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Featured Programs

MLK Jr. DAY OF SERVICE
Monday, January 18, 9:00 a.m.
Join other students in service to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy of servant-leadership. Students will gather at 9:00 a.m. in Wilson Commons Hirst Lounge for a breakfast kickoff, and then will be bussed to six sites in the community, where they will work on projects, accompanied by youth from the community. Lunch will be provided, along with reflection on issues crucial to the community. Organized by the Students for Interfaith Action and Black Students Union, with sponsorship from the office of the President, the College Diversity Roundtable, the office of the Dean of Students, and the Rochester Center for Community Leadership. Click here for more information, or to sign up.

SKATE TO COMMEMORATE
Monday, January 18
Youth Voice, One Vision, City recreation staff, and AmeriCorps members have joined forces to coordinate “Skate to Commemorate.” During this event, everyone is encouraged to come out to the Genesee Valley and Manhattan Square Ice Rink for free admission with donations of any two items for homeless in Rochester. Donations may include hygiene products, gently used or new books, and canned goods. The event is being organized to help commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. peace and service to others alive. All donations will be given to the Center for Youth Services, Genesis house, Hillside, House of Mercy, Open Door Mission. “Skate to Commemorate” will be held at the following locations and times: At the Genesee Valley open skate at 12:00pm, and again at 3:15, as well as Skate & Shoot at 1:30pm. The Manhattan Square Ice Rink times are as followed 12:00pm, 1:50pm, and finally at 3:40. All of these times are open skating times, anytime not listed will result in regular admission. Skate rental at both sites will be $2.00 with a donation.

19TH WARD CELEBRATES ANNUAL “LUMINARY EVENING”
Monday, January 18, sunset to 9:00 p.m.
Residents of southwest Rochester’s 19th Ward will again line the sidewalks in front of their homes with luminary candles. Residents of the neighborhood and visitors from all around Rochester are invited to stroll the streets, enjoy the warm glow, and meet neighbors. There will be a number of locations throughout the neighborhood that will be setting up stands providing free hot chocolate,
treats, and fire pits. A map to these ‘hot’ spots is available on the website www.luminaryevening.com. Proud sponsors of this year’s events include the UR Dept. of Residential Life.

**ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWSHIP**
Thursday, January 21, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Meliora 366
The Rochester Center for Community Leadership invites you to attend an Urban Fellowship interest meeting on Thursday, January 21. Enjoy light refreshments and an opportunity to speak with previous Urban Fellows about this unique summer internship. 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.

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**Community Leadership Opportunities**

**TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES: UR POTENTIAL AND YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY**
The following two community-service programs are looking for volunteer tutors. For more information, please contact Christie Torruella, Program Manager in the Rochester Center for Community Leadership. Applications can be picked up in 508 Wilson Commons and are due by January 22 at 5 p.m.

UR Potential is a program which brings high school students from the Hillside Work Scholarship Connection 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 is every Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30 during the academic school year and the sessions are held on campus.

YEA! (the Young Entrepreneurs Academy) is offering an after-school, group tutoring program for high school students through the Hillside Work Scholarship Connection. It is located at the Boys & Girls Club, 500 Genesee Street. The program will be held every Wednesday from 3-4 p.m., and transportation will be provided. UR students must be available for pick-up at 2:40 p.m. Return transportation will be provided at 4:00 p.m.

**TUTORS NEEDED**
School 12, located across from Highland Hospital on South Avenue, is looking for math and reading tutors to work one-on-one or with small groups of children. Spanish speakers and 1st grade literacy are of high priority. However, scheduling, grade level, and content placement are flexible. Please contact Patricia Waters, Assistant Director of the Rochester Center for Community Leadership, if you are interested and would like more information about this opportunity.

**TWO-CREDIT LEADERSHIP COURSE**
Fridays, January 29-April 2, 2:00-4:40 p.m.
Though leadership has been recognized throughout history, the study of this phenomenon has grown immensely in recent decades, exploring fundamental questions such as, “What is leadership?” and
“Can it be taught?” This course will provide you with an opportunity to learn about leadership history, theory and practice by engaging with other leaders, and by analyzing your own experiences. Through readings, lectures, video, and guest speakers, the course will introduce various concepts and models, with particular emphasis on the social change model of leadership. Students should emerge from the class with a well-informed definition of this complex and multi-faceted concept.

**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**
The Kagando Rural Development Center in Uganda is seeking qualified U.S. students to assist in improving network administration, developing software, repairing and upgrading hardware, troubleshooting software, and improving communication systems. The intern is responsible for the cost of transportation to Uganda—approximately $1,400 (partial funding through Volunteers for Prosperity for US citizens may be available). Room and board is provided. For more information, please contact Dr. M. J. Ebenhack at AHEAD Energy, Gavett Hall room 206.

**WALK FOR WELLNESS**
Sunday, February 7, Greeceridge Mall
Gilda’s Club Cancer Action is looking for people to raise money to fund children’s programs at Gilda’s Club. There is a way to form teams online and simply send a few emails to raise funds--no need to make phone calls or go door-to-door if you don’t want to. Students are encouraged to participate even if you can’t attend the day of the walk. There are prizes for individuals as well as for the top fundraising teams. For more information, visit the website, or contact UR alumna Kayleigh Nutting at Gilda’s Club.

**SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**
Application deadline: February 15.
The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award provides a $10,000 stipend for a graduating college senior to pursue one year of public service anywhere in the world. The award allows recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for one year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career. Click here for more information.

**“DO SOMETHING” OFFERS GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS**
Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to turn your ideas into action? “Do Something” gives out a $500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU! There is no deadline to apply. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. You will be notified on whether or not you have won 2-3 months after applying. Applicants must be no older than 25 and a U.S. or Canadian citizen. Visit this website for more information.

**ST. GALLEN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM IN SWITZERLAND**
Application deadline: February 1.
The St. Gallen Symposium is the world’s leading platform for dialogue on key issues in management, the entrepreneurial environment and the interfaces between business, politics and civil society. Every year in May for 40 years, it has brought together a global target group of entrepreneurs, top managers, politicians, academics, decision-makers from civil society and students at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland, providing an inspirational setting for open, interdisciplinary discussions across boundaries of cultures and generations. As an entrepreneurial initiative of the International Students’ Committee (ISC) St. Gallen, the aim of the Symposium is to stimulate thought and action for the sustained success of companies and societies in a globalised world. There is an award available through a competitive application process to attend the symposium.
**19TH WARD KNITTERS**
Mondays, 7 p.m., Boulder Coffee
Want to learn to knit? Wants to knit and make new friends? Join us Monday nights at Boulder Coffee on the corner of Genesee and Brooks Mondays at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the 19th Ward Community Association at 585-328-6571.

**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.

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**Leadership Tip of the Month**

**PRIORITIZING YOUR TIME**
Good leaders seem to always be able to get things done. Ever wonder how they do that? The skill they have most likely mastered is the skill of prioritizing. Here is a suggestion to help you improve in this area. Write out your “to do” list and then re-write it in the following order suggested by author Steven Covey. Then tackle the list!

- Important and urgent
- Important but not urgent
- Urgent, but not important
- Not urgent and not important

[http://www.rochester.edu/college/rccl/leadership/LeadershipTips.pdf](http://www.rochester.edu/college/rccl/leadership/LeadershipTips.pdf)

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**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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