Last Call for Applications for the Student Leadership Board

This group of students will examine how student-led service and service-learning offices work around the country, and create proposals for a student-led model at UNCA. The group will be made up of a student Core Committee that will be researching best practices at other Universities and a larger Advisory Board. Check out this video for an idea of an example of what a STUDENT-LED service and service-learning organization (started by a student!) could look like: http://www.unc.edu/apples/20anniv.html.
You can find an application on this website or get one at the Key Center. More information is available on the Student Leadership Board facebook page. The application deadline has been extended to Friday, October 14th, which is very soon! Please email bvolz@unca.edu with your interest or any questions.

Announcing the 2011-2012 ADVANCE Members

Congratulations to the new UNCA ADVANCE Team! Abigail Brinkey, Fatima Faridi, Gemaiah Carlisle-Rideout, Mathew Turpin, and Yaw Amanfoh have been selected as the 2011-2012 AmeriCorps ADVANCE cohort. These students will each be serving 300 hours each with Communities in Schools as mentors this academic year, and earning an AmeriCorps Education Award for their deep commitment to service. Individual members will be serving as mentors at least two days a week, and as a group, the team will be doing a total of 30 hours of service with Communities in Schools every week! For more information on how to become a mentor, see the “Getting Involved in Your Community” section below.

Spring Semester Service-Learning Designated Courses

Here are the Service-Learning Designated Courses coming online this Spring! Courses that have the official service-learning designation (and therefore would count toward you graduating as a Community Engaged Scholar) will be marked with an SL notation in the online registration.

POL 374 (Betsalel) ReStorying Community
PSYC 342 (Berryhill) Community Psychology
ARTS 310 (Kloeppe) Arts and Ideas
**SPAN 110 (Bailey) Elementary Spanish** (Note: Only 1 of the 2 sections offered by Professor Bailey will be Service Learning Designated; make sure to check for the “SL” notation when you register.)

**SPAN 300 (Bettencourt) Oral Skills**

As registration draws near, make sure to check out the Key Center website for the most up to date information. There are a few more courses that will be added as Service-Learning Designated in the next month.

**Did you know?** Successfully completing two Service-Learning Designated Courses and completing a Public Service project during your time at UNCA will allow you to graduate with the new academic honor of **Community Engaged Scholar**. For more information, check out the Key Center website. You are welcome to stop by the Key Center anytime with questions.

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**Getting Involved In Your Community: Deep Service Opportunities**

**Featured Opportunity: Mentoring**

**Every 26 seconds, a student drops out of school.** *(Johns Hopkins University Study)*

**Be the change, Be a mentor.**

Contact keyctr@unca.edu if you want to be a mentor this year, or refer to the specific contacts below for opportunities for working with K-5th grade, Middle School students, or High School students. There are many more opportunities listed on our website! http://keycenter.unca.edu/service-learning-opportunities.
**Children First/CIS Project MARCH Learning Centers:** Quick facts: Children are K-5th grade; you would choose one or two days a week Monday-Thursday 2:30 to 5:30; no transportation needed; good opportunity for individual students (or groups). Plug in with ADVANCE members who collectively are going every day to the Communities in Schools learning center in Pisgah View. Contact Cody, UNCA ADVANCE Program Team Leader (cblakely@unca.edu) if you want to get involved!

**Getting Back to the Basics (GBTTB):** Quick facts: Youth are ages 11-21 (High School and Middle School); the need is on Saturdays, no transportation needed for a group; good opportunity for a group such as a student org, or individuals with transportation. For more information on this organization, check out their website http://www.gbttb.com/. Contact bvolz@unca.edu if you’d like to get involved.

**YMCA:** Quick Facts: Youth are Middle School students, mentors/tutors needed one or two days a week Monday-Thursday 3:00-6:30, or for tutoring hour from 3:30-4:30; you may need your own transportation; good opportunity for individuals or groups. Please let the Key Center know if you chose to get involved with the YMCA. Contact bvolz@unca.edu if you’d like to get involved with the YMCA.

For a more complete list of opportunities to get involved, visit our website at http://keycenter.unca.edu/service-learning-opportunities. We are happy to meet with students one-on-one at the Key Center to discuss what kind of work with community organizations interests you.

If you prefer to operate in cyberspace, fill out our Find a Service Learning Opportunity Form on our website. You can also let us know about the work you are doing in our community by logging your service hours with us. If you know of a great organization or if you are doing work with a local organization, come tell us about it.

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**Special Events**
Interfaith Service: Interested in working side-by-side with people from different religious backgrounds, including Muslims, Jews, and Christians, doing meaningful service and engaging in interfaith dialogue? Contact Britta bvolz@unca.edu or Amarra aghani@unca.edu to get connected to this group of Asheville area college students who will be harvesting fall vegetables and picking apples for Manna Food Bank. Dates for this month are October 10th, October 24th, and October 29th.

MS Service Day October 15th. Volunteers will meet at the YWCA of Asheville at 8am. (Coffee and bagels will be served!) The teams will gather up their supplies (which will be provided), grab a bagged lunch, and then head out to a designated home. Volunteers will be matched to residents based upon the requested home projects. Please go to I want to Volunteer! and fill out an application.

Make a Difference Day: Saturday, October 22nd. There are lots of projects going on that groups of students can participate in on this National Day of Service! If you are interested in getting involved, contact student Kaitlyn Huder khuder@unca.edu who is coordinating efforts from UNCA.

Haunted Corn Maze Halloween Do you enjoy acting or scaring people? Are you interested in haunting the Eliada Homes Haunted Corn Maze this Halloween? The dates are the 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29 of October. Pick up will be at the Carol Belk Theatre at 4:30pm, and you will be provided with DINNER and costumes for the haunting. Please sign up through (and direct questions to) usittunca@gmail.com.

Local Community Garden Service Days: Find out more on our website http://keycenter.unca.edu/news-events.

Local Elementary School Fall Carnivals: Lots coming up in October that need volunteers! Find out more info about how to get involved with local events at Claxton, Emma, Jones, and Hall Fletcher Elementary schools, as well as other local events and service opportunities on our website at http://keycenter.unca.edu/news-events.
Conferences and Forums

**Public Health Web Forum:** Wednesday, October 12, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Eastern Standard Time. Designing Healthy Communities: Uniting the Missions and Perspectives of Public Health and Urban Planning, a Conversation with Richard Jackson, MD, MPH. To register, click here, or contact Rebecca Reeve, Director of Research Programs at the NC Center for Health and Wellness, at rreeve@unca.edu.

**Asheville/Buncombe Food Policy Council** Friday, October 21, 1-4pm, followed by a social from 4-5pm, In the Mtn. View Conference Room #417, At the UNC-Asheville Wilma Sherrill Center. All are welcome to an exciting afternoon of organizing, setting goals, and taking action on food security for our community. By coming together we can ensure a comprehensive look at our food security future. For more information, check out http://ashevillefoodsecurity.wordpress.com/about/.

**Student Leadership Conference:** November 12th at Wake Forest University. Sessions focus on topics including community service, leadership, service-learning, advocacy and activism. For more info on the conference, check out the Campus Compact website. Registration deadline has been extended to October 11th.

The Last Word

**What is the difference between SERVICE LEARNING and VOLUNTEERING?**

**Service learning** is an experience that involves both serving and learning. It provides a valuable service that meets a need identified in the community (not a need you or a professor comes up with) that also connects with your academics. Service learning involves meaningful reflection that engages you in connecting your service to relevant academic issues.

Thus, ideally, **service learning** involves students actively engaging in well-organized direct service, projects and research in ways that respond to community-identified needs and enhance the wellbeing of people and places while
allowing students to reflect and learn about the connections between their courses and their service. Find out more at http://keycenter.unca.edu/what-service-learning.

**Volunteering** is doing service without the learning component. At its best, like service learning, it also responds to community-identified needs. Student Affairs -- right across the hall from the Key Center -- helps students find meaningful service experiences. You can contact Mary Chakales at mchakale@unca.edu to get involved in volunteering. Some pure service activities also occur in one-day events such as Martin Luther King Day. While the Key Center focuses on service learning, it also can help you find a pure service experience with advice on places you can go.