

**Community Partner:** Studio School

**Team name:** SST7

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The SST7 Action Team completed 156 hours of service to the Studio School, logged 79 visits, and traveled 1109 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to assist middle school students in building confidence, independence, academic skills, and goal setting, and also to instill a desire to achieve career and life opportunities.” The SST7 Action Team addressed their purpose by guiding Studio School students to improve their grades, build academic and social confidence, and to set goals for the future. The SST7 team came to realize the ways in which they assisted their community partner. “Each event and activity we created was designed specifically to achieve different objectives. Together these objectives accomplish our primary purpose of mentoring the students to give them courage and confidence for their future. We helped the students gain confidence and the ability to set goals for the present and for the future. In the beginning of the semester, the students were on the verge of dropping out of middle school, but throughout the course of the Studio School program, the students became more and more excited each time we met. They could not wait to see what we had planned next. We created a future for Studio School at Mississippi State University and we set the guidelines and strategies for future Studio School mentors.”