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**Northwestern University Educator Wins National Award:
*2018 Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award***

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Jan. 22, 2018) —The National Youth Leadership Council, in partnership with UPS, is excited to announce that the recipient of 2018 Service-Learning Practitioner Award is [Katrina Weimholt](#), Assistant Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. The award recognizes those who have equipped young people to lead and serve, both through their direct work with youths and by nurturing other practitioners.

Weimholt previously led civic engagement programs at Northwestern's Center for Talent Development as the Program Director of the [Civic Education Project](#) — an initiative she started more than 20 years ago. To date, the program has engaged more than 6,000 students in 500 service-learning programs (which tie community needs to curricula) and courses, giving more than 165,000 hours in service to communities throughout the country, including sites in Baltimore, the Bay Area, Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Weimholt developed a variety of “research, best-practice-based program models that inspire and equip young people to lead and serve,” says colleague Susan Corwith, Associate Director of Northwestern's Center for Talent Development. “She is a respected expert, a sought-after consultant, and mentor to college students pursuing the study of civic engagement.”

Her work illustrates that “Intellectual rigor can and should underpin service as mutually reinforcing activities,” says colleague Simeon Brodsky, Director of the [Center for Talented Youth](#) at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. “Young people suddenly saw the world for its complexity and better understood their responsibility and their potential to bring change.”

As NYLC CEO Amy Meuers describes the pedagogy: “For students to grow into civically informed and engaged citizens they must have the opportunity to work outside the classroom. Service-learning connects communities and classrooms, inspiring students to make positive contributions to the world.”

To participate in NYLC's national awards ceremony, and learn more about service-learning, [register](#) for the 2018 National Service-Learning Conference to be held in St. Paul, Minn. March 11-13.

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