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Featured Programs

GETTING ON THE RIGHT TRACK
Monday, May 10, 7 – 9 p.m., Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue
John Robert Smith is the former Mayor of Meridian, Mississippi, and a long-time activist on behalf of passenger rail. He is co-chairman of the National Forum on the Future of Passenger Rail, is a member of Amtrak's board, and a member of the transportation committees of the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He is a veteran of the station-centered community development movement, and led the drive to renovate the City of Meridian’s Union Station, a $7 million historic restoration project that created a new multimodal transportation center, dramatically increased use of the station, raised property values and city tax receipts, and lowered crime in the station's neighborhood. He served on Reconnecting America's board for five years, and was a founding partner and board member of Reconnecting America’s predecessor organization, the Great American Station Foundation, voting to expand its mission and change its name in 2004. Tickets are $15/advance; $20/door; $5 with valid student ID.

ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWS PROGRAM BEGINS MAY 19
The Rochester Urban Fellows program is a ten-week summer program emphasizing urban immersion and civic engagement. Twenty-two students (listed below) have been selected to participate in the 2010 program. The program is designed for undergraduate students attending a Rochester-area college, as well as Rochester residents who attend college elsewhere. Fellows receive stipends for their work with community-based organizations in Rochester. The program—now in its ninth year—is sponsored by the Rochester Community foundation, and for the first time, will operate as an AmeriCorps*VISTA “Summer Associate” program, funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Congratulations to our 2010 Urban Fellows!

Alykhan Alani (University of Rochester)
Chelsea Audin (University of Rochester)
Trevor Baisden (University of Rochester)
Malika Butcher (University of Rochester)
Keanna Cathey (St. John Fisher College)
Frank Colaruotolo (University of Rochester)
Rachel Dimmock (Towson University)
Emily Gage (St. Lawrence University)
Huan Jiang (University of Rochester)
Community Leadership Opportunities

TEACH FOR AMERICA SEEKS CAMPUS CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR
Application deadline: Monday, May 10.
Teach For America is the national corps of top recent college graduates who commit to teach for at least two years in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity. Our mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting the nation’s most promising future leaders in the effort.
The campus campaign coordinator, in consultation with Teach For America recruitment staff, will work behind the scenes to develop and execute a detailed strategic plan aimed at inspiring top students to apply for the 2011 corps. The position entails approximately five hours per week. Campus campaign coordinators enhance their professional skills in networking, marketing strategies, and communication while gaining an understanding of how a successful nonprofit organization operates. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who are interested in applying to be a Teach For America corps member or staff member upon graduation. You can access the full job description here: http://www.teachforamerica.org/campuscampaigncoordinator/. To apply, contact Christine Bushey, Hiring Manager (christine.bushey@teachforamerica.org).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CANAL TOURS
Thanks to the generosity of: Rochester Area Community Foundation and a City School District grant from the U.S. Department of Education, More than half of the 4th grade students in the City of Rochester will be cruising on the historic Mary Jemison boat out of Corn Hill Landing in May and June! Organizers are seeking volunteers to help facilitate these cruises. Corn Hill Navigation crew and RCSD teachers and chaperons will be on the cruises to work with students. The goal is to have one caring and knowledgeable adult for every 4-5 students so that the students can work in small groups and have a chance to ask questions and discuss what they are observing. Time commitment is 2.5 hours (9:30 a.m. - noon or noon - 2:30 p.m.). For more information, and to sign up, contact Victoria Schmitt, President, Corn Hill Navigation.

JIMMY & ROSALYN CARTER PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION
Each month JRCPF offers a $1000 CASE grant through our Service Book Monthly award. Students wishing to be considered for this award can apply via www.ServiceBook.org. As with other CASE awards, students must register, log in, then follow the links: Students>Submit Your Project. Within
the application, students must be sure to select "Service Book Monthly" under the "CASE Competition" drop-down list. For more information: http://www.ServiceBook.org

“DO SOMETHING” OFFERS GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS
Looking for a boost for your community service project? “Do Something” will award one $500 grant each week to help young people implement or expand a community action project, program, or organization. Applicants must be no older than 25 and a U.S. or Canadian citizen. For more information and additional requirements, please visit: http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016678/dosomething

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.