THE BRIDGE
Opportunities from the Rochester Center for Community Leadership
November 2011

IN THIS ISSUE:
1. 21st Annual UR/Paychex Leadership Institute
2. Guided Walking Tour: Genesee River Design Charrette
3. Photo Exhibit: Transitions-Rochester
4. Students to Serve at Polls on Election Day
5. Panel Presentation: Service Corps & Gap Year Options
6. Leadership Luncheon on “Personal Financial Wellness”
7. High Acres Land Fill Tour
8. Screening of Positive Negatives: The Photography of David Johnson
9. The Photography of David Johnson Exhibit and Reception
12. ArtAwake Event Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities
13. Sojourner House Volunteer Opportunity
14. Call for Presenters: Connectology Leadership Conference
15. Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program
16. 2012 Humanity in Action Fellowship
17. William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose
18. The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program
19. ROC the DAY
20. Leadership Tip: Courtesy Comes First!
21. About the Center for Community Leadership

Featured Programs

21ST ANNUAL UR/PAYCHEX LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Nomination Deadline: Thursday, November 3, 2011 by 5 p.m.
Nominations are currently being accepted for the 21st annual UR/Paychex Leadership Institute. Open to all College and Eastman undergraduates, the Leadership Institute helps students develop effective leadership skills through a day-long program of interactive workshops and activities. This year’s Leadership Institute is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2011. To nominate a student, complete the online submission form. For more information, visit the website or e-mail Jody Goodman at jgoodma8@admin.rochester.edu.

GUIDED WALKING TOUR: GENESEE RIVER DESIGN CHARRETTE
Saturday, November 5, 12:30-3:00 p.m., meet at Boulder Coffee, Brooks Landing
The neighborhoods on the west side of the Genesee River (particularly PLEX, the Plymouth-Exchange neighborhood) are embarking on a participatory process to consider the future of the neighborhood, particularly along the riverfront. Students are invited to participate in a guided walking tour conducted by design professionals from the Rochester Regional Community Design Center. The tour will provide historical and ecological information about the river and the neighborhood, as well as an opportunity to provide input about what the area might look like in the future.

PHOTO EXHIBIT: TRANSITIONS ROCHESTER
Ends November 6, 2011, George Eastman House, 900 East Avenue
Closing this weekend, this project, in the Museum's Entrance Gallery, looks at the changing city of Rochester—a former company town dealing with urban sprawl, new concepts of city planning, high unemployment rates, and poverty. For two years, artists from The Netherlands and Rochester documented the city through photography, video, and sound. The project is supported by the Mondriaan Foundation and the Netherlands Cultural Service through the Consulate General of the Netherlands, New York City. For more information visit http://www.eastmanhouse.org/exhibitions/Transitions.

STUDENTS TO WORK AT POLLS ON ELECTION DAY
Over 40 UR students will rise at 4:00 a.m. next Tuesday, November 8th, to help open polling sites around Monroe County on Election Day 2011. The students will serve as election inspectors for 17 hours throughout the day, until they close the polls at 9:00 p.m. The students are participating in the Monroe County Election Fellows program through the RCCL, along with students from Monroe Community College, Roberts Wesleyan College, Nazareth College, and St. John Fisher College. In all, over 200 college students will serve as election inspectors with the Monroe County Board of Elections. Don’t forget to cast your vote on Election Day: important local offices are up for election, including Monroe County Executive, City Council, and Rochester City School Board.

PANEL PRESENTATION: SERVICE CORPS AND GAP YEAR OPTIONS
Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Gowen Room, Wilson Commons
Interested in serving others? This panel presentation will feature City Year, Teach for America, the Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps, including the RCCL’s Rochester Youth Year fellowship program. Find out from program representatives and participants (including UR alumni) how a year (or more) of service can be a rewarding experience—personally, professionally, and communally! Sponsored by the RCCL and the Gwen M. Green Career and Internships Center.

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON ON “PERSONAL FINANCIAL WELLNESS”
Wednesday, November 16, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Stackel Room, Wilson Commons
Jon Burdick, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, will facilitate the third Leadership Luncheon of the semester, this one on the topic of “Personal Financial Wellness.” Lunch will be provided for students who email leadership@rochester.edu to RSVP. Space is limited to the first 30 undergraduate students who submit an RSVP. More details will be provided at that time.

HIGH ACRES LANDFILL TOUR
Friday, November 11, 2:30 p.m. departure from ITS, Rush Rhees Library
Come take a guided bus tour of Waste Management’s High Acres Landfill to learn about how it was carefully engineered to protect the air, water, soil, and environmental integrity of the surrounding area. The facility features a methane gas renewable energy plant that produces enough energy to power 9,000 homes! As predatory birds, a unique workforce team of falcons helps to keep the seagull population under control there. You will also get to see the new composting operation that the University is sending food waste and other organic materials to. If you would like to attend, please email amy.kadrie@rochester.edu. Anyone is welcome to attend, but please register first.

Community Leadership Opportunities

SCREENING: POSITIVE NEGATIVES: THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF DAVID JOHNSON
Thursday, November 3, 7:30 p.m., Little Theatre, 240 East Avenue
David Johnson was Ansel Adams’ first African-American student at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco. Johnson's work recorded Fillmore Street jazz clubs in San Francisco during the 1940’s, 50’s, and
60's and the civil-rights movement in San Francisco, the NAACP registration drives, and the march on Washington. His subjects include important civil-rights leaders, Langston Hughes, and musical icons. Come for a short documentary film by Mindy Steiner about David Johnson’s life, followed by a talk back session with Mr. Johnson at The Little Theater. Tickets for the film and talk back at the Little Theater are $12 for the general public and $8 for members and students.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF DAVID JOHNSON EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION
Friday, November 4, 7-9 p.m. (exhibit through January 7), Community Darkroom, 713 Monroe Avenue
A reception for an exhibition of David Johnson's photographs will open at Community Darkroom. Mr. Johnson will be present and live jazz will be provided by Paradigm Shift. The exhibition reception at Community Darkroom is free.

LECTURE: USING BUSINESS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
Thursday, November 17, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Schlegel 107
Jane R. Plitt, author and businesswoman, takes part in the University's Center for Entrepreneurship Lecture Series. As part of the University-wide celebration of Global Entrepreneurship Week, she will give a talk, titled "Using Business for Social Change.” To register, visit www.rochester.edu/entrepreneurship/registration.html.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: C.A.S.H. PROGRAM
C.A.S.H. (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) is a community coalition that helps working families get the money and assistance they earned - especially during tax season. Last year, with the help of 450+ volunteers the program helped over 13,000 households receive $25.2 million in tax refunds and credits, open 450+ bank accounts, save $43,000 with US Savings Bonds, and provided thousands of referrals to community programs and agencies. The program is about more than just preparing tax returns, so there is a volunteer opportunity for everyone. If you are looking for a short term volunteer opportunity (January – April) and the chance to work with and alongside a diverse group of people, please contact Berta Rivera at 585-295-5733 or brivera@empirejustice.org. No experience is required and training is provided for each volunteer role; more information can be found by visiting www.empirejustice.org/cash.

ArtAwake EVENT LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
ArtAwake is seeking student leaders! ArtAwake is a student-run public art exhibit that inhabits an under-utilized urban space in Rochester. The following leadership positions are available: Production Director, Community Outreach Director, Art Director (2 needed), Sponsorship Director, Marketing Director, Food Director, Webmaster, Volunteer Coordinator, Stage Managers, and Interactive Exhibit Coordinator. If you are interested in any of the positions or have any questions, please email info@artawake.org! Please also contact them if you do not have time to be a leader but are interested in being involved on a committee or as a volunteer.

SOJOURNER HOUSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The Sojourner House at PathStone provides shelter and education to homeless women and their children. They are currently seeking dedicated volunteers to participate in their Study Buddy program, a volunteer-based tutoring program where tutors assist students with homework and study skills. This is such a rewarding experience – and it only takes an hour a week! Please contact Erin Hogan at ehhogan@pathstone.org or 436-7100 ext. 117 for more information.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS: CONNECTOLOGY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT RIT
On Saturday, March 31, 2012, the RIT Leadership Institute will host the annual Connectology Leadership Conference. The Institute is seeking individuals who have a passion or expertise in a leadership, service, or
career development topic that he or she would like to present at the conference. This year’s Connectology Conference theme *Dream Big* echoes that call and asks participants, “*What are your big dreams? As a leader, how can you help shape your dreams into reality? As a global citizen, how might service and volunteerism play a role in achieving your dreams?*” UR students presented two different sessions at the 2011 Connectology Conference. For details about how to prepare and submit a proposal, [visit the website](#) or [email Gwen Van Laeken](#).

**CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

Application Deadline for the 2012-2013 program: December 1, 2011

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX), a yearlong fellowship to study and intern in Germany, is currently accepting applications from UR students. CBYX is open to applicants in all career fields without any prior German language knowledge, and is funded by the US and German governments. CBYX for Young Professionals is open to students in all fields of study, though preference is given to students in vocational, technical, engineering, agricultural, business, and scientific fields. Applicants should have clear career goals and some relevant work experience in their career field, which may include summer, part-time, or internship work. Prior German language knowledge is not required, though it is strongly preferred. Participants must be between the ages of 18-24, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, and be US citizens or permanent residents. More information can be found at [www.cbyx.info](http://www.cbyx.info).

**2012 HUMANITY IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP**

Application Deadline: January 9, 2012

Do you know any students ready to change the world? Humanity in Action invites applications from college students and recent graduates who are intellectually gifted, mature, independent and passionate about human rights. Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors and graduates from the classes of 2010 and 2011 are eligible to apply. If you have any further questions, please contact [admissions@humanityinaction.org](mailto:admissions@humanityinaction.org).

**WILLIAM E. SIMON FELLOWSHIP FOR NOBLE PURPOSE**

Application Deadline: January 16, 2012

The William E. Simon Fellowship recognizes graduating college seniors who are pursuing lives dedicated to and distinguished by honor, generosity, service, and respect. The Fellowship is an unrestricted cash grant awarded to those graduating college seniors who have demonstrated passion, dedication, a high capacity for self-direction, and originality in pursuit of a goal that will strengthen civil society. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of the mature conception of and passion for what they hope to accomplish as well as their academic records, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation. For further information, visit the website: [http://www.isi.org/programs/fellowships/simon.html#appInfo](http://www.isi.org/programs/fellowships/simon.html#appInfo).

**THE CHARLES B. RANGEL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM**

The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program is now accepting applications for its 2012 graduate fellowships. The Rangel Program seeks applicants from under-represented minority groups who are interested in promoting positive change in the world as Foreign Service Officers for the U.S. Department of State. The fellowship is open to undergraduate seniors and graduates who want to begin two-year master’s programs in the fall of 2012. The program will select twenty Rangel Fellows who will receive up to $90,000 in benefits over two years to fund tuition, mandatory fees, and living expenses for completion of two-year master’s degrees. Additional information about the Rangel Program and specific application requirements are available at [www.rangelprogram.org](http://www.rangelprogram.org). For further information and questions, contact the Program Director, Patricia Scroggs, at [pscroggs@howard.edu](mailto:pscroggs@howard.edu).

**ROC THE DAY**

From midnight on Thursday, December 8, 2011 until 11:59 p.m. that night
Registration Deadline for Non-Profit Organizations: November 30, 2011
ROC the DAY is a 24-hour online donation event that provides an opportunity for the generous people in greater Rochester’s nine counties to support their favorite nonprofits (that’s you!). The secure online giving platform at ROCtheDAY.org will accept online and mobile donations to any 501(c)(3) in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wyoming and Yates counties that registers for the event. Volunteer fire departments, ambulance corps and war veteran organizations that meet IRS guidelines for receiving charitable contributions also are eligible. If you register and complete your online profile between October 31st and November 7th, your organization will be eligible to win one of five $1,000 bonus gifts on December 8th — in addition to the donations you receive!

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 effecting positive social change in their communities. We envision a world in which all people collaborate to transform their communities.

You have received this e-mail because you are on the mailing list for Rochester Center for Community Leadership. The Bridge is issued once a month; back issues are available online, along with a link to subscribe. If you do not wish to receive The Bridge, please reply to this message and request to be removed from the mailing list.