is chaperoning a service trip or encouraging students to engage in service-learning, he is a true champion of service at SNHU and we cannot think of a more deserving or appropriate person to honor this year.



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