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### **COUGAR VOLUNTEER SPIRIT WEBSITE SALUTES C OF C STUDENT SERVICE**

Thirty College of Charleston students are honored for their selfless community service in a newly posted website, Cougar Volunteer Spirit ([www.cofc.edu/~volunteerspirit](http://www.cofc.edu/~volunteerspirit)).

Among the students featured on the Cougar Volunteer Spirit website is Jason Torres of the school's Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Torres and his fraternity brothers participated in a Valentine's Day dance with the residents of the Spring Arbor Retirement Community on Daniel Island. Also recognized are Chloe Beutler for her years of involvement with Big Brother/Big Sisters and Jamie Edmonds for his unique Hotdogs for the Homeless community service.

The website unveiling is the culmination of a semester-long project by communication students in an introductory public relations class. The PR students sought nominees from numerous on and off campus sources, then contacted and interviewed students volunteers. Feature profiles were written, photographs gathered, and then posted on the website.

The Cougar Volunteer Spirit website was first established in 2005. It is produced under the guidance of College of Charleston communication professor Patrick Harwood, a former public relations and broadcast journalism professional.

Victor Wilson, student affairs senior vice president at the College of Charleston, supports the website, saying, "The Cougar Volunteer Spirit is alive and well on our campus. Catch it!"

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