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Featured Programs

BISHOP PRINCE G. SINGH LECTURE
TODAY! Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m., Welles Brown Room.
The M.K. Gandhi institute for non-violence presents a free lecture by Bishop Prince G. Singh. The lecture is titled A New Economy For a New Era: Consumption Vs Community. Bishop Singh will articulate an economic philosophy predicated on the virtues of cooperation and communalism rather than competition, greed and scarcity.

RESHAPING ROCHESTER LECTURE SERIES: “THE NEW AMERICAN DREAM”
Wednesday, February 10, 7-9 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue
The Reshaping Rochester lecture series brings nationally-known speakers to Rochester to spur cutting-edge discussion on urban design issues. Christopher Leinberger will explore opportunities to plan our region’s future offering alternatives to the “business as usual mindset”. Tickets are available in the Common Market $5/students and $15/others. For more information, visit the website of the Rochester Regional Community Design Center.

“WHERE WE LIVE” EXHIBITION EXTENDED
Through Sunday, February 14, George Eastman House, 900 East Avenue
The George Eastman House is extending the popular exhibition, Where We Live. This is a great way to get an artistic perspective on the city you now call home. A series of newly added programs will be offered throughout the final weeks of the exhibition:

Gallery Talk with Archivist Joe R. Struble
Saturday, January 16 at 1 p.m.
Eastman House Archivist Joe R. Struble discusses images in the Museum’s collection of Rochester photographers, both historic and contemporary. Incl. w/admission. Meet in the Potter Peristyle.

Gallery Talk with Photographer Ira Srole
Saturday, January 30 at 1 p.m.
Ira Srole, photographer for the City of Rochester, will discuss his selection of historic and contemporary images of the city shot in the same location over decades. Included w/admission. Meet in the Curtis Theatre.
Where We Live Panel discussion
Thursday, February 4 at 6 p.m.
Democrat and Chronicle photographers will talk about their work for the paper, personal projects, and the challenges of shooting in Rochester. Incl. w/admission; students free w/ID. Dryden Theatre.

Community Forum
Monday, February 8 at 6 p.m.
A panel of local leaders will reflect on the photographs submitted to the "Picturing Rochester" portion of Where We Live. Dryden Theatre. FREE.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY HAROLD FORD, JR.
Thursday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. Interfaith Chapel Sanctuary
Join University alumni, students, staff, and friends for a motivational lecture by Harold Ford, Jr., chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, visiting professor at NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, and news analyst for NBC and MSNBC. Ford will discuss civil rights today, the importance of volunteerism, making a difference from a student's perspective, and how to prepare students for the challenge of leadership. The lecture is free and open to the public. Click here to learn more about Harold Ford, Jr.

Community Leadership Opportunities

UR POTENTIAL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR TUTORING PROGRAM
UR Potential is a program which brings high school students from the Hillside Work Scholarship program to campus for weekly tutoring sessions with UR undergraduates. In addition to tutoring, the program immerses these highly motivated students in a college environment, increasing the likelihood that they will complete high school and apply to college. UR Potential meets Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 during the academic year. Contact Christie Torruella in the Rochester Center for Community Leadership for more information.

STUDENT LOBBY DAY IN ALBANY
Tuesday, February 9
The UR office of Government and Community Relations is organizing an opportunity for students to travel to Albany. Students will meet with state legislators to advocate for higher education policies. The program entails a state budget briefing, meetings, and firsthand experience with state legislators. Transportation and meals will be provided. Space is limited. Interested students can email the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

STUDENT ADVOCACY ON FRIDAYS IN FEBRUARY
Interested in meeting New York state legislators and learning first-hand what they do? The UR Office of Government and Community Relations offers the opportunity to unite students and Rochester-area legislators on Fridays this February, when legislators will be in their local offices. Transportation will be provided. If interested, e-mail the Rochester Center for Community Leadership to sign-up.

INTERESTED IN ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK?
For anyone interested in this year’s Alternative Spring Break programs, the Rochester Center for Community Leadership can provide you with all the information. Stop by Wilson Commons 508 with
any questions, or contact Christie Torruella directly.

**AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORS NEEDED**
Mondays from 3-5pm and Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m., MCC’s Damon City Campus
The Liberty Partnership Program is looking for volunteers to assist with after-school tutoring. The Liberty Partnership Program is a pre-collegiate program that provides support services to students in grades 7th through 12th who are at risk of dropping out of school. Please contact Sam Nichols or Patricia Waters for more information.

**TAKING THE PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS**
Sunday, February 14 at 12:00 p.m., Port of Rochester, Lake Ontario
Over one thousand people will be making a splash at Charlotte Beach to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics New York in the 10th Anniversary Rochester Polar Plunge. What is a Polar Plunge? A wild, crazy and FUN event to raise awareness and funds for the athletes of Special Olympics New York! Each year, Special Olympics Polar Plunges are held throughout the country to attract thousands of chilled souls to engage in a commendable and thrilling fundraising event. Participants are asked to raise a minimum of $60 to take the plunge and receive a commemorative sweatshirt. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the Plunge will take place at noon. It’s not too late to get involved! Simply visit the Special Olympics web site and click on the link for Rochester Polar Plunge, Lake Ontario, Charlotte Beach, Rochester. From there you will be able to form a team, invite your contacts to join your team, create your own Personal Plunge Page and send it out to your contacts.

**FREEMAN INDONESIA NONPROFIT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**
Summer 2010 Application Deadline: February 15
The Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program (FINIP), funded by the Freeman Foundation and administered by the Institute of International Education, aims to develop student leaders and strengthen the nonprofit sector in Indonesia. IIE will select and pair 10 Indonesian students pursuing U.S. degrees with 10 U.S. undergraduates and arrange internships for them to work together in an Indonesian nonprofit organization. The 9-week experience, from June 15 to August 17, 2010, will take place in three cities: Jakarta, Bandung and Yogyakarta. All program-related costs will be covered. Interested American sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply. Visit the IIE website for more information, eligibility requirements, and the online application.

**HELP PLAN CLASS OF 2014 ORIENTATION**
Application deadline: February 18, 5:00 p.m.
New Student Orientation is now accepting applications for the full time summer orientation leader position. If you want to make a difference, help shape the future of the University by helping to plan the orientation for incoming students in fall 2010! Information sessions will take place in the Stackel Room of Wilson Commons on February 3, 12-1 p.m. and February 10, 7-8 p.m. Applications are available online. E-mail Eleanor Oi with questions.

**HIV/AIDS PEER ADVOCACY GROUP**
Interested in getting involved with a grassroots group focusing on educational outreach, programming and fundraising? A new committee is forming to coordinate campus activities in concert with a national campaign. Contact Ed Feldman, assistant director for leadership programs in the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

**ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWSHIP**
Application deadline: March 1
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. Please contact Patricia Waters, assistant director of the RCCL, for more information.

2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS
The Census Bureau is asking students to get involved now with the 2010 Census so they can start planning awareness activities for the spring semester. Census data collected in 2010 affects you directly for the next 10 years! Billions of dollars in federal funding, important research, community services, and congressional representation are at stake. Gain valuable experience to add to your resume, and get to know the community. For more information about volunteering, check out the Census on Campus website and contact the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

Leadership Tip of the Month

WORKING WITH GUESTS AND PRESENTERS...
Here are some helpful tips on working with guests and presenters:
- If an activity organizer wishes to extend invitation to guests, make sure that invitations are sent out early—at least three weeks in advance—so that guests are given ample notice.
- Triple-check details such as date, time and location, in order to ensure that your guest has the correct information.
- Be sure to provide your guest with the necessary background and related information on your function, as well as contact information (cell phone) for at least two members of your group.
- Ample time should be provided when seeking assistance/advice, so be sure you plan ahead!
- Always address guests with the proper name, title, position and gender.
- Express your gratitude by sending thank-you notes to guests/Helpers after the event.

About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership

The Rochester Center for Community Leadership is part of the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Rochester. Its mission is to educate students to become engaged citizens and leaders capable of effecting positive social change in their communities.

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