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Featured Programs

UR STUDENTS WORK AS ELECTION INSPECTORS AT POLLS
Nearly 50 UR students spent Election Day at the polls—not casting their votes in the general election, but helping the citizens of Monroe County to cast theirs. Every student who signed up turned out at 4:30 a.m. to board buses to their polling sites; they returned 17 hours later, tired but inspired. They were joined by students from Monroe Community College and Roberts Wesleyan College, as part of the new Monroe County Election Fellows program, coordinated by the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

NEXT LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON TO FOCUS ON PUBLIC SPEAKING
November 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Wilson Commons 121
What’s better than a free Italian meal at Wilson Commons Wednesday? How about enjoying that meal while learning public speaking tips from a former U.S. presidential speech writer? Curt Smith, a senior lecturer of English, will talk about public speaking at the next Leadership Luncheon. Space is limited to the first 30 students who RSVP to leadership@rochester.edu.

LECTURE: THE OTHER WES MOORE
Wednesday, November 17, 6:15 p.m., St. John Fisher College, Student Life Center
Wes Moore is the author of the recently published autobiography The Other Wes Moore, in which he contrasts his own life experience with that of another young man who shares his name, birthplace and age. As Mr. Moore notes in his book, “The chilling truth is that his story could have been mine. The tragedy is that my story could have been his.” Mr. Moore’s talk will be of interest to those who are studying about the challenges facing low-income, African American males, children raised in single parent households, urban education, and how individual choice intersects with social opportunity, or not. The talk will be free and open to the public.

COMMUNITY SEMINAR: BUILDING COMMUNITY IN A GARDEN
Thursday, November 18, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue
This seminar is for leaders interested in building community through gardening. Topics will include:
- Gardening Lessons from the Big Apple (John Ameroso, Community Garden Educator, CCE New York City)
- City of Rochester’s roles in community gardening, Connections with City Hall (Chuck Thomas, Rochester City Planning Office)
- Engaging and managing the spirit of citizen participation in gardening (John Ameroso)
· Making gardening a safe experience
· The politics of community gardens. Who is in charge, who is REALLY in charge (John Ameroso)
· Sharing gardening success stories: private, school & public spaces
· The interrelationship of the Rochester area food shed and community gardening (Tom Ferraro, Foodlink)
· The next steps, opportunities for the near term (Discussion lead by John Ameroso & Walt Nelson, CCE Agriculture & Horticulture Program Leader)
For more information: visit the website or call Karen at (585) 461-1000 x225

Community Leadership Opportunities

GLAMOUR'S TOP 10 COLLEGE WOMEN COMPETITION
Deadline: Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Glamour magazine is looking for dynamic young women with leadership experience, academic excellence and inspiring goals. Winners receive a $5,000 cash prize, recognition in Glamour and a trip to New York City for an awards luncheon. Any woman who is currently a full-time junior at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada is eligible to enter. Students can read about our former winners, and download an application on the website.

ARTAWAKE IS SEEKING STUDENT LEADERS TO PLAN ARTAWAKE 2011
ArtAwake is an initiative that strengthens Rochester's creative community and culminates in a one-day festival that brings life to an under-used space. Spearheaded by the Urban Exploring Club, and is sponsored by a combination of over 25 groups including UR student organizations, student organizations at other schools, plus businesses and organizations from around the Rochester community. It is organized by an independent team of student volunteers, with the assistance and involvement of all of its sponsors and a huge team of volunteers. There are many leadership positions available for the 2010-2011 year. Please email info@artawake.org if you're interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY WEB DESIGN PROJECT
The Sector IV Community Development Corporation builds partnerships and collaborations between business, neighborhood and community organizations in Southwest Rochester, and provides tools, talent and techniques to renew, redevelop and rebuild the five commercial corridors in the neighborhoods on the west side of the Genesee river. The CDC is looking for student volunteers to assist with the re-design of its website. This is a great opportunity to enhance your resume while contributing to a dynamic community organization. If interested, please email the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

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’s 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 and then tackle
that list!

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

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.