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*Pictured:* (Left) SSC President Don Manning and volunteers at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery participated in National Wreaths Across America Day. (Right) SSC's HCCTP students and families helped wrap gifts for needy Thornton Township children.

## SSC STUDENTS GIVE BACK DURING THE HOLIDAYS

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – South Suburban College recently rallied together and served as volunteers on National Wreaths Across America Day. Wreaths Across America is an organization dedicated to honoring our nation's military by laying memorial wreaths at the graves of veterans across the United States. SSC students, administrators and staff placed wreaths at the headstones of soldiers laid to rest in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois at noon on December 17th, 2016.

On Saturday, December 10, students and families from SSC's Highway Construction Careers Training Program, along with Service Learning Coordinator Millicent Collier and Director of Extension Services Rebecca Garcia joined in to help wrap presents for low-income families at the Thornton Township hall. For some families, these will be the only presents their children will open over the holidays. The Service Learning Program is an instructional method that combines service in the community with academic learning in the classroom. Students learn and develop through active participation in an organized service activity.

"In addition to providing job-training degrees and certificates to our students, we also provide them with opportunities to give back to their communities. We know that our fine students will continue to 'pay it forward' for the rest of their lives," said SSC Chairman Frank Zuccarelli.

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