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Featured Programs

Summer internships and career opportunities are the flavor of the month, and foremost among those is our own Rochester Urban Fellowship program. Read on for details…

ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWSHIP
The Rochester Urban Fellowship is currently seeking applicants for summer 2010. This selective program emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and encourages an appreciation of cross-cultural issues and urban life. Fellows receive living allowance stipends, and spend four days per week working with community-based organizations in Rochester. In addition to the internship, fellows participate in weekly urban issues seminars led by faculty and community leaders. Fellows live together and participate in community and cultural activities, as well as an end-of-summer summer symposium. Interested students are invited to attend an information session on Thursday, December 10 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Wilson Commons 121. Please contact Patricia Waters, assistant director of the RCCL, for more information.

HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR TO FEATURE RED BUSINESSES
Friday, December 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Hirst Lounge, Wilson Commons
Come take care of holiday shopping without leaving campus! Rochester Every Day (RED) is a student-coordinated initiative of the RCCL that provides incentives for students to explore Rochester through discounts at local businesses. The vendor fair will feature several RED businesses, among others. Also, be on the lookout for the new, pocket-sized, RED guide, available at the Common Connection later this month. Check out the RED blog!

Community Leadership Opportunities

FOOD FOR FAMILIES” FOOD DRIVE
Friday, December 11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Tops Plaza on South Clinton Avenue
Tops is conducting their annual holiday “Food for Families” food drive, which they organize in conjunction with Foodlink. The Tops store at South Clinton (Lac de Ville) will be the hub for the project this year. They will have media coverage, and they are looking for volunteers to help collect
the food donations, to make food donations, and to perform (sing, etc.) at the event. To get involved, send a message to community.service@rochester.edu.

**GIFTS FOR THE GIVING: MAKE SOMEONE’S HOLIDAY A LITTLE BRIGHTER**
The Interfaith Chapel Communities, the Religious Roundtable and Students for Interfaith Action are teaming up with School #17, the Sojourner House, Hillside Children’s Center and others to make this season a little brighter for area children. Unwrapped gifts or monetary contributions can be dropped off at the Interfaith Chapel office located on the mid-level of the Chapel (room 211) between December 7 and December 11 or at Wilson Commons on December 7-9 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**SCHOOL OF NURSING’S FLU PROGRAM**
The University of Rochester’s School of Nursing is working with the Monroe County Health Department to provide flu shots to children in Rochester City public schools. They are looking for one or two volunteers to help entertain the children to take their attention away from receiving their flu shots. The clinics last for two hours and occur at sites throughout the city of Rochester. For more information, especially about time and locations of the clinics, contact Jonathan Wetherbee in the School of Nursing: (585) 275-4816.

**SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE STUDENTS**
The Institute for Responsible Citizenship is thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for African American male college students interested in education. The Youth Scholar Academy is currently accepting applications to lead the YSA, a new initiative for high school students. The program involves training and workshops, exposure to leaders in education and youth development, high-level internships in Washington D.C., rigorous academic training, participation in career developments seminars, and social activities that foster strong bonds. The program runs from June 5 to July 31, 2010, and students must be able to commit two summers. Housing is provided by the institute. Students work at youth-serving organizations during the first summer and manage YSA the second summer. You should be a college sophomore to apply and applications must be received by January 29, 2010. Please direct inquiries to eheyward@i4rc.org or (202) 659-2832.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**
The Institute on Philanthropy and volunteer service is now accepting applications for their summer academic internship program in Washington D.C. This academic internship program focused on the non-profit sector is held in partnership with Georgetown University and provides students with an opportunity to gain valuable professional experience. The Institute combines substantive professional experience for 30 hours a week with a challenging academic experience. This fast-paced, eight-week residential program provides students from around the world with the opportunities to gain an edge in today’s competitive job market and graduate school admissions, and experience the excitement of Washington first-hand. The Institute will be held in June & July, 2010. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until March 5, 2010. For more information or to start an online application, please visit the website.

**GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER INSTITUTE AT NORTHWESTERN U.**
Are you passionate about global change, committed to learning by doing, and ready to engage in hands-on international development? The Northwestern University Center for Global Engagement is opening up to non-Northwestern students a unique summer program in Bolivia, Nicaragua, India, and Uganda called the Global Engagement Summer Institute. The program involves a 7-day preparatory institute in Chicago, followed by an 8-week, team-based non-profit immersion at one of our four sites.
The program concludes with a three day summit in Chicago. This is a great opportunity for students as it pairs rigorous academic training with hands-on, international, community-development experience. Participants work in teams to design and implement an original development project in environmental development, microfinance, youth and education, gender and development, global health, social enterprise, and more. Participants may earn two Northwestern course credits through a weeklong training institute in Chicago (pending transfer credit approval at UR). Visit the website to learn more.

**U.S. PIRG JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS**

U.S. PIRG is currently accepting applications for Campus Organizers and Fellows. The role of a campus organizer is to achieve concrete social change while developing the next generation of leaders. Campus organizers mobilize citizens to solve our country’s current problems while ensuring that legacy continues well into the future. The U.S. PIRG Fellowship Program workers will build expertise on transportation solutions, campaign finance reform, toxic pollution cleanup or another important issue. Day-to-day work might include meeting with a state or national decision maker, researching or writing a report, canvassing door-to-door, conducting a news conference, or directing a citizen outreach campaign. You can apply online. For questions, contact Sarah Bennett at (617) 292-4800.

**Leadership Tip of the Month**

**EFFECTIVE EVENT PLANNING**

As clubs and organizations get underway it's important to be "planful" when putting events together. Below are some suggested things to keep in mind as you plan.

- What are the needs of your target audience?
- What are the goals of your program ... what do you want them to get out of attending?
- Outline what you want to happen during the event.
- Proposed Budget: How much money do we need? Where will the funds come from?
- Coordination with Administration: Do you need to involve your advisor, university personnel, reservations office, catering, and university police?
- Contact & schedule guest speakers, performers, etc.
- Reserve rooms & equipment and arrange for set-up & clean-up volunteers.
- Staffing: Do we need someone to work a ticket booth, entrances, refreshments, support talent?
- Create a publicity & marketing plan for your event.
- Program evaluation and thank you notes after the event.

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