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

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Updates & Announcements

The Greater Good
November 7, 2013 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Capstone Campus Room
The Office of Student Engagement will collaborate with campus partners including Preston Residential College, Community Service Programs, and Capstone Scholars Program to sponsor the 3rd annual event entitled, “The Greater Good: A Conversation for Careers and Opportunities in the Non-profit Sector.” The three main focus areas of this student event are (a) careers in the non-profit sector, (b) establishing partnership with non-profit organization, and (c) networking among student leaders involved in service.

Scholarship and Recognition Opportunities

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 here.

Faculty/Staff Conferences or Professional Development Events

Third Annual Eastern Region Campus Compact Conference "Moving Us Forward: Aligning Civic and Community Engagement with Mission and Institutional Effectiveness"
October 23-25, 2013, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Registration Deadline: October 16, 2013
The mission of this conference is to bring higher education stakeholders together as we seek to align civic and community engagement with campus mission and institutional effectiveness. Conference goals:
1. Support institutions to stay out in front of emerging trends in higher education, with emphasis on the
Carnegie classification for community engagement
2. Work with leaders to advance structural and cultural strategies for rewarding engaged scholarship in promotion and tenure
3. Explore the challenges associated with assessing campus-wide engagement and articulate strategies for shared success
Visit this link for more conference information and registration.

International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement: 2013 Annual Conference
November 6-8, 2013 in Omaha, NE
For more than a decade, IARSLCE has supported the process of discovery by assembling scholars, practitioners, funders, and students to share and discuss their research related to community engagement and service-learning. This year’s program will highlight the following: program evaluation and assessment, community outcomes and impact, STEM and service-learning, Non-profit partnership resources, international impact, synthesizing and advancing research, and focus upon student growth through engagement. To register for the conference or learn more, click here.

Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement Conference
February 5, 2014, University of North Carolina Wilmington
Registration opens: November 15, 2013
The PACE Conference provides faculty, staff, administrators and community stakeholders with valuable information and skills they can utilize in their civic engagement work. Workshops provide research, resources and best practice models for every aspect of civic engagement work. For more information, click here.

MONUMENTAL, the 25th Annual National Service-Learning Conference
April 9-12, 2014 in Washington D.C.
Monumental, co-hosted by YSA (Youth Service America), provides more than workshops and keynote addresses; it is an extension of the classroom, allowing for the youth and adult attendees to be part of something bigger. Both youth and adults gain the tools, resource, ideas and inspiration to return home to improve their practice, their schools, and their communities. 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 youth development focusing on current and emerging issues, best practices, and the challenges facing us today. For registration and more information, click here.

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) Conference
April 30-May 3, 2014 in Chicago, Illinois
At a time when community-campus partnerships are gaining attention and increasingly recognized as vital to addressing and solving our most pressing health, social, environmental and economic challenges, the conference promises to be our best yet as hundreds of community members, faculty, staff, students, funders and policy makers from around the world convene for 4 days of skill-building, networking and agenda-setting. For registration and more information, click here.

Funding/Publication Opportunities
Bringing Theory to Practice: Engaged Learning, Civic Engagement & Development, and Psychosocial Well-Being of College Students Grants.
**Deadline: accepted quarterly (Dec. 15, March 15, June 15, Sep. 15)**
Seminar Grants up to $1,000 are available for institutions to bring together diverse members of the campus community for meaningful conversations which will result in institutional actions. Program Development Grants up to $10,000 are available for institutions to enhance or extend a program which is consistent with our objectives. Grants up to $75,000, distributed over two years, are available for institutions proposing to demonstrate the outcomes of building institutional capacity for a program of work consistent with our purpose. For more information, click here.

Office Depot Foundation
**Deadline: October 31**
The Office Depot Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, government agencies, libraries, and schools that bring systemic change to the communities they serve. The Foundation provides grants averaging $1,000 in three distinct categories. The focus of the "Giving Children Tools for Success" category is on activities that give young people tools to succeed in school and in life through education and inspiration. The "Building Capacity to Serve Communities" category targets programs that help nonprofit organizations to serve the needs of their communities efficiently. The purpose of the "Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery, and Rebuilding" category is to support efforts that help people and communities prepare for disasters and rebuild and recover when disasters occur. Learn more.

Lawrence Foundation Grants
**Deadline: November 1**
The foundation awards program and operating grants with no geographic restrictions in support of the environment, education, human services, disaster relief, and other causes. To learn more, click here.

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.

The Pollination Project
**Deadline: Ongoing**
Makes grants to individual change-makers with an idea and a plan to make their community and their world a better place. Their goal is to give $1,000 seed grants to individual change makers, 365 days a year. Learn more.

The International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change
**Deadline: Ongoing**
The Journal only accepts articles from undergraduate students. The Journal considers three types of articles: Articles that discuss the development of a service-learning project and the impact of the project on the community served; A case study of a service-learning project; A reflection on service-learning and the development of personal leadership. For more information about this publishing opportunity, please visit Columbia College’s website.
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