Salem State plants olive trees in Morocco, brings school supplies

While some American college students used their spring breaks to study or travel to warmer climes on vacation, others used the one-week break to assist those less fortunate and engage in gestures of goodwill. In addition to a large contingent of Salem State students who traveled to Louisiana to assist in the ongoing Hurricane Katrina relief effort, a smaller group made a similar trek to Morocco.

During their visit, six Salem State College students studying Arabic at the college, along with several staff members and friends of the college, distributed school supplies to 60 children in the village of Riadimsouane and donated 850 olive trees for planting in and around the same village. The school supplies and donations for the purchase of the trees were given by several organizations in the United States, including Salem State College, Staples and a number of individuals.