The Southeast Success Project is the capstone and most exciting portion of the course. As an individual or in a group, each participant will develop a project proposal. From these proposals, one to two projects will be selected and funded for the entire group to complete as a team(s). Maximum combined funding for projects will be $1,000 for all expenses. Selected projects will be assigned a mentor to help guide the project.

Project topics could include anything that would benefit the campus or community- whatever motivates you! For example, you may choose to propose a project that helps other Southeast students, children, the elderly, animals, the environment, or combats against a disease or an injustice (racism, sexism, poverty, etc).

When deciding on a project to propose, please consider the following:

- Is there a true need for the project?
- What are the benefits to those involved?
- What solutions can you offer to help your chosen population or cause?
- Will this project be able to be planned and executed within the Fall semester?
- What resources are needed? Man power, money, buy-in from fellow students or faculty?
- Budget-
  - Will you be able to complete the project with just PLA funds or will you require additional funding?
  - If so, where and how will you acquire the additional funds?
- Is there research or evidence that offers solutions or previous experiences with your project?
- Will you need additional support to complete the project besides your fellow PLA students, your mentor and/or the Campus Life staff?

Past Projects Include:

- Fall into Big Brothers, Big Sisters- PLA students saw a need to help match more children in need with “bigs” through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. The group planned and executed a fall carnival including games, food, face painting, activities and more, and invited both current littles and bigs, but they also recruited dozens of new SEMO students to be bigs. The most exciting part? The help BBBS achieve their highest number of bigs signing up at one time EVER!
- Light of Leadership- PLA students developed a presentation about leadership, service and involvement to give at various local schools. The participants tailored each presentation to fit the needs of the students in the audience (they presented to 3rd graders, Jr. High students, and a senior graduating class). The young students had the opportunity to talk about what leadership and service means to them and they got to hear from college-aged role models about how to be a leader NOW.
- Elect to Go Green- PLA students created a week of activities to help the environment and convince students to “go green”. Activities/events included recycle basketball (with prizes!), a huge trash heap to show just a percentage of our daily waste, removing trays from the UC for a day and more.