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Featured Programs

MONROE COUNTY ELECTION FELLOWS PROGRAM LAUNCHED
Application deadline: September 17
The Rochester Center for Community Leadership is launching a new initiative in the area of civic engagement. The Monroe County Election Fellows program is recruiting student to work as election inspectors at the polls on Election Day. Participating students can earn up to $225 for their commitment to making democracy run smoothly here in Monroe County. The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. For more information, visit the website, or contact UR’s Election Fellows, Erica Messner and Trevor Baisden.

SOUTH WEDGE-UCATION
Thursday, September 9, 5-9 p.m., Bus loop from IT Center
The South Wedge is one of Rochester’s up-and-coming neighborhoods, featuring venues such as John’s Tex-Mex, Hedonist Artisan Chocolates, and Little Venice Pizzeria. All this is in the UR’s backyard, just a short bus ride away. Come check it out as businesses throw their doors open to students, complete with special offers. A free University shuttle will loop continuously between 5 and 9 p.m. from IT Center. Presented by City Newspaper, and sponsored by Wilson Commons Student Activities, Class of 2013 Council, the Community Learning Center, and the Rochester Center for Community Leadership.

WHO GETS PROMOTED, WHO DOESN'T, AND WHY
Wednesday, September 22, 6-9:30 p.m., UR Alumni and Advancement Center
Does extra effort at work translate into rewards and recognition? Contrary to popular belief, career success is the result of strategy not skill, and successful people work smarter, not harder. Join University alumni, parents, and friends for an enlightening and inspirational presentation by Don Asher, internationally acclaimed author, renowned speaker, and career advisor. Asher will discuss how organizations make promotion decisions, why timing trumps talent, how to avoid common career mistakes, and ten proven strategies for workplace success. Admission is $20 per person and includes an hors d’oeuvres reception, a cash bar, and a copy of Asher’s best-selling book, Who Get’s Promoted, Who Doesn’t, and Why (retail $14.99). Advance registration is required; click here to register.

Community Leadership Opportunities

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR UR POTENTIAL
UR Potential is a tutoring and college immersion program for middle- and high-school students in the Rochester City School District, through the Hillside Work Scholarship Program. Students commit approximately two hours per week, and the location is on-campus, so transportation is not required. Applications are available on-line and at the Rochester Center for Community Leadership in Wilson Commons 508.

**BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER GENERAL ORIENTATION**
Thursday September 16, 6 p.m., Wilson Commons, Stackel Room
Big Brothers Big Sisters is launching a program at UR through the Rochester Center for Community Leadership. The mission of the program is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact. For more information contact Christie Torruella.

**PROJECT CARE INTEREST MEETING**
Thursday, September 9, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Wilson Commons 507
Project CARE is looking for students to serve as volunteer tutors at School #19 two hours per week during the 2010-11 academic year. This tutoring and mentoring program focuses on K-6 grade students in need of academic and social support, and combines educational and developmental models to encourage excellence from both students and volunteers. Visit the website for more information and to apply.

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
Interest Meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 5:00 p.m., Gowen Room, Wilson Commons
The Leadership Development Program is a co-curricular, leadership mentoring program that aims to teach students valuable leadership skills through a variety of academic and co-curricular activities and experiences. As participants in the two- or three-year program, students enroll in formal classes, participate in community-based leadership opportunities, and are exposed to mentoring and internship settings for a comprehensive and experiential approach to developing leadership skills. LDP Applications are due on Tuesday, September 21st, at 5:00 p.m.

**YAR SEEKING STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**
Youth As Resources (YAR) is a community-based youth philanthropy program that distributes grants of up to $1000 to youth groups to design and carry out community service projects that address social issues and contribute to change in the community. As a grant making board, YAR allows youth and adults to work together as partners. Both youth and adults are given empowerment and leadership opportunities to be civically engaged. Together they are entrusted with the responsibility of making funding decisions that will affect their neighborhoods and communities. The YAR board is meant to represent the geographic, socioeconomic, ethnic, and educational diversity throughout Monroe County. The monthly meetings are co-chaired by a youth and adult board member. If you’re interested in becoming a part of YAR, contact the RCCL.

**“WHAT’S YOUR STORY?” COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**
Submission Deadline: October 15
Story Walk is an interactive, illuminating, artistic sidewalk filled with Rochester stories, memoirs, family histories, character studies, and other true stories. Writers & Books, Rochester’s Literary Center, will lead multiple workshops to train residents of all ages and backgrounds to write their stories. With or without that assistance, you are invited to submit your own Rochester story on this site. You’ll be able to send in a written version (100-400 words) or a video via YouTube (30 seconds
to 3 minutes) for consideration. The deadline will be October 15. Please click here to visit the website.

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**About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership**

As part of the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Rochester, the [Rochester Center for Community Leadership](#) educates students to become engaged citizens and leaders capable of effecting positive social change in their communities. To achieve this mission, the Center coordinates initiatives in the areas of leadership development, civic engagement and community service, connecting students with communities on campus, throughout Rochester, across the country and around the world.