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Opportunities from the
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Featured Programs

THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM: HONORING 50 YEARS OF THE PEACE CORPS
Thursday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., Wilson Commons Gowen Room
In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Peace Corps, a delegation of five international development professionals will present a panel discussion entitled, “The Spirit of Volunteerism: Honoring 50 Years of the Peace Corps.” The panel is open to the entire University community and to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The panelists come from Mongolia, Micronesia, Namibia, Romania and Kyrgyzstan. They will discuss their work with community development organizations, as well as the role of international volunteer service, and will also take questions from the audience. Co-sponsored by the Peace Corps, the Rochester Center for Community Leadership, Gwen M. Green Career and Internships Center, College Center for Academic Support, the History Department, the Undergraduate Anthropology Council, Undergraduate Political Science and International Relations Council, Refugee Student Alliance, and UR Habitat (part of the Community Service Network).

RIVER ROMANCE SOUTHWEST RIVERFRONT WALKING TOUR
Sunday, October 9, 4:00 p.m., Pedestrian Bridge, Brooks Landing
The River Romance Southwest Riverfront Walking Tour will highlight the historical assets of the Genesee river corridor. Local resident John Curren will lead the tour from Brooks Landing to Civil War recruit training Camp Fitz-John Porter and back again along South Plymouth Avenue. This is a City Parks & Recreation Department event open to the general public. Input will be gathered and recorded for community planning purposes.

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON: “SUCCEEDING IN THE FACE OF FAILURE”
Wednesday, October 26, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Wilson Commons Stackel Room
Lovely Warren, President of the Rochester City Council will facilitate the second Leadership Luncheon of the semester on “Succeeding in the Face of Failure.” Learn about President Warren’s path to becoming a leader in the Rochester community while enjoying a free lunch provided by RCCL. Space is limited to 30 students so submit your RSVP to leadership@rochester.edu today!

Community Leadership Opportunities

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: YOUTH AS RESOURCES
Youth As Resources (YAR), a program of the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau, seeks to empower and engage youth as partners with adults in creating positive community change and development. Youth and adult members govern the YAR board and provide grants of up to $1000 to local youth in order to develop and carry out community service and service-learning projects that address a clear community need. The chosen YAR intern will be working alongside the AmeriCorps*VISTA member, while under the tutelage of YAR’s Program Coordinator. If accepted into the internship, an Internship Assignment Description (IAD) will be provided. For more information, contact Leanne Richardson, Rochester Youth Year Fellow, at (585) 753-6456.

BROOKS LANDING NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING MEETING
Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m., Church of Love Faith Center, 700 Exchange Blvd.
An opportunity for neighbors and business owners to speak out about their aspirations for the neighborhood across the river from the UR! Topic areas and breakout sessions include economic development, Brownfield development, public safety, housing & residential neighborhoods, open space & recreation, youth & senior populations, and history & waterfront. Students are welcome! Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact jecurran@rochester.rr.com or mark.gregor@cityofrochester.gov.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW EXPERT TO SPEAK ON IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES
Thursday, October 6
The Greater Rochester Coalition for Immigration Justice invites the community to hear and engage with Dr. Paul Finkelman, the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at the Albany Law School, as he speaks on the legal and historical framework for immigration reform in two talks in Rochester. The first talk is Who, What and Why: Immigrant Issues in the News from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John Fisher College in Basil auditorium (Basil 135). In the evening, Professor Finkelman will present Sustaining Immigrants' Human Rights in the 21st Century at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room (The Forum) at MCC’s R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center. Both events are free and open to the public.

LECTURE: DIVERSITY & EQUITY IN EDUCATION
Thursday, October 13, 7:15 p.m., Hoyt Auditorium
Nationally known educator, literacy expert, and author Carol Lee will present the Fall 2011 Scandling Lecture. The lecture, entitled, "Every Shut Eye Ain't Sleep: Culture, Cognition, and Human Development as Systemic Foundations for Addressing Equity in Educational Outcomes," it is free and open to the public.

VOLUNTEER COMPUTER TEACHER NEEDED
Jewish Family Service seeks a volunteer to teach computer classes to older adults residing at Ellison Park NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community). Volunteer must understand and speak Russian or Ukrainian. Only very basic knowledge of computers is necessary. Time commitment is flexible: 1-3 hrs per week and hours will be set according to the volunteer’s availability but Tues afternoons are preferred. Classes run according to the academic year schedule. If you are interested in this opportunity or have questions, please contact Talya Brea, Program Coordinator at 288-3442.
STEP OUT: JOIN THE DELTAS AS THEY WALK TO STOP DIABETES.
Sunday, October 16
Each year, the Pi Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and students from the University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, and The College of Brockport, work to raise funds so that the American Diabetes Association can continue to help make a difference in the lives of 23.6 million Americans living with diabetes. These ladies would like to extend an invitation to YOU so that you too can join the cause. What can you do to help? Register to walk with their team and help them raise funds to reach their goal! OR * if you cannot join them at Genesee Valley Park on Sunday, October 16, you can Make a donation on their behalf! No matter how small or large the donation, your generosity will save the life of another. Please contact Dayanna Davis for more info on how you can join their team or make a donation. Thank you for your continued support!

TEDx ROCHESTER 2011
Monday, November 7; Registration open until October 17
An extraordinary event is coming to the Rochester area that will bring together great thinkers, innovators and artists in one assembly, with the intention of promoting “Ideas Worth Spreading.” The daylong conference will feature cutting-edge presentations of local thinkers, video broadcasts of speakers from around the world, performances by regional artists, and hands-on demonstrations with some of the city’s cultural institutions. For more information visit the event website.

AL SIGL COMMUNITY WALKABOUT
Sunday, October 23; Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Marketplace Mall
Come to the 2011 Al Sigl Community WalkAbout plus yummy goodies, face painting, music, scarecrows, a costume contest. Get your friends and family together and sign up today for a fun-filled day of Halloween excitement! Have a great time while raising funds for children and adults with disabilities and special needs in the Rochester community. Walkers and rollers enjoy parading along the indoor walk route for free Halloween candy and giveaways, complimentary face painting, live entertainment and the good feeling that comes with helping others! Don’t forget to vote for your favorite scarecrow in the Scarecrow Village and mingle with your media friends from Channel 8! To register or donate, visit www.cprochester.org.

Leadership Tip of the Month

PROJECTING A SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP IMAGE

1. Remember that opinions are formed from what people "see" as well as what they "hear." Your attire sends a message about your agenda. When in doubt always ask what the attire is. (It can be very uncomfortable to arrive at a formal event dressed casually or vice versa).

2. When making appointments remember to leave your phone number in case the person you're seeing has a change of plans. Get the phone number of the person you're seeing in case your plans change. When you find that you can't keep and appointment always call and cancel or arrange to reschedule.

3. Don't make commitments that you can't keep. Follow through is important. It lets people know that you are responsible and dependable.

4. Do your homework! Always verify information before passing it on. (The passing of unverified information is called "spreading rumors")!
5. When you have received assistance from someone, it is important to acknowledge his or her help in the appropriate forum(s). A little "thank you" goes a long way.

6. Conduct a personal "attitude check". Are you helpful, pleasant, and positive? Remember, you set the campus climate.


**About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership**

*Better Yourself ~ Better Your Community!*

The [Rochester Center for Community Leadership](https://www.rochester.edu/) 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.