**SERVICE CORNER**

**February 6th, 2018**

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

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

[www.wcupa.edu/volunteer](http://www.wcupa.edu/volunteer)

**“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears” ~ Nelson Mandela**

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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**2018 Spring Volunteer Fair CHANGE OF DATE!!!!!!**

**~~Thursday, February 8~~~~th~~ 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!

**Play4Kay Basketball Game & Fundraiser**

**Saturday, February 10th, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Hollinger Field House**

**Game #1 starts at 1:00pm; Game #2 starts at 3:00pm**

Play4Kay is a special basketball game & fundraiser held annually here at WCU to benefit [The Kay Yow Cancer Fund](https://kayyow.com/). Kay Yow, former North Carolina State University head women’s basketball coach formed the fund before losing her battle with cancer in 2009. Join Women’s Basketball and the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs at the Play4Kay basketball games and have fun in the “Pink Zone” behind the stands where $5 will earn you 5 raffle tickets and unlimited access to family friendly activities, face painting, a moon bounce, a photo booth and more. The Pink Zone will have additional raffle tickets for sale, food, and special Play4Kay t-shirts for sale.  All proceeds from raffle ticket sales, t-shirt sales, and Pink Zone entry will go to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

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

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

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!

**Flu immunizations are still available in Student Health Services!**

Call Student Health Services to make an appointment to get your FREE immunization and T-shirt!  Stay healthy during this rough flu season!  Call (610) 436-2509 to schedule an appointment.

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

**Signup Deadline Monday, February 19th**

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

Interested in taking political action? 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.

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

**Tuesday, February 20th**

**Wednesday, March 7th**

**Tuesday, April 17th**

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<https://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp> to sign up to donate.

**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***

**Vine Day**

**Saturday, February 10th, 9:00am-12:00pm**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Open Land Conservancy monthly Vine Day at the George Lorimer Preserve, meeting spot at the North Valley Road Parking Lot. Here you 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!

**2018 Career Fair**

**Wednesday, February 21st, 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>

**Vine Day**

**Saturday, March 10th, 9:00 am-12:00pm**

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. Here you 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 9:00am-12:00pm**

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. Here you 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!

**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 11-3. If you are interested or have any questions contact Stephanie Miller at 610-429-9400 ext 4109 or smiller@uwchestercounty.org

**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).

**Marketing Volunteer Internship Position**

Community Volunteers in Medicine is looking for a volunteer intern interested in gaining experience in non-profit marketing. This internship will provide you with many different experiences that help you develop your career, increase networking opportunities, and build your resume while keeping your education in focus. Students applying for this internship must demonstrate strong communication, writing, and creative skills. If you meet these requirements and are interested in applying, send your resume and cover letter to Lauren Cowan at lcowan@cvim.org. Send any questions to the same email or call 610-836-5990 ext 119.

**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>

**Saturday Night Lights, West Chester YMCA, Saturdays, 7pm-10pm**

October 14th 2017- May 26th 2018, The YMCA is looking for volunteers to interact with teens in lots of fun activities, like playing games, shooting hoops, and simply being a great role model! Feel free to sign up for one Saturday or multiple at<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-saturday>

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

[*http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch*](http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch)

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