U-Serve – Week of 1/17/13

Information and resources for those involved with service-learning at the University of South Carolina.

You are receiving this email because you have expressed interest in information about service-learning at the University of South Carolina. If you no longer wish to receive these updates, please respond to this email.

Updates & Announcements

MLK Days of Service
Registration is open!
MLK Days of Service Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy through service to our community. Make a positive impact in the greater Columbia area by joining hundreds of fellow students, faculty, and staff in keeping Dr. King's dream alive. Registration for USC's 3 days of service (Jan. 21, 25 and 26, 2013) is open now! In addition, participate in dialogues and discussions during our week-long event series. Visit http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/mlk-event-series/ for more information.

Alternative Spring Break Trip Applications Available

Application Deadline: January 23
Alternative Spring Break (AB) Trips are substance-free, community service-learning trips during Spring Break, March 9-16, 2013. AB participants travel locally and nationally in teams to different cities, engage in active service, and have the opportunity to gain new perspectives on social issues while meeting community needs, and learning about and building upon community assets. Our trips this spring will focus on the following social issues: disaster relief, environmental awareness, poverty/education, and animal rescue. For more information check out our website: http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/alternative-break-trips/trip-information/.

National Student Exchange

Upcoming Information Sessions and Application Deadline!
The National Student Exchange (NSE) is offering several information sessions this month! The priority application deadline to study away with NSE in the fall of 2013 or spring 2014 is JANUARY 31, 2013. This is a great opportunity for students to experience a different culture! NSE allows USC students to study at one of nearly 200 universities across the US, US territories, and Canada. Come to learn all about the NSE, where you can go, how much it will cost, but most of all, why the NSE is such an amazing opportunity! For more information about NSE, contact Kasha Klinegores (nse@sc.edu or 803-777-6731) or visit our website (www.sc.edu/nse) to learn more about information sessions being held throughout this month!
Modern Language Association

Service Learning in Literature, Language and Composition

This group will provide a forum for MLA members to share their interest in and recent work on service learning, civic engagement. As a pedagogy, service learning both enhances and deepens the learning experience in the classroom while meeting the real needs of the community. Service learning democratizes and broadens the learning experience and may include community members and students as co-teachers. Find out more information here.

USC/Local Engaged Scholarship and Recognition Opportunities

Magellan Scholar Grant Proposals

Deadline: February 21

Do you have a project that an undergraduate could help with? Are you already working with a student on a project? Each Magellan Scholar receives up to $3,000 to help fund a research project, competing for this award with the submission of a research, scholarship, or creative project proposal developed in collaboration with his or her faculty mentor. Selection is based on the project’s educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the student's previous academic success. More information at www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml.

4th Annual Hero Awards

Deadline: March 1

Do you know a University of South Carolina student, faculty or staff member who has stood up to help a campus community member in a manner that had a significant impact on that person's life? Nominate them for a Hero Award. Students, faculty and staff are all invited to nominate heroes. Nominations are accepted for Hero Awards year-round, but must be submitted by March 1, 2013 for recognition in the Hero Awards Ceremony, which will take place March 27, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the Russell House Ballroom. Nominate your hero at www.sa.sc.edu/shs/savip/hero.

Everyday Young Hero Award

Deadline: Ongoing

Awarded weekly to a young person from around the world who exemplifies an extraordinary commitment to service, the Everyday Young Hero Award program is open to youth ages 5-25. Nominations must come from a parent, teacher or other adult mentor. Winners are announced in the NSB, featured on YSA’s website and showcased within its social media outlets. Everyday Young Heroes also receive a certificate, award and press release. Learn more at http://www.ysa.org/awards/hero.

Faculty/Staff Conferences or Professional Development Events

CCNCE 22nd Annual International Conference

May 22-24, Scottsdale, AZ

Proposal Deadline: February 8
The Community College National Center for Community Engagement (CCNCCE) invites you to submit a proposal to present at its 22nd annual international conference, May 22 -24, 2013. The 2013 conference theme is **Service in a Civil Society: Transformational Leaders for Shared Values and Collective Impact**. The conference goal is to provide and enhance the participant's knowledge on how to utilize service-learning and civic engagement strategies to meet the academic and civic needs of their students while serving their communities. Find more information here.

### Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit
**May 29-30, Loras College, Dubuque, IA**

**Proposal Deadline: February 11**

The Summit will provide opportunities for faculty, professional staff, student and community leaders interested in higher education civic engagement activities to network and learn from one another while engaging in skill-building sessions as well as discussing challenging issues facing our communities. More than 180 colleagues attended the inaugural Summit in St. Paul. Each session proposal should relate to the 2013 summit theme: **Weaving Deep Connections Across Institutions and Communities**. Find out more here.

### 24th Annual National Service-Learning Conference
**March 13-15, Denver, CO**

**Late Registration Deadline: February 15**

We couldn’t be more excited about the 24th Annual National Service-Learning Conference, *Without Limits*, happening in Denver, CO on March 13-15, 2013. Be sure to also connect with us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/nylcorg](http://www.facebook.com/nylcorg)) and tweet with us using the #nylc13 hashtag on Twitter (@nylcorg) for more updates about the *Without Limits* conference. Register online at [www.nylc.org/conference](http://www.nylc.org/conference) by December 14 to avoid the late registration increase.

### The William & Mary Active Citizens Conference
**Feb 15-16, Williamsburg, VA**

Join students, faculty, and community leaders coming together to learn about the best practices for impacting community and mobilizing social change. Register today at [http://www.wm.edu/offices/ое/activecitizensconference/registration/index.php](http://www.wm.edu/offices/ое/activecitizensconference/registration/index.php).

### 6th Annual Global Service-Learning Institute
**May 29-31, Ithaca, NY**

The 6th annual Global Service-Learning Institute will build upon established institute strengths in global service-learning pedagogy and program development, while also integrating more explicit attention to best practices in community-based planning, community development, and movement-building within global service-learning. This year’s institute will provide participants with the opportunity to further develop their global service-learning programs – whether they are novice or advanced – and it will also employ structured consideration of the concept of Fair Trade Learning and its associated commitments to community partners and program transparency. Find out more here.
Funding/Publication Opportunities

Dell Social Innovation Challenge
**Deadline: January 28**
University students are invited to share their innovative ideas for solving a social or environmental problem and compete for $350,000 in prizes and awards. This challenge is open to students in all fields of study with any social impact innovation (from charitable to for-profit and even blended projects) and in any phase of development (from early ideas to complete operations fully up and running).

J.W. McConnell Family Foundation: Community Service Learning Awards
**Deadline: January 31**
In 2011, the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation launched an annual CSL Awards program to celebrate the most innovative CSL initiatives, while encouraging post-secondary institutions and communities to continue the promising work that has begun. The awards will go to community projects that are being jointly supported by community organizations and post-secondary institutions through CSL. A total of $30,000 is available for up to four awards of $7,500 each. In addition, their accomplishments will be celebrated in a video and at a national event. Find out more [here](#).

Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants
**Deadline: January 31**
More than 16 million children live in food insecure homes, not always sure where their next meal will come from. That's why YSA and Sodexo Foundation are calling on young people to "take hunger personally" and join the fight to end childhood hunger. Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of $500 grants are available for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger. U.S. young people, ages 5-25, are eligible to apply. Projects will take place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 26-28, 2013. Apply at [http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth](http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth).

Kresge Foundation Arts and Community Building
**Deadline: February 1**
The Kresge Foundation supports efforts that create access and opportunity in underserved communities. The Foundation's Arts and Community Building program is shaped by six principles: (1) Community cultural development is a growing field with minimal national infrastructure; (2) The structure and dynamics of community cultural ecosystems are not well understood; (3) Cultural development is local; (4) Local community development requires an indigenous support system; (5) Effective community cultural development requires sustained engagement; and (6) Arts-centered community building is inherently complex because it involves other community sectors such as social services, community development and public safety. Find more information at [http://www.kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/arts-and-community-building](http://www.kresge.org/programs/arts-culture/arts-and-community-building).
International Journal of Education for Social Justice

**Deadline: September 15**

Service-learning, the integration of community service with instruction and reflection is an educational approach that keeps on growing worldwide. The strength of this tool—which is based on experiential learning and an interest in helping others and organizations with needs—is its potential as a transformative social movement. This issue aims at promoting and diffusing practice and research on service-learning for Social Justice.

**Do Something Seed Grants**

**Deadline: Ongoing, one grant awarded weekly**

These $500 grants are for youth-led (25 and under) project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start a program. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of a project and organization to help expand the project and increase impact. Learn more at [http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants](http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants).

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