U-Serve – Week of 10/30/13

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 6:00 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. If you have questions about the event, feel free to contact Alex James at jamesag@email.sc.edu

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

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.
2014 Gulf-South Summit
March 26-28, 2014, Auburn University
The mission of the Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education is to promote networking among practitioners, research, ethical practices, reciprocal campus-community partnerships, sustainable programs, and a culture of engagement and public awareness through service-learning and other forms of civic engagement. To register, 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.

Fiskars’ Project Orange Thumb Community Garden Grants and Makeovers
Deadline: December 31, 2013
Fiskars’ Project Orange Thumb provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources. For more information, click here.

American Association of University Women: Community Action Grants
Deadline: January 15, 2014
Community Action grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls. $2,000-$10,000 grants provide funding for community-based projects. For more information, click here.

**J.W. McConnell Family Foundation: Community Service Learning Awards**  
**Deadline: January 31, 2014**  
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. 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 by clicking here.

**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 here.

**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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