U-Serve – Week of 11/21/12

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

Maymester 2013: Ghana, West Africa
Arte 520- Art in the Elementary Schools
Arte 595- Art Education Workshop
This cross-cultural, service-learning experience in Ghana, West Africa (May 12 - May 27, 2013) provides students with an opportunity to create hands-on art experiences for children at a local orphanage in the city of Accra and at a school in Cape Coast. The course also includes an understanding of select methods and practices for learner-centered art activities in the elementary and early childhood settings. The class will meet for three departure sessions to discuss the logistics of the trip and to become familiar with art techniques appropriate for the age/grade levels to be taught.

*Elementary education majors may sign up for Arte 520 for course credit, and art education majors may sign up for Arte 595 for course credit.

*All other majors may sign up for the course as an elective.

Please forward to all students who may be interested! Students must register for the course by December 1st, 2012. Questions about the course should be directed to Dr. Minuette Floyd at floyd@sc.edu.

The USC Tree Lighting Ceremony

November 27
On Tuesday, November 27th, 2012 the university will celebrate the 58th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Historic Horseshoe. Come join the USC community- listen to the carolers and enjoy the beautiful festivities. The ceremony begins at 6pm. All are welcome!

Carolina Cares - Holiday Mail for Heroes
Deadline: November 30
The holiday season is just around the corner and it’s time again to start thinking about being part of the 2012 American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes. For a sixth year, American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are partnering to ensure all Americans have an opportunity to send a touch of home this holiday season to members of our U.S. military, veterans and their families, many of whom will be far away from home this holiday season. The process is very simple and takes no time at all – All you need is a pen and piece of paper to share your appreciation for the
sacrifices members of the U.S. Armed Forces make to protect our freedoms. If you would like to pick up cards to sign, they are available in Russell House suite 227 (Campus Life Center). All cards are due to the Campus Life Center by (Fri.) Nov. 30th. Contact Gina Tierney at tierneyg@email.sc.edu.

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.

USC/Local Engaged Scholarship and Recognition Opportunities
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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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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