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Featured Programs

TAKE A STUDY BREAK WITH RCCL!
Wednesday, March 27, 4-5 p.m., Wilson Commons 5th Floor
The Rochester Center for Community Leadership will host a study break to celebrate community service week. Enjoy refreshments and meet students and staff involved in community service and leadership programs.

BOOK DISCUSSION, FILM & LECTURE: “IF ALL OF ROCHESTER READ THE SAME BOOK”
Each year, Rochester’s literary center, Writers & Books, orchestrates a project entitled, “If All of Rochester Read the Same Book.” This presents a great opportunity for UR students, faculty and staff to be “on the same page” with other members of the Rochester community. This year’s book is Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea. The author will give a reading and book signing from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28, in Interfaith Chapel on River Campus. Several book discussion groups are also planned at the University, sponsored by Rush Rhees Reads. See http://www.library.rochester.edu/node/33815. The discussion on Wednesday, March 27, at 5:00 p.m., will be followed by a screening of the film The Magnificent Seven, which plays a central role in the novel. Two students who participate in Wednesday’s book discussion will be selected to attend a private reception with the author and UR President Joel Seligman prior to Thursday night’s reading, courtesy of the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

CAMPUS-COMMUNITY BRIDGE WEBSITE
Looking for opportunities to serve the Rochester community, either for you or your organization? Look no further! The RCCL maintains a website listing opportunities to volunteer in the community. The Campus-
Community Bridge provides a description, requirements, contact information, and even Google-powered map and route information. New entries posted in recent days include opportunities with the American Heart Association, Camp Smile, and tutoring through Liberty Partnerships. Visit the website at http://www.rochester.edu/college/rccl/opportunities/.

SEEKING MENTORS FOR RISING LEADER PROGRAM

The Rochester for Community Leadership is launching a Rising Leader Program to guide incoming, first-year students to become responsible leaders and citizens through engaging reflections, skill building workshop, practical experiences, and mentor relationships. We are looking for upperclassmen to serve as peer mentors as part of this new program, to influence students in a positive way. As student leaders on campus, you can utilize your skills, share insights, and experiences to help shape students’ freshman year while also supporting their development into committed participants of the campus and surrounding communities. To learn more, visit http://www.rochester.edu/college/rccl/ for our spotlight application!

ANNUAL DIVERSITY CONFERENCE – OUR DIFFERENCES, OUR STRENGTH

Friday, April 12, 2013.
Representatives from across the University will gather to discuss diversity and inclusion at the 2013 Conference. The Keynote Speaker is Lani Guinier, Civil Rights Attorney and first-tenured African-American woman professor at Harvard University. Visit the conference website to learn more about the keynote and the 15 workshops planned for the day. The conference is free and open to the public.

ROCHESTER FRINGE FESTIVAL OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

Due date: April 12.
Last September, the Rochester Fringe Festival took the City’s cultural scene by storm, attracting over 32,000 attendees over five days of shows, from world-class dancers suspended from the side of the First Niagara building to UR student performances, including TOOP, UR After Hours and the Yellowjackets. The Festival returns this September, and will extend to 10 days, from September 19-28. Submissions for the shows are now open through April 12 on the Festival website, http://rochesterfringe.com/. Don’t miss your chance to be a part of the Fringe Festival!

GENESEE-FINGER LAKES ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

Tuesday, April 30, 2013, Downtown Radisson Hotel.
The Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency is organizing a community-wide summit to educate, inspire, and mobilize the region to make walking, biking, and transit easier, safer, and more available to all. It will include a focus on the role of colleges and universities in promoting active and alternative transportation, and organizers are looking for students to attend the summit and contribute their voices and vision. A limited number of scholarship will be available to waive the registration fee. For more information, visit http://www.rochestercyclingalliance.org/?p=1694.

Community Leadership Opportunities

JENZABAR FOUNDATION 2013 STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Due date: April 8th at 11:55 p.m.
The Jenzabar Foundation will recognize ten student-led campus groups and projects that have made a significant contribution to better the world outside of their institutions of higher education and each honoree will receive a $5,000 grant to continue their work. **Apply today!**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: MARSH MONITORING**
From April 15 – May 15; May 15-June 15; June 15-July 15.
This is an ongoing program of Bird studies Canada established in 1995. It involves annual data collection for purposes of looking at trends in Marsh health as reflected by Amphibian and Bird density and diversity. For more information E-mail Charlie Knauf at cknauf@monroecounty.gov

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: BUILD A PLAYGROUND!**
Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
The Dazzle School of Visual & Performing Arts, located on Webster Avenue in Rochester, is seeking volunteers to help build a community playground. Wegmans will provide lunch for all volunteers. It promises to be a fun day. To RSVP, contact Anne Harvey at (585) 288-0050 or mail@dazzleschool.org.

**RIT CONNECTOLOGY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**
Saturday, April 20, 2013
Sharpen your career and leadership skills and explore ways to make a difference through service, and volunteerism. Featuring a keynote address by Sam Davidson, social entrepreneur and founder of Cool People Care. Registration fee is $20 for non-RIT students. Visit https://campuslife.rit.edu/leadership/connectology/schedule.php for more information.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: CITY OF ROCHESTER “CLEAN SWEEP”**
Each spring Rochester residents come together to show their pride in their city by working alongside City crews to clean and beautify just about every street in the city. In addition to removing litter and debris, volunteers do such things as planting flowers, pruning trees and performing other neighborhood beautification projects. The dates for this spring are:
- April 27—Northwest (Edgerton)
- May 4—Southeast (Cobbs Hill)
- May 11—Southwest (Genesee Valley Park)
- May 18—Northeast (500 Norton St.)
For more information and to sign up, visit http://www.cityofrochester.gov/cleansweep/

**PHILANTHROPY EVENT: NAMIWalks**
Saturday, May 4, The Village Gate.
As part of the largest mental health awareness event in the country, NAMI Rochester is proud to join 80 plus other NAMI Affiliates across the country for the first time this year in Upstate New York. For more information contact Lindsay Chambers, Walk Manager namirochesterwalk@gmail.com or (p) 585-330-1968. www.namiwalks.org/rochester

**VOICE YOUR VISION FOR ROCHESTER’S CENTER CITY**
The City of Rochester is updating its Master Plan for Center City. Take 10 minutes to complete the survey online at [http://www.cityofrochester.gov/centercitysurvey/](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/centercitysurvey/) This is an easy way to express your opinion regarding aspects of downtown development. Let the City hear your views and vision for what downtown Rochester should look like!

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**About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership**

*Better Yourself ~ Better Your Community!*

The [Rochester Center for Community Leadership](http://www.rochestercenterleadership.org) 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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