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Featured Programs

URBAN FELLOWS PROGRAM APPLICATION OPEN
Information Session: February 18, 5:00 p.m.; 321 Morey Hall
Application deadline: March 7; 107 Lattimore Hall
The Rochester Urban Fellows program is currently seeking applicants for summer 2014. The Urban Fellows Program emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and encourages a celebration and appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life. During this unique 10-week program, fellows receive stipends of $2,000 for their work with community-based organizations in the Rochester community. In addition to their internship, fellows participate in urban issues seminars, community activities, and an end-of-summer symposium. Please contact Emma Rainwater in the RCCL for more information.
TAKE A YEAR ON WITH ROCHESTER YOUTH YEAR
Applications due: March 7.
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.

Community Leadership Opportunities

FILM SCREENING: JULY ’64 DOCUMENTARY
Saturday, January 25, 7-9 p.m., Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum and Science Center, 663 East Avenue (Orange Line Shuttle).
Violence erupted at a street dance on a hot, July night when a routine arrest took an turn for the worse—and ended when the National Guard was called to a northern city for the first time during the civil rights era. July ’64 gives voice to the people who lived it, and tells the story of three days of conflict and unrest that altered the course of history in Rochester. This free screening of the 2004 documentary is presented as part of Rochester’s Facing Race=Embracing Equity (FR=EE) initiative, and will feature a discussion with the filmmaker, Carvin Eison.

STATE OF RACE IN ROCHESTER 50 YEARS AFTER THE ’64 RIOTS
Thursday, January 30, 6-8 p.m., East High School. Doors open at 4 p.m.
This panel discussion, hosted by Tariq Spence of 103.9 WDKX and WXXI’s Helene Biandudi, will be moderated by author and nationally-known radio and television personality Tavis Smiley. Panelists will include some of Rochester’s most prominent community leaders: Mayor Lovely Warren, Dr. Leonard Brock, Heidi Zimmermeyer, Constance Mitchell, Reverend Franklin Florence and many more! Admission to this event is free, but you must register at http://www.rit.edu/diversity/registration-expressions-king.

OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE SUMMER PROGRAM
Deadline: January 31.
The Office of Presidential Correspondence facilitates an open dialogue between the President and the American people. The office’s mission is to listen to and understand the stories and concerns of the American people, and to connect the President with experiences and ideas from across our country. The summer 2014 Associate Program will take place from May 27 to August 8. Associates serve a minimum of 30 hours per week in the Office of Presidential Correspondence. Applicants should be: U.S. citizens; at least 18 years of age; currently enrolled or within 2 years of a degree seeking program; committed to public service. Send your resume and statement of interest to OPCAffiliate@who.eop.gov.

JOIN THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECT THIS SUMMER
Deadline: February 1.
The Civic Education Project (CEP), a leadership and civic engagement program at Northwestern University, is NOW HIRING exceptional staff for our 2014 Spring & Summer service-learning programs. Join CEP for a weekend, week or month in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Baltimore or Washington DC this summer! Apply now to work with outstanding middle and high school students from across the country. Instructional, residential and administrative positions are available! Staff receives a stipend, room and board, and training in service-learning and experiential education. Travel reimbursement is available for many programs. Complete details can be found here: http://www.civiceducationproject.com/jobs

PRESIDENTIAL SYMPOSIUM ON EDUCATION IN ROCHESTER
Tuesday, February 4, 8:30 a.m.-noon.
This event, hosted by UR President Joel Seligman and the Warner Graduate School of Education, will bring together students, scholars, and community leaders for a day of focused discussion about promising approaches to achieve successful educational outcomes in the Rochester, which has one of the highest child poverty rates in the United States, and one of the lowest high school graduation rates in New York State. Keynote speakers will include Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren and City School Superintendent Bolgen Vargas. For more information and to register for the symposium, visit https://www.warner.rochester.edu/newsevents/story/1269/.

InspireDANCE FESTIVAL
February 13-18.
The fourth annual InspireDANCE Festival, organized through the Program of Dance and Movement at the University of Rochester, will offer more than 20
workshops and performances on the University’s River Campus to be taught by critically acclaimed New York City choreographer and dancer Heidi Latsky, formerly a dancer with Bill T. Jones and founder of the modern dance company Heidi Latsky Dance. Latsky will bring the intensity, passion, and emotion she is known for to Rochester’s Strong Auditorium with a performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14. The performance will feature both able and disabled professional dancers from Heidi Latsky Dance, modern dance legend and Brockport faculty member Bill Evans, and students from Rochester and NTID who will perform a Movement Symphony that blends choreography with American Sign Language. Festival Class Passes, which allow participants to attend any of the classes, workshops, and performances, are $18 through Thursday, Feb. 13, on sale at the Common Market in Wilson Commons. Separate tickets for the Heidi Latsky Dance performance are $5 for students and $15 for the general public. For ticket and registration inquiries or more information, call 585.273.5150, email m.p.smith@rochester.edu or visit www.rochester.edu/college/dance/events.

Generous U CONTEST
Deadline: Monday, March 3.
One of the Sillerman Center's goals is to encourage social justice philanthropy. Generous U is a contest that helps promote that goal. Generous U awards a $10,000 Prize (and runner up prizes) to college students who propose ways of increasing philanthropy on their campus. The Generous U contest spotlights student giving and its positive impact. Undergraduate and graduate students may submit applications (a short essay and a YouTube video) demonstrating how their project will increase philanthropy and/or philanthropic values on campus. Contest rules and submission guidelines are available at: http://sillermancenter.brandeis.edu/prize. For further information, email GenerousU@brandeis.edu.

LEND FOR AMERICA FELLOWSHIP
Deadline: March 30.
The Lend for America fellowship is designed as an incubator program for campus microfinance institutions, or “campus MFIs.” Students gain technical skills and experience with microlending, financial capability coaching, and innovative under-banked financial services products in order to start their own MFIs at their respective college campuses. As part of the program fellows receive:

- A 3-5 day classroom introduction to microfinance in North Carolina (travel is paid)
- A full-time summer internship with an existing microfinance group in North
Carolina, Rhode Island, or New Jersey accompanied by a stipend of $2,500.

- Year-round support from Lend for America as the students start their own campus MFIs in the fall.

We are looking for students who possess vision and enthusiasm for helping low-income communities in the U.S. We are looking to invest in the next generation of social leaders--and we need your help identifying these kinds of students. For more information, visit, www.lendforamerica.org/fellowship.

Leadership Tip of the Month

COURTESY COMES FIRST!
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 so that guests are given ample notice. Invitations should be sent out at least 3 weeks in advance.
- Be sure to provide your guest with the necessary background and related information on your function.
- 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

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 creating positive social change in their communities. We envision a world in which people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives collaborate to transform their communities.