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Featured Programs

STUDENT LIFE AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN
Deadline: Monday, January 30.
Nominations are now being accepted for this year’s University Student Life Awards. Undergraduates at the College and Eastman School are eligible for the awards, which recognize students who, through service to others, investment of talent and time, and pursuit of excellence, have significantly and positively impacted the University or the surrounding community. The awards are divided into two categories: Individual Leadership Awards and Student Organization and Programming Awards. Award descriptions and nomination forms are available online. Contact Katie Smith in the Rochester Center for Community Leadership at 273-3691 with any questions.

INTEREST MEETING: ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWS PROGRAM
Tuesday, January 24, 6:00 p.m., Wilson Commons 121
Students interested in the Rochester Urban Fellows program for summer 2012 are invited to attend an information session featuring past Urban Fellows. The program emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and encourages a celebration and appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life. Applications are due Monday, Feb. 27. Contact Jenna Dell or visit the RCCL website for more information.

MLK LECTURE: MICHAEL ERIC DYSON
Friday, January 27, 6:00 p.m., Strong Auditorium, UR River Campus
The 2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Address will feature Michael Eric Dyson, a prominent public intellectual who hosts a show on National Public Radio and who appears regularly as a political analyst on MSNBC. Dyson has written extensively on figures in the civil rights movement, including Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X. His scholarship has also explored hip hop culture. The event is sponsored by the College Diversity Roundtable and the Office of the President. For more information, visit www.rochester.edu/diversity/celebrations/blackhistory.

TAKE A YEAR ON WITH ROCHESTER YOUTH YEAR
Application deadline: Monday, March 12.
Seniors: do you want to increase your community involvement before embarking on graduate studies? Are you unsure about what you hope to do after graduation and want to do something meaningful next year? Are interested in civic engagement, youth empowerment, and non-profit work? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, the Rochester Youth Year AmeriCorps VISTA program can provide a life-changing opportunity. Coordinated by the Rochester Center for Community Leadership, Rochester Youth Year affords graduating seniors the opportunity to remain in Rochester and dedicate themselves to serving the community by expanding opportunities for youth and their families. Visit Rochester Youth Year to find out more and complete an application. Contact Kaitlin Rohena with any questions.

Community Leadership Opportunities

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: YOUTH AS RESOURCES
Youth As Resources (YAR), a program of the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau, seeks to empower and engage youth as partners with adults in creating positive community change and development. Youth and adult members govern the YAR board and provide grants of up to $1000 to local youth in order to develop and carry out community service and service-learning projects that address a clear community need. The YAR intern will work alongside the Rochester Youth Year AmeriCorps*VISTA member, under the supervision of YAR’s Program Coordinator. If accepted into the internship, an Internship Assignment Description will be provided. For more information, contact Leanne Richardson, Rochester Youth Year Fellow, at (585) 753-6456

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: NEW YORK STATE SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES
February 11, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
As part of the New York State Special Olympic Games, medical professionals will be conducting dental, foot, and fitness screenings on the athletes during their downtime between events. Volunteers are needed to keep things coordinated and organized. For information and to sign up, please contact Jennifer Moffit, Rochester Youth Year Fellow with the Refugee Healthcare Program at Rochester General Medical Group: (585) 922-6404.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: CP ROCHESTER RECREATION PROGRAMS
CP Rochester Recreation Programs focus on offering safe and fun recreation opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Volunteers may work with youth in the preschool and early intervention programs, or with adults in the winter bowling league, recreational horseback riding, and group swim. If interested, contact Tina Bennett, volunteer coordinator, at (585) 334-6000 ext. 1321. Please provide your name, address, contact information, and availability.

LECTURE: “DEADLY MONOPOLIES”
Thursday, January 26th, 5 p.m. at Shults Center Forum, Nazareth College
Harriet A. Washington has been a fellow in ethics at the Harvard Medical School, a fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health, and a senior research scholar at the National Center for Bioethics at Tuskegee
University. This lecture will examine the questionable legal, ethical and social aspects of how the pharmaceutical industry and other powerful interests have received patents using human tissues excised during surgery. This lecture and forum is part of the 4th Annual Health and Human Services Summit at Nazareth College.

**LECTURE: “TRANSFORMATION: DON'T BE AFRAID OF IT”**
Tuesday, January 31st, 7:00 p.m., Gleason Works, 1000 University Avenue
Sponsored by the Rochester Regional Community Design Center, the annual Reshaping Rochester series focuses on the efforts, strategies and successes that characterize places where opportunity has been realized through successful urban design. Peter Park will speak to the genesis of the transformative process in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the 1990s, where he was a key player in planning and implementing the creation of the River Walk, a downtown revitalization project. He will discuss the specifics of his projects and the nature of their catalytic effect, addressing the challenges faced including community buy-in, bureaucratic hurdles and the changing of a city’s culture required to transform the physical environment for everyone’s benefit. Tickets for lectures are $10 or free for students with valid ID.

**SUMMER INSTITUTE ON PHILANTHROPY AND VOLUNTARY SERVICE**
Priority application deadline: February 7.
Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the Summer 2012 Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service. Sponsored by The Fund for American Studies and held at Georgetown University, the Institute is a summer academic internship program in Washington, D.C. for undergraduate students interested in volunteerism and careers in the nonprofit sector. The Institute combines substantive professional experience for 30 hours a week with a challenging academic experience. It will be held June 10 – August 4. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until March 7, 2012. Students who complete their application by the priority deadline of February 7 will receive priority internship placement and scholarship consideration. For more information, visit the website at [www.DCinternships.org/IPVS](http://www.DCinternships.org/IPVS), email admissions@tfas.org or call (202) 986-0384.

**BREAKTHROUGH GENERATION FELLOWSHIP**
Application Deadline: February 15th
Breakthrough Generation is a 10-week, summertime, full-time, paid fellowship in Oakland, CA, for graduating seniors and graduate students interested in energy, conservation, and political economy. Breakthrough Generation is the young leaders initiative of the Breakthrough Institute, a paradigm-shifting think tank committed to rejuvenating progressive thought for the 21st century. Selection is highly competitive and past fellows' research has gone on to be covered by *Time*, the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, and other major publications. For further information contact Alex Trembath or Linus Blomqvist.

**GLOBAL HEALTH CORPS FELLOWS PROGRAM**
Application deadline: February 17
If you're a graduating senior interested in global health, consider applying to the Global Health Corps Fellows Program. Global Health Corps Fellows must be under age 30 at the time of application, have an undergraduate university degree by July, 2012, and must be proficient in English. No specific background or technical experience is necessary, as each individual fellowship placement will require different specific skills. For more information and to apply visit [http://ghcorps.org/](http://ghcorps.org/).

**JENZABAR STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS**
Deadline: February 20
The Jenzabar Foundation has opened the nomination process for its fifth annual Student Leadership Awards, which recognize student groups that have made a difference in the world through service and philanthropic activities at the local, national, and international levels. The awards will honor ten student-led campus groups or activities that have made a significant impact beyond their own institution. Nominations are open for students enrolled in any accredited institution of higher education. Each award includes a $5,000 grant to support the student or group’s future humanitarian endeavors. For more information, visit the website: http://www.thejenzabarfoundation.org/ICS/Join_Us/, or contact Glenn Cerosaletti in the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

**DISNEY FRIENDS FOR CHANGE GRANTS**
Application Deadline: February 29
Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers an opportunity to receive a $1,000 grant to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Whether you are passionate about protecting the planet, providing meals to those who need it or giving kids just like you the resources they need to star in their own play, be an athlete or an artist, you can be a Friend for Change! Whatever your interests, a Disney Friends for Change Grant can help you make a difference for people, communities and the planet. Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for a $1,000 grant. For more information and to apply visit www.YSA.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants.

**WALK FOR WELLNESS: HELPING KIDS WITH CANCER**
Sunday, March 4, Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., walk commences at 9:30 a.m.
Walk for Wellness is a non-competitive, 2-mile walk. No need to grab your hat and scarf: this benefit walk is indoors, at The Marketplace Mall. Walk for Wellness will feature health, fitness and wellness demonstrations booths, live entertainment, breakfast for all participants, crafts, bone marrow drive registration from Marrow Drive Rochester, prizes and more! With an online donation process, asking your friends, family and coworkers to sponsor you couldn’t be easier! You may also collect cash and checks and mail them to Gilda’s Club, or bring them with you to the Walk. Registration is $20, per person and there are great prizes for fundraising, both individually & as a team. Register today at http://gildasclubrochester.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1003311.

**SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: CAMP SENeca LAKE**
Camp Seneca Lake, a Jewish overnight summer camp, is seeking creative, energetic, down-to-earth staff with a passion for the outdoors to help establish their adventure program, Tiyulim. The camp is hiring four adventure trip leaders (Tiyulim staff), including one assistant director, to lead a variety of trips ranging from one to seven days in both front country and backcountry settings. Tiyulim staff will most often work in teams of two taking small groups (up to 15 people) on overnights, and leading activities such as backpacking, outdoor living skills, and rock climbing. Benefits include a competitive salary, paid Wilderness First Aid/CPR with the option for lifeguard certification, and room and board while training and working. Applicants must have completed at least one year of college and have at least one season of experience working in a leadership role with youth in the outdoors. Applicants must be willing to commit from June 19 to August 22. While it is a Jewish summer camp, you need not be Jewish to apply. For more information, and to apply, contact Glenn Cerosaletti in the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CHARRETTEs: **CORN HILL / SOUTHWEST AREA RIVERFRONT
The Rochester Regional Community Design Center is working with two key neighborhoods located near the UR in the City’s southwest quadrant. The resulting Vision Plans, a record of ideas and concepts for future development based on citizen design collaboration and community charrettes, will serve as a foundation for strategic planning, funding and investment opportunities for these communities. The Corn Hill Neighborhood, whose charrette was in September, embarks on their Vision Planning process in January.
The Southwest Area Riverfront Charrette Steering Committee, in conjunction with the PLEX Neighborhood Association is planning a charrette for early summer. To learn more, or to get involved with this collaborative planning process, contact Glenn Cerosaletti in the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

Leadership Tip of the Month

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
Conflict is inherent when we work in teams. We all possess unique personalities, talents and skills. Thus we sometimes butt heads. Typically the root of conflict is miscommunication or a lack of communication. Our personal and leadership values also impact what we say and do in a team. Unresolved conflict can result in the need for mediation. The mediator can be the group leader, member, advisor, staff person etc. But, how do you know you need a mediator?

- When two people continually rehash the same issue.
- When the emotional level in the group or team is highly charged.
- When two people barely get along and their dislike of one another interferes with their work.
- When unresolved conflicts are affecting the progress of the group or team.

About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership

Better Yourself ~ Better Your Community!

The Rochester Center for Community Leadership is a unit in the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Rochester. The Center educates students to become engaged citizens and leaders capable of effecting positive social change in their communities. We envision a world in which all people collaborate to transform their communities.

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