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

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**Updates & Announcements**

**Community Service Opportunity Fair**

*September 6, 11:00am-2:00pm*

This year the Community Service Opportunity Fair is on Greene St. in front of Russell House. The fair takes place each fall and spring and allows up to 40 nonprofit agencies to come on campus to solicit volunteers for their particular agencies. Students have the chance to talk to volunteer coordinators and determine which agency is the best fit for them. To find out more information and see what agencies will be present this fall visit: [http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/servicefair/](http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/servicefair/).

**Study Abroad Fair**

*September 7, 10:00am-3:00pm*

Students, faculty and staff interested in study abroad should plan to attend the upcoming USC Study Abroad Fair, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, September 7th in the Russell House Ballroom to learn more about the opportunities available. At the Fair, you can meet USC students who have studied abroad, talk with current international exchange students, speak with program representatives, get info about financial aid, and speak with USC Study Abroad staff. Visit [www.studyabroad.sc.edu/fair](http://www.studyabroad.sc.edu/fair) for more information.

**Best Practices for Getting out the Vote**

*Webinar: September 17, 2:00pm*

During this webinar, NC Campus Compact will discuss best practices for getting out the vote specifically for colleges/universities. Participants are also encouraged to share ideas. Free, but pre-registration is required. Register at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GOTVwebinar](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GOTVwebinar).

**Magellan Scholar**

*Deadline: October 23*

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
Huffington Post
Richard Guarasci: How Colleges Can Spark Economic and Community Development
“Universities can help to demonstrate their relevance to an ever more skeptical public by ramping up civic engagement programs within their local communities and by creating specific partnerships. And, these partnerships are exactly what many communities need to help them grow and thrive amid tough economic times. This is a new moment in America: we have the opportunity to replace the usual town-gown tensions with a relationship that can benefit all.” Read more here.

Inside Higher Ed
Civic Engagement and Online Learning
An interesting topic was raised recently with regard to civic engagement and online learning in Inside Higher Ed. Learn how civic engagement and online learning are in fact, being integrated throughout the higher education landscape by reading more about the article here.

USC/Local Engaged Scholarship and Recognition Opportunities
Gladys Marinelli Coccia Award
Deadline: September 30
Youth Service America is accepting nominations for this award recognizing two exceptional young people, ages 13 to 22, who are actively engaged in social entrepreneurship and in leading sustainable social change. Social entrepreneurs apply business practices to achieve positive social change and measure their success through their social impact. Two honorees will be selected to receive $2,000 to support their social enterprise and receive resources and technical assistance from YSA. Find more information at http://www.ysa.org/grants/coccia-awards.

The K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award
Deadline: October 1
The K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award recognizes graduate students who show exemplary promise as future leaders of higher education; who demonstrate a commitment to developing academic and civic responsibility in themselves and others; and whose work reflects a strong emphasis on teaching and learning. All doctoral level graduate students who are planning a career in higher education are eligible, regardless of academic department. Graduate students in fields where the Master's degree is the terminal degree, such as the MFA in art, are also eligible. More information at http://www.aacu.org/meetings/annualmeeting/AM13/CrossAward.cfm.

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

Read.Write.Act 2012 Virtual Conference
November 1-3
Proposal Deadline: September 7
The Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education (SCALE) is currently seeking proposals for presentations and virtual posters from interested parties for the Read.Write.Act 2012 Virtual Conference. In honor of an election year, this year the theme is Literacy as a National Priority. SCALE is looking for individuals who are interested in presenting a session that is approximately 50 minutes long during the conference days, November 1st – 3rd, 2012. Conference presenters will use Elluminate software for these presentations. SCALE will provide training and technical support. Learn more about the conference at http://readwriteact.org/rwa2012.

24th Annual National Service-Learning Conference®
March 13-15, 2013, Denver, CO
Proposal Deadline: September 21
The National Service-Learning Conference is the largest gathering of youth and practitioners involved in service-learning, drawing over 1,800 attendees from across the United States and many other countries each year. The conference's multiple day, concurrent session format offers a self-directed, facilitated learning environment with education sessions, discussion groups and interactive workshops designed specifically for all levels of attendees engaged in service-learning and focused on current and emerging issues, best practices and the challenges facing us today. Workshops are the heart of the conference, providing professional development opportunities for youth and adults alike. The showcase highlights high-quality service-learning projects from across the country. Submit a proposal and find more information here.

Campus Compact Heartland Conference
October 11-12, St. Louis, MO
Regular Registration: September 28
We invite your participation in the Campus Compact Heartland Conference, October 11-12, 2012, in St. Louis, Missouri. This conference will bring together individuals from across the nation to explore different perspectives on service-learning and civic engagement alongside colleagues from Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, and provide an opportunity for service-learning professionals and community partners to share program models and best practices, and network with one another. Find out more information at http://associations.missouristate.edu/heartland/default.htm.
2012 CSNAP Conference
November 2-3, North Carolina Wilmington
Registration Deadline: October 19
Mark your calendar for the 2012 CSNAP (Citizenship, Service, Networking and Partnerships) Conference! This annual conference brings students together, from across the region, to network, dialogue and develop skills toward becoming more effective civic engagement participants and leaders. Topics include volunteerism, leadership, service-learning, advocacy and activism. Find out more here.

CU Expo 2013: Engaging Shared Worlds
June 12-15, 2013, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada
Proposal Deadline: November 15
CU Expo is a Canadian-led international conference designed to showcase the best practices in community-university partnerships worldwide, and to create opportunities for innovative and successful collaborations which strengthen our communities. The conference has been held every 2 years over the past decade in different provinces, including Ontario, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. CU Expo is organized jointly by communities, universities and colleges, government, and non-profit organizations. Submit a proposal and find more information here.

IMPACT Conference
February 21-24, 2013, Albuquerque, NM
Save the Date
The IMPACT Conference is historically the largest annual conference focused on the civic engagement of college students in community service, service-learning, community-based research, advocacy and other forms of social action. Building on the rich 28-year tradition of the COOL Conference and the Idealist Campus Conference, IMPACT is the one time during the year when students, administrators, faculty, AmeriCorps members and VISTAs, and nonprofit professionals gather together to learn and share effective practices, improve personal skills and organizational strategies, discover opportunities and resources, exchange stories, be inspired and challenged to sustain our efforts. Visit the conference website at http://www.impactconference.org/.

Funding/Publication Opportunities
RSVP 2013 Grant Competition
Intent Deadline: September 10
For more than 40 years, RSVP has delivered proven results and engaged millions of Americans 55+ in national and community service. During the upcoming fiscal year, RSVP grants will be awarded on a competitive basis as mandated by the 2009 Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. This competition represents a re-imagining and modernizing of the Senior Corps program, and it will help RSVP continue to thrive and provide a resource our country can draw on. Eligible
applicants include faith-based and secular nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, state education agencies, Indian tribes, and local government entities including counties and cities. More information can be found here.

**SAPAA KC Research Grant**

**Deadline: September 24**

Through the generous support of Stylus Publishing, LLC, the NASPA Knowledge Community on Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs (SAPAA) is pleased to offer its second research grant to **promote scholarship about connections across academic and student affairs** for effective student outcomes. We invite research proposals from NASPA members and colleagues to explore significant and innovative topics that will contribute to theory, scholarship and practice about academic and student affairs collaborations in postsecondary institutions. The **research awardee(s) will receive $1,000** to support the proposed area of study, and preference will be given to proposals from collaborative, interdisciplinary teams. Find more information and submit a proposal at [http://www.naspa.org/kc/sapaa/research_grant.cfm](http://www.naspa.org/kc/sapaa/research_grant.cfm).

**UnitedHealth HEROES Service-Learning Grants**

**Deadline: October 15**

Youth Service America and UnitedHealthcare are inviting schools and other community-based nonprofit organizations to Step into Service by applying for UnitedHealth HEROES grants. **Grants of up to $1,000** are available for **youth-led service-learning projects** which aim to combat childhood obesity through walking, running or hiking programs. YSA will hold webinars to help applicants through the application process and answer all of their questions. The first webinar will be **September 13th** at 3:00pm. Find more information and sign-up for the webinar [here](http://www.naspa.org/kc/sapaa/research_grant.cfm).

**American Honda Foundation Grants**

**Deadline: November 1**

The American Honda Foundation is supporting broad, innovative and forward-thinking projects that meet the needs of youth, especially minority students. The Foundation is awarding grants of **$20,000 to $75,000 for projects that emphasize youth education**, specifically in the areas of STEM, the environment, job training, and literacy. Learn more at [http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf](http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf).

**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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