U-Serve – Week of 11/7/12

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

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Updates & Announcements

2nd Annual Greater Good Conversation
The 2nd Annual Greater Good Conversation was held with great success on Thursday, November 1st in the newly renovated Capstone Campus Room. Over 100 students were in attendance while Heidi Johnson, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sister of Greater Columbia shared her story among several other speakers. Also available were national non-profits to answer questions along with information pertaining to graduate programs and grant opportunities focusing on the non-profit industry.

Carolina Cares
October 22 - November 20
During the month of November, Community Service Programs and Carolina Service Council sponsor Carolina Cares - a university-wide holiday drive. The activities at http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/carolinacares/ are how we encourage the Carolina community to provide our local community with the best holiday season ever.

Clemson University - Collaborations in Service-Learning
Webcast: November 8, 10:30am
In Spring of 2010, Clemson University’s Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM) implemented a collaborative and unique approach to delivering core PRTM content to all sophomore PRTM majors. The PRTM EDGE (Engaging in Diverse Guided Experiences) Semester looks and feels much different from the traditional approaches to teach and learn in a higher education setting. This webcast will specifically discuss how the PRTM EDGE semester infuses service learning and community-based research in undergraduate curriculum. Find more information and register for this free webinar at http://www.clemson.edu/public/servicealliance/faculty_fellows_program/webcast_page.html.

National Hunger and Homelessness Week
November 12-16
National Hunger & Homelessness Week is a week devoted to raising awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness and the steps we can all take to address them. In partnership with No Kid Hungry and Student United Way, Community Service Programs has coordinated a week of
opportunities for students, faculty and staff to donate, listen, compete, learn, and vote to impact these two issues in our area. Hunger and homelessness are on the rise in Columbia and in the state, so don’t miss out on your opportunity to learn more about these issues and what you can do to fight them! To learn how to get involved, visit: http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/hunger-homelessness-week/

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! Find more information at the Community Service Programs website here.

Civic Learning and Engagement Initiative Requests Feedback from the Public
The U.S. Department of Education has released its Road Map for civic learning, “Advancing Civic Learning and Engagement in Democracy.” The Road Map outlines nine steps the U.S. is undertaking to increase civic learning and engagement across our country. The Civic Learning and Engagement Initiative is requesting feedback on how to implement 4 of the 9 steps and define “civic learning and engagement.” The Department encourages educators, practitioners, students, researchers, and any other interested parties to submit thoughtful opinions, ideas, suggestions and comments by November 30.

USC/Local Engaged Scholarship and Recognition Opportunities
Gulf South Summit Conference Awards
Deadline: November 15
The Gulf-South Summit is proud to present five awards recognizing the hard work and dedication of outstanding people and programs in the field of service-learning and civic engagement in higher education. Please take the time to think of those especially dedicated and competent colleagues you have working around you and nominate one or more for a coveted Gulf-South Summit Award! The awards include Outstanding Practitioner Contributions to Service-Learning in Higher Education, Outstanding Community Partner Contributions to Service-Learning in Higher Education, Outstanding Faculty Contributions to Service-Learning Instruction in Higher Education, Outstanding Student Contributions to Service-Learning in Higher Education, and Outstanding Service-Learning Collaboration in Higher Education. Submit a nomination here.

Graduate Preparation Program - TRIO Ronald E. McNair
Deadline: November 28
The TRIO Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, a graduate school preparation program, is currently accepting applications for the upcoming Summer Research Internship. The internship is a paid, 6-week residential program where students work closely with faculty mentors to develop a research project proposal. Students gain experience
presenting their work at an undergraduate research conference, and will receive GRE preparation materials and class instruction. More information can be found at http://www.sc.edu/trio/mcnair.html.

**Sustainable Carolina Internships**

We are looking for **undergraduate and graduate interns** for **Sustainable Carolina** for Spring 2013. Working with Sustainable Carolina is a great way to get involved with all the exciting sustainability campaigns and programs already happening on campus and in the community, as well as an avenue for starting new initiatives! Interns are the heart of our organization and will participate in our Green Leadership Program by working on our project teams, attending public programs and events, and designing and implementing campus-wide projects and events. These are **unpaid internships** for which interns receive three hours of course credit (through either POLI 399A or ENVR 399, or POLI 790A or ENVR 790). Internships typically require 10 hours a week for undergraduates and 15 hours a week for graduate students. To apply, go [here](http://www.sc.edu/trio/mcnair.html).

**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](http://www.ysa.org/awards/hero).

**Faculty/Staff Conferences or Professional Development Events**

**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.

**Gulf South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement**  
**February 27 - March 1, 2013, Louisville, KY**  
**Proposal Deadline: November 19**  
Kentucky Campus Compact and its member institutions shall host the 2013 Gulf South Summit in Louisville, Kentucky, Feb. 27-March 1, 2013. This year’s conference theme: “Re-Engaging Democracy in the 21st Century: Preparing Students to Lead Civic-Minded Lives.” The recent publication, “A Crucible Moment: College Learning and Democracy’s Future,” calls on the nation to reclaim higher education’s civic mission...calling on educators and public leaders to advance a 21st century vision of college learning for students—a vision with civic learning and democratic engagement an expected part of every student’s college education.” Submit a proposal and find more information here.

**North Carolina Civic Engagement Conference**  
**February 13, 2013, Elon, NC**  
**Proposal Deadline: December 10**  
North Carolina Campus Compact is now accepting workshop proposals for the 2013 PACE Conference. This annual conference is for community engagement faculty, staff, researchers and community partners who want to gain skills, knowledge and best practice models for a spectrum of civic engagement pedagogies and activities from service-learning to social entrepreneurship. Find our more information here.

**Funding/Publication Opportunities**

**Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants**  
**Deadline: December 12**  
Grants, up to $5,000, are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, public schools, or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Begin applying on November 12th here.

**Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Community Garden Grants and Makeovers**  
**Deadline: December 15**  
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. Find more information at [http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb/Grant-and-Garden-Makeover-Application](http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb/Grant-and-Garden-Makeover-Application).

**American Association of University Women: Community Action Grants**  
**Deadline: January 15**
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. More details can be found [here](#).

**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

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.

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