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***Welcome back students and welcome class of 2020!***

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***“Be willing to be a beginner every single morning”.***

***~Meister Eckhart~***

**In this edition, you will find new updates on the following:**

**A.   Special Announcements**

**B.   Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

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***A. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Make a difference in the lives of children in our community!**   Volunteer with America Reads!   Use your skills to assist youth with homework, activities, and foster educational growth. Visit the **Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs** in **Lawrence 241**, or contact Jeremy Flick at jflick@wcupa.edu for more information.

**Applications NOW OPEN for Winter Break International Service-Learning in Peru**

This 2-week study abroad program, led by Professor Michael Antonio, brings WCU students to Ventanilla, a remote, impoverished community north of Lima. Students will work with Voices4Peru, a local organization providing children with healthy, safe activities and skill development through education and team sports. This 3-credit program is open to both undergrad and graduate students. Apply at [tinyurl.com/WCUWinterinPeru](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5C75JROTH%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CV2YKLZP1%5Ctinyurl.com%5CWCUWinterinPeru)

**Register to Vote!** Go to <https://wcu.turbovote.org/register>. The deadline to register is October 11, 2016 and Election Day is November 8, 2016.  With TurboVote you can get an absentee ballot and vote by mail, find your voting location, update your address and vote locally, or sign up for a text reminder.

**The WCU Counseling Center and Office of Wellness Promotion will be hosting their Annual Mental Health Check-in Day - Check Up from the Neck Up - on Tuesday, September 13th, 11:00am-1:00pm in the Sykes Ballrooms. In addition to the screening for the students, the event will also include therapy dogs, information tables, and giveaways. Be sure to get there early in order to get your free t-shirt!!**

***B. UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Voter Engagement, Now Through Election Day** If you or your student club or organization would like to volunteer tabling at events to increase voter engagement, please contact Aileen Assumma at AA823823@wcupa.edu. ​

**Chester County Food Bank** needs all the help they can get from April through November, especially on our local farms!  There are many individual volunteer opportunities as well as opportunities for groups or clubs.  Go to[**http://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com**](http://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com)and see how you can help keep food on everyone’s table!

**Friends Association, 113 West Chestnut Street, West Chester, PA**

**Ongoing Need, days and times vary**

Cleaners Needed!  Do you like to clean?  When clients move out, the apartment needs to be cleaned before the next family moves in. Not always knowing that far in advance, an email is often sent out asking for help within a day or so.  If you would like to be added to the contact list when they have their "cleaning parties", contact Amy Descovich at a.descovich@friendsassoc.org.

**La Comunidad Hispana (LCH) First Annual 5K & Family Fun Walk, Anson B. Nixon Park, Kennett Square, PA, Sunday, September 25th** LCH has served the southern Chester County community for more than 40 years as a multi-service, bilingual nonprofit that changes lives through Integrated Person-Centered Care: health care, social assistance, education and workforce development. On-site registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and race begins at 9:00 a.m.  The run is on flat, fast course through and around beautiful Anson Nixon Park, and will have chip timing. One-mile fun walk includes fun family activities at stations along the way. There will also be a 50-yard children's dash, and all children in the dash will get a medal!  Go to <https://www.runtheday.com/registration/select_race_type/38098> to register.  **Email LeeAnn Riloff** **or call 610-444-7550 with questions.**

**Talleyville Fire Company’s Classic Car Show for Ronald McDonald House of Delaware**

**Sunday, September 25th (Rain Date Sunday, October 2nd), Concord Plaza, Rt. 202, Wilmington, DE 19803**

The Ronald McDonald House of Delaware provides families with seriously or chronically ill or injured children a “home away from home” during their child’s hospitalization at local hospitals.

Many volunteers are needed to help during this fundraiser at the following times:

-8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. (registration) – 5 volunteers with good printing and customer service skills.  Volunteers will greet and register all car owners displaying their cars in the show.

-10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. – 50/50 sales, helping at the Ronald McDonald House information booth, distributing balloons to kids (5 volunteers needed)

-1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – 50/50 sales, helping at the Ronald McDonald House information booth, distributing balloons to kids, clean-up (5 volunteers needed)

To sign-up to volunteer, please contact Sara Funaiock, Volunteer Manager, at 302-428-5340 or s.funaiock@rmhde.org

**Chester County Day**

**Saturday, October 1st (Rain or Shine).**

A 76-year Chester County tradition - a historical home and landmark tour which in turn raises funds and community awareness for Chester County Hospital. Volunteers are needed for parking and finding assistance for the tour guests. The shifts are 4 hours and volunteers receive a ½ day ticket to attend Chester County Day either before or after their shift. Tickets also includes free admission to Longwood Gardens on 10/2/2016.  Shifts are 9:00am – 1:00pm or 1:00pm – 5:00pm.  A brief training will be included and volunteers are responsible for their own transportation.  Contact Kathy Stocker at 610-431-5191 or Kathy.Stocker@uphs.upenn.edu

**The Night Walk, Wilson Park Farm, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne, PA**

**Saturday, October 15th, two shifts available**

Each year in communities all across the United States individuals come together to raise funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night Walk events and bring help and hope to people battling blood cancers. Volunteers are needed from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Event Set-Up) and 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Event check-in, food tent, parking, clean up, etc..)  Sign up at [www.llsform.org/0190FS01/form12/index.html](http://www.llsform.org/0190FS01/form12/index.html) or contact Dorie Heald at dorie.heald@lls.org or 610-238-0360.  GROUPS ARE WELCOME!!!!

***C. VOTER ENGAGEMENT POSITION***

**Excited about the November Election? Apply to be the Campus Election Engagement Project (CEEP) Fellow!** This fellowship is open to any undergraduate or graduate student interested in voter registration and education. CEEP is a non-partisan organization that is teaming up with WCU’s Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs. <http://www.campuselect.org/about-ceep.html>  The CEEP Fellow will work ~15 hours a week to register new voters, organize election events, and collaborate on outreach efforts with student clubs and organizations, staff, faculty, and community organizations. To apply search **Campus Election Engagement Project** **Fellow** on the **Ram Career Network.** <https://wcu-csm.symplicity.com/employers/index.php?signin_tab=0&PHPSESSID=fb715c08902faee3ab979cb71ddf0e0b> – **APPLY NOW! Interviews start next week!**

***\*\*Check out our online VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY for additional public service opportunities.*** [*http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch*](http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch)

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