

Dean of Students Office

September 27, 2012

To Whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as an affirmation that Concordia University's Alternative Spring Break Program (ASB) is an innovative service-learning and student engagement initiative run out of the Dean of Students Office. As far as we are concerned at Concordia University, and as articulated in our new Academic Plan, service and experiential learning is a key value for our students. We see it as a fundamental piece of a full post-secondary education.

The ASB program is designed to enhance the in-class learning of Concordia Students by providing an opportunity to gain leadership skills, learn about other communities, and further develop their capacities as engaged citizens. In our minds, it is an integral part of the post-secondary experience that seeks to assist students to develop and deepen their sense of agency.

In ASB, students are required to assist in three pre-departure workshops, spend their spring break working in and with a community-based organization in one of five locations, participate in a post-experience workshop in which the learnings are identified and discussed, and then present these learnings at a public event.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 514-848-2424 (ext. 3520) or by e-mail at Andrew.woodall@concordia.ca.

Sincerely,



Andrew Woodall
Dean of Students