**SERVICE CORNER**

**February 13th, 2018**

**Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs**

**Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level, 715 S. New Street (Enter at Student Health Services)**

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**“Being of service to others is what brings true happiness” ~ Marie Osmond**

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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Student Leaders: Register for the spring 2018 Community Service ColLABoratory**

**~~Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 5:00pm-7:00pm in Sykes 252~~ BEING RESCHEDULED!**

We invite all student leaders who coordinate service and philanthropy projects for clubs, organizations, Greek chapters and athletic teams to join us for the ColLABoratory! Students will come together to learn how to develop community partnerships, collaborate on service projects with other organizations, report service hours, promote their service events, and more! Join us on. FREE FOOD will be provided! Register here: [www.tinyurl.com/servicecollabSP18](http://www.tinyurl.com/servicecollabSP18)

**Need a date for Valentine’s Day? Come to the Date a Dog Fundraiser!**

**Wednesday, February 14 from 11:00am-1:00pm in Sykes Ballroom C**

Valentine’s Day is for puppy love! Support the Alternative Break Program and the Brandywine Valley SPCA at a joint fundraiser to raise awareness for our causes!  Cuddle with a pup for just $3!

**Voters Organized Through Engagement (VOTE) Conference**

**Signup Deadline Monday, February 19th**

**Date of Event, Saturday, March 3rd, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster PA**

WCU is sending a delegation of students to the VOTE Conference at F&M College. The conference serves as a "National Student Conference on Voter Engagement and Activation". Learn more about voter engagement among college students and current mobilization efforts. During breakout sessions, WCU will expand upon our voter engagement platform and design high-impact practices for the Midterm Primary. All costs and transportation sponsored by OSLVP for the first five students to sign up. If interested contact Ellie Sullum at ES874307@wcupa.edu no later than Monday, February 19th.

**2018 Spring Volunteer Fair**

**NEW DATE Thursday, February 22nd, 11:00am-2:00pm, Sykes Union Ballrooms**
The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs will be hosting the 2018 Spring Volunteer Fair so that you can stop by and connect with over 50 community and government agencies and learn about the many volunteer opportunities they may have!

**Cultivating Change Conference**

**Sunday, Feb. 25th 10:30am-3:30pm, Sykes Student Union**

Want to learn more about social justice, activism, and political engagement? Register for the Cultivating Change Conference at <https://orgsync.com/31400/forms/300415>

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sykes Ballrooms**

**Tuesday, February 20th**

**Wednesday, March 7th**

Did you know that one pint of blood can save up to three lives? Your donations are always needed.  The blood drives will run from 11:00am-4:00pm.  Go to**:** <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation> and search by sponsor code WCU to schedule an appointment. Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues scheduling donor appointments.

**WCU Resource Pantry**

West Chester University is proud to have established an on campus resource pantry for students in need, located in Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level. The pantry offers seasonal fresh vegetables, nonperishable food, personal hygiene products, school supplies, and a career closet.  To make an appointment, contact Gabby Singh at pantry@wcupa.edu or visit [www.wcupa.edu/pantry](http://www.wcupa.edu/pantry)

***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**2018 Career Fair**

**Wednesday, February 21, Sykes Ballrooms**

Do you need volunteer hours? Consider helping at the Career Fair!  Shifts are available during the day.  Register for your or your group on OrgSync.  <https://orgsync.com/32134/forms/296830>

**Beekeeping Conference**

**Saturday, March 10th, 9:00am- 5:00pm**

The Chester County Beekeepers Association is looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming Beekeeping Conference held in Merion Science Center on West Chester University's campus. Volunteers will help with registration, door prizes, and merchandise sales. The conference is from 9am- 5pm, volunteers are asked to sign up for shifts either 9:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Volunteers will receive a complimentary boxed lunch and a chance to learn about the world of honey bees and bee keeping. Interested volunteers should reach out to Mr. Jack McMichael at jmcmich552@aol.com or 484-680-0876.

**Vine Day**

**Saturday, March 10th 9am-noon**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Open Land Conservancy monthly Vine Day at the Cool Valley Preserve, meeting spot at the Cool Valley Road entrance. You will help end invasive vegetation through cutting down vines. All that is needed is protective clothing and gloves. Tools will be provided by the Open Land Conservancy. For more information or to sign up through <http://www.openlandconservancy.org/Contact.html> state what vine date you will be attending in the comment section or just show up and participate!

**Vine Day**

**Saturday, April 14th 9am-noon**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Open Land Conservancy monthly Vine Day at the George Lorimer Preserve, meeting spot at the OLC HQ, Le Boutillier Road. Help end invasive vegetation through cutting down vines. All that is needed is protective clothing and gloves. Tools will be provided by the Open Land Conservancy. For more information or to sign up through <http://www.openlandconservancy.org/Contact.html> state what vine date you will be attending in the comment section or just show up and participate!

**World Voice Day**

**Tuesday, April 24th & Thursday, April 26th**

Donate your voice to a person who needs it. An annually recognized day that encourages individuals to take care of their voices is World Voice Day. This year volunteers are being asked to bank their voices through VocaliD, an organization that takes these donated voices and uses them for augmentative and alternative communication devices for people who cannot talk. To participate you must attend a 3 hour recording session on Tuesday and a 3 hour recording session on Thursday. Sign up no later than April 17th by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054baaa72ea3fb6-world>

**5k Color Run**

**Sunday, April 29th 11:00am-3:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to help out at the United Way of Chester County’s annual color run. It is located at the Brandywine Airport and volunteers would be needed from roughly 11:00am-3:00pm. If you are interested or have any questions contact Stephanie Miller at 610-429-9400 ext 4109 or smiller@uwchestercounty.org

**The Hickman Spring Clean-Up**

**Saturday, May 5, 2018 9:00am–12:00pm**

The Hickman Friends Senior Community in West Chester is looking for volunteers to assist in a Spring Clean-Up Saturday May 5th at 9:00am – 12:00pm. Reach out to Jen Harris for more information or if you are interested. Please RSVP by Monday April 30th at 484-760-6306 or jharris@thehickman.org

**Girls on the Run 5k**

**Saturday, June 3rd**

Girls on the run will be hosting their annual 5k and are in need of volunteers to participate in multiple roles. These consist of finish line medals, parking assistants and registration. To sign up or to learn more go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/PA/WestChester/GOTRSPRING5K>

**Camp Dreamcatcher**

**Sunday, August 19th through Saturday, August 25th**

Camp Dreamcatcher is a camp for youth who have been impacted by HIV/AIDS and provides them with therapeutic and educational programs. Volunteers are needed for this year’s camp session! There are volunteer opportunities to be a full-time counselor, part-time counselor, professional volunteer, or general volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering as a counselor please visit <http://campdreamcatcher.org/outreach-and-education/forms/>

***ONGOING VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

**Marketing Volunteer Internship Position**

Community Volunteers in Medicine is looking for a driven, talented and community-minded volunteer intern interested in gaining experience in non-profit marketing. Students applying for this internship must demonstrate strong communication, writing and creative skills. To apply send your resume and cover letter to Lauren Cowan at lcowan@cvim.org

**Compassionate Care Hospice Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help provide support and comfort care for those in the final stages of their life. Training is offered and there are a number of different volunteer opportunities: companionship, caregiver support, pet therapy, office support, bereavement, and licensed professional support. Service is provided in nursing homes, private homes, assisted living facilities, and the administrative office. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions contact the volunteer coordinator at

610-323-0348.

**Camp Abilities**

Camp Abilities camps are educational sports experiences for young people who are blind or have low vision. The purpose of the camp is to empower children to be physically active, improve their overall health and wellness, encourage them to make food choices that support an active lifestyle, and develop their confidence and self-esteem through sport and physical activity. Volunteer coaching positions at Camp Abilities pair you one on one with a young athlete with a visual impairment to act as an individualize performance coach for the duration of the program. Coaches are trained prior to athlete arrival (training dates are included in the dates below), as well as fed and housed for the length of the camp experience. Camp Abilities PA is entirely WCU student, faculty, and alumni run. Camp Abilities Arizona and Delaware usually attract about 12 WCU students per year, as well as college students from around the country. For more information, contact Maria Lepore-Stevens at mlepore-stevens@wcupa.edu.  **Apply to volunteer for Camp Abilities camps:**

**Pennsylvania:**WCU, May 24-28, [www.campabilitiespa.org/coach](http://www.campabilitiespa.org/coach)

**Arizona:** Tucson, June 2-9, <http://www.campabilitiestucson.org/become-a-coach.html>

**Delaware:**Felton, July 22-27, <http://www.campabilitiesdelaware.org/coach>

**Volunteer Communications Assistant**needed at the Kennett Senior Center.  The Kennett Senior Center helps seniors stay physically and emotionally healthy, mentally alert and financially independent. A volunteer Communications Assistant is needed to help spread the word about the senior center and all of the services, programs and volunteer opportunities they have.  The Volunteer Communications Assistant will come to the Senior Center and get to know us before transitioning and working from home or school.  Our three main needs are in website development using Word Press, interaction with print and social media (press releases/articles and regular scheduled social media postings) and training of a staff member for continuity of work.  If the student identifies opportunities to grow in responsibility with new communications ideas, they will be welcomed and considered.  Contact Lizabeth Conner at (610)444-4819 X105 for more information.

**PennEnvironment Internship**

PennEnvironment is looking for candidates to help educate and engage citizens in the most critical environmental issues of our time. You can help PennEnvironment spread vital information on environmental advocacy in the media, build coalitions, organize events, and lobby decision-makers. Ultimately, you can help defend the environment, work to keep public lands in public hands, and protect our rivers, lakes, and drinking water. To apply visit: [PennEnvironment Application](https://jobs.environmentamerica.org/PA-intern-apply.html?_ga=2.100439390.1796684773.1516115272-1630954329.1516115272).

**Philadelphia Parks and Recreation Ecosystem Management Intern**

Join Philadelphia’s Parks and Recreation team as an Ecosystem Management Intern from March through August 2018. This internship will include two separate ecosystem management project types; Invasive plant control (March 15th to May 1st) and Emerald Ash Borer suppression (May 1st to August 30th). <https://cse.google.com/cse?oe=utf8&ie=utf8&source=uds&start=0&cx=003474906032785030072:utbav7zeaky&hl=en&q=Ecosystem%20intern#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=Ecosystem%20intern&gsc.page=1>

***CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY FOR EVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES***

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