There is a new Year-Long Service section to the newsletter. Graduating seniors: have you considered a year of service? You may find this is the thing for you. For example, maybe you could become an AmeriCORPS VISTA. Check the new section out and see for yourself.

The Key Center is now accepting applications for Peer Leaders for ASE Spring and Fall Breaks 2015. This is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience, help learn about and educate your peers on a variety of social issues, gain a credit hour for the Peer Leader course, and did we mention get to go on the ASE trip for free? For more information, and to get the application, visit http://keycenter.unca.edu/alternative-service-experience. Don’t hesitate, applications are due by noon on April 16!

The Center for Diversity Education is taking applications for paid internships. Instructions are on the Career Center website. Or send your resume to Deborah Miles at dmiles@unca.edu.

Service
Short Term

**Summer:** The Interactive Resource Center (IRC) in Greensboro, NC, seeks empathetic, social justice minded volunteers to serve our guests this summer. The IRC is a day center for folks experiencing homelessness in Greensboro, NC. We offer a range of services for our guests, but we are particularly looking for volunteers to work in our intake, computer lab, and case management departments. For more information about this volunteer opportunity, click here. For more information, about the IRC check out http://gsodaycenter.org/

**April 10-11:** Riverlink needs help setting up for the Voices of the River Art and Poetry reception. This will be at any time possible at AB Tech’s Holly Library. If you'd like to help, please contact Lizzy at education@riverlink.org or call 828-252-8474 ext. 18.

**April 11:** The Unbroken Circle is a free musical event that wishes to raise awareness and funds for the families of those effected by the mudslide in Oso Washington. For more information,
April 12: UNCA is looking for ushers for the David Holz concert at Lipinsky Auditorium. Ushers will receive two free tickets after a short orientation meeting at 6:00 p.m. Please wear all black or black pants and white shirt. Ushers should be finished by 9:30 p.m. To volunteer, contact Debra Marek at dmarek@unca.edu.

April 12: UNCA needs volunteers to help in the classrooms for Super Saturday, an academic enrichment program for 3rd-8th graders. Volunteers would be assisting teachers in the classroom with duties such as chaperoning and project set-up and break-down. Class periods are from 8:45 a.m.-10:20 a.m. and from 10:15 a.m.-11:50 a.m. To volunteer, simply show up at the Super Saturday desk 15 minutes before your preferred class period in Carmichael.

April 12: The French Club and the UNC Asheville History Dept are hosting a workday at the historic South Asheville Cemetery. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to become involved in the Asheville community and learn more about Asheville's history. Lunch and water will be provided. To participate contact Dr. Ellen Pearson at epearson@unca.edu.

April 12: The Literacy Council of Buncombe County will be holding a free book giveaway for the Southside community. The event will be held at the Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Center at 285 Livingston St in Asheville. Volunteers will be needed from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to help set up and from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. to help man the different stations. If interested, contact Mary Miller at (828) 254-3442 ext 204 or email her at volunteers@litcouncil.com.

April 20: Trips for Kids WNC is in need of volunteers to help out at Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day. To register, visit http://www.meetup.com/Pisgah-Area-Mountain-Biking-Asheville-Hendersonville-brevard/events/172432582/.

May 5: The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive needs volunteers to help letter carriers collect food on their routes, and volunteers to help unload the mail trucks full of food in the evening. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact Lea Brooks at alicia.brooks@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Spring/Summer: Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway have several new projects in the works. Check them out:

May 6-8: Pisgah Campground: This has been a signature project for Friends for a number of years. The campground opens on May 9 and Friends will be assisting May 6 through 8 to open the campgrounds. Work will consist of removing winter debris, repairing campsites, and preparing the amphitheater for painting and repair. During the summer two to four volunteers will be needed to assist at the campground. This will begin after Memorial Day and will usually be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Work consists of trash pick-up, fire pit cleaning, replacement of fire pits, trimming, repairing tent sites, etc. Good work and good exercise!

During the Summer: Visitor Center: A large number of native wild flowers were planted in front of the center last fall and now they need to be watered and cared for. Although the time is sporadic (water if a dry spell), the flower beds will need to be weeded during the summer (chic weed and dandelions...no poison ivy, etc.).
June/July: Parkway Mile Markers: This year Friends is planning to repaint the mile markers from mm 364 to 415. The effort will begin in the June/July time frame. The effort will require a steady hand and attention to detail.

April/May: Folk Art Center Interpretive Trail: The Mountain to Sea Trail runs in front of the Folk Art Center then branches off to the east a few hundred yards from the main entrance to the Center. Friends has committed to maintaining the trail and cleaning the interpretative signage along the trail. Effort will begin after the pollen has fallen this year...April/May and again in the fall after the leaves have fallen.

Undetermined: Ditch Cleaning (near Tanbark Tunnel and the infamous "road crack"): Many of you assisted last year to clean a major ditch close to the Tanbark Tunnel area. Repair crews have been busy and working 24/7 to restore the Parkway north so it can again be open to the public for enjoyment. The target opening date is reportedly Memorial Day weekend and if there is a window of opportunity from the finishing of the repair and the Parkway reopening, the Park Service would once again like Friends to assist in cleaning out roughly 1/4 to 1/2 mile of ditch.

Undetermined: Invasive Species: We have a number of invasive species along the Parkway...Bittersweet being but one (and it is tough to get rid of). This project is in planning but Friends will need all hands on deck to make a dent and it will be a multi-year effort. Work will occur when the plants can be identified which could be a year round effort.

Undetermined: Painting the Leaning Parkway Signs: The Park Service has asked Friends for help in scraping and repainting the "leaning signs" at several entrances to the Parkway (191 and 70). An eight to ten foot step ladder will be needed to reach the upper part of the signs. This is a good project for two to three people.

Beginning Now: Cleaning the Commuter Corridor: The Parkway is an economic driver to the success of Western North Carolina. Visitors from around the world come here to enjoy the beauty and to learn how we constructed the Parkway. It is indeed a shame to have litter along the corridor which stretches from the Folk Art Center at highway 70 to the Arboretum at highway 191(mm 382 - mm394). The Park Service has given Friends the permission to offer these miles for adoption which would be great projects for families and civic groups. The only restrictions would be to not park in no parking areas, to wear a reflective safety vest (which can be provided) and to not park right after a rain as tire tracks will be left on the road side. A group will be cleaning the corridor beginning Tuesday and this will be an "as required" project, but whomever adopts a mile (or more) will make the decision on frequency. Keeping the parkway clean of litter also protects the animals as they are drawn to the smells of human food.

For more information on any of these opportunities, or to volunteer, contact Dan Wells at friendsbrp.asheville@yahoo.com.

Undetermined: The Salvation Army’s Center of Hope Shelter needs a few semi-skilled people to assemble dressers for its Women’s Shelter. Tools and equipment will be provided; the only thing needed is hands for assembly. There is no set schedule, it only needs to be completed as
soon as possible whenever someone can help. If you are interested in helping, contact Lea Brooks at (828) 253-4723.

Long Term

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy invites avid hikers and backpackers to apply to join the Smokies Wilderness Elite Appalachian Trail (S.W.E.A.T.) Crew for six-day sessions running from June through August. Food, lodging, training, and supplemental gear will be provided for accepted volunteers. To apply and learn more visit http://www.appalachiantrail.org/what-we-do/trail-management-support/trail-crews/sweat-crew or call 828-254-3708.

Trips for Kids WNC is in need of volunteers to help out on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at Eblen and Erwin Afterschool Bike Clubs. There is also an opportunity for internship over the summer at The Bicycle Thrift Shop. If you are interested, contact Stephen at stephen@tripsforkidswnc.com.

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP) is looking for summer and fall interns. Interns are a vital part of the ASAP team, and support a wide variety of our organization’s operations. They offer unpaid internships with the following departments: Local Food Campaign, Growing Minds Farm to School Program, Local Food Research Center, Communications, Photography, Graphic Design & Production, and Operations/Administration. They are currently accepting applications for summer interns. To see a full description of our summer internships click here, or view the attached flier. ASAP’s fall internships will be announced at asapconnections.org by March 14, and the deadline for fall applications is April 18. To apply, email a resume, cover letter, and two references or letters of recommendation to internships@asapconnections.org. Please note which internship(s) you are applying for. Remember, the application deadline for summer internships is Friday, March 7.

The West Asheville Tailgate Market is seeking interns for the 2014 market season. Located in the heart of West Asheville, our farmer-run & community-supported market will provide students an opportunity to get actively involved in Asheville’s local food movement! The positions available are: Growing Minds @ Market (Kid’s Tent) Coordinator and Assistant Market Coordinator. Internships average 10 hours/week and run for 12 weeks. We are seeking students for spring, summer & fall terms. For more information and if interested, visit http://www.westashevilletailgatemarket.com/#!get-involved.

Girls on the Run is looking for Assistant Volunteer Coaches. The requirements are to attend one lesson per week (around 1.5 hrs after school), Assist the Head Coach with setting up/breaking down activities, participate in games and activities, serve as a role model for participants, run/walk with girls during workouts to provide encouragement, communicate with the coach regularly, and believe in the mission! Prospective volunteers will have to pass a background check and a 30 min. online training. For more information visit http://www.gotrwncc.org or register at https://www.raceplanner.com/volunteer/signup/Spring_2014_Coach_Registration

Kids at Work is a non-profit organization which works at UNCA on Mondays to teach youth culinary arts, interpersonal skills, and healthy behaviors. They are looking for a volunteer who can help on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Prospective volunteers will
need to submit to a background check. If you are interested, visit [http://aspireyouthandfamily.com/kidsatwork.html](http://aspireyouthandfamily.com/kidsatwork.html).

**Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway** is needs volunteers to help preserve and protect the Blue Ridge Parkway. Most of the service opportunities include maintaining the landscape such as campsite repair and trail maintenance. Volunteers will be trained with tools provided. Opportunities usually happen on Saturdays. Email Dan Wells at [dawells1967@yahoo.com](mailto:dawells1967@yahoo.com) for more information or to get involved.

**Eliada Homes** is currently looking to partner with students to build some fitness programs for the enrichment of our residential students. The goal would be to offer two classes a week of a fitness activity led by student athletes, recreation majors, or other interested parties. The campus has a variety of facilities available to access including: Basketball/Volleyball Court, tennis courts, driving range, fitness center, climbing wall, and open space for track or field sports. This offers a wonderful opportunity for a CES project, or other service-learning. If you are interested in this opportunity, email Thomas Russo at [trusso@eliada.org](mailto:trusso@eliada.org).

**AC Reynolds High School** needs college student mentors/tutors to work one on one with English as a Second Language students. Mentor/tutors would help students in complete work in Academic subjects, develop a strong relationship, and talk to ESL students about college and career goals. Shifts are from Monday-Thursday, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, email Emily at [emily.dodson@bcsemail.org](mailto:emily.dodson@bcsemail.org).

**The Boys and Girls Club of West Asheville** has many volunteer opportunities available. They serve high need children of poverty. There are 3 units: children ages 5-13 as well as a Teen Center, ages 14-18. An additional site at Johnston Elementary School, also in West Asheville, serves children ages 5-10. For more information, contact Molly at (828) 255-0266 or email her at [molly.denney@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:molly.denney@uss.salvationarmy.org).

**Brandi Nichole Family Enrichment Center** is a therapeutic foster care agency for families who have children with mental illness. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to help out with creative projects, administrative duties, assisting with layout and text edits, photo retouching, file management, and website maintenance. They will be able to have hands on experience using the techniques and training they have learned in their graphic design or communication classes. They will also be able to learn about the foster care system and human service field. The student will have some flexibility to introduce their own design that may be used for marketing and distribution. They can use this experience on their resume and the marketing work in their portfolio. The student will be haven a unique opportunity this early in their career to design something that will be used and seen by many. They would have to understand the targeted audience and design material that will be appealing to that demographic. For more information visit [http://www.brandinichole.org/](http://www.brandinichole.org/) or email Charlene at [charlene@brandinichole.org](mailto:charlene@brandinichole.org).

**Project Rise** is a YMCA tutoring and mentoring program that serves grades 4 and 5 at Oakley, Sand-Hill Venable, and W.D. Williams Elementary Schools, and grades 5 and 6 at Eblen Elementary School. The program runs from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. during which time there will be multiple activities regarding development, tutoring, and enrichment. For more information, and to receive the volunteer packet, email Caroline Jackovich at [caroline.jackovich@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.jackovich@gmail.com).
21 Century is a YMCA tutoring program that serves grades 6 through 8 at Owen, Erwin, Enka, and Reynolds Middle Schools. The program runs from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. during which time volunteers participate in tutoring and enrichment programs. For more information, and to receive the volunteer packet, email Caroline Jackovich at caroline.jackovich@gmail.com.

Clare Bridge of Asheville is a Brookdale Senior Living community which provides assisted living and memory care to residents who have been diagnosed with dementia. Students who wish to volunteer will be involved with recreation therapy for residents. Students will help engage residents in a variety of activities including intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual engagement. This provides service-learning opportunities for planning and problem-solving, and gaining an understanding of how people with dementia can maximize their remaining physical and mental abilities. Students who are interested will need to attend a four-hour orientation course which will provide an overview of dementia and how to effectively engage memory-care residents. Students will work under the supervision of the community program director. Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. For more information, visit the website at http://www.brookdaleseniorliving.com, or contact Craig D. Andrews at (828) 687-0155, or email him at candrews@brookdaleseniorliving.com.

William Randolph, the alternative program of Asheville Middle and Asheville High School, is currently seeking volunteers to support their at-risk student population. There are many opportunities, including, but not limited to: mentoring and/or tutoring students in grades 6-12, assisting in classrooms, and leading enrichment activities. If you would like to get involved and help make a difference for these students, contact Carlye Gates at (828) 350-6932 or email her at carlye@acsf.org.

Emma Elementary needs volunteers to help distribute Manna food bags for students that need them. This happens every Friday from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Students will need to meet at Emma Elementary at 12:30 p.m. and be walked through the process. Manna has already provided the food; volunteers only need to distribute it to the right class. If you are interested in helping, contact Carol Murray at (828) 232-4272 or email her at cmurray89@gmail.com.

The Francine Delany New School for Children is looking for motivated and driven students and/or faculty and staff to teach after school elective classes. Their classes range from Soccer and Basketball to Drawing and Computer Programming. Drama, Art, Music, Keyboarding, and other sports are just a few of the classes that are in demand, but they are open to anything that may be of interest to middle school students. Classes happen on Fridays from 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., 1:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m., or 12:15 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. For more information, come see us in the Key Center or contact Chris Corral at FDNSC directly at chris@fdnsc.net.

The Girl Scouts are providing many opportunities for service learning within walking distance from campus. They need help with communications, social media, events coordination, retail sales & services, Spanish communications, and troops with special populations. For more information, visit us in the Key Center or contact Kristi Brooks at 828-252-4442, or email her at kbrooks@girlscoutsp2p.org.

ABCCM’s Our Circle program needs volunteers! There are many great opportunities available such as childcare and data entry.

Childcare: Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3:30-6:30. Assist childcare workers in
Working with children whose parents are attending job readiness programs.  
**Data Entry**: Flexible hours Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Enter volunteer hours and other key program information once per week.  
For more information, visit us in the Key Center or contact Julia Dearing at 317-468-5194, or email her at Julia.dearing@abccm.org.

The ABCCM has many other volunteer opportunities available. The Steadfast House and Veteran’s Restoration Quarters need kitchen volunteers as well as mentoring volunteers. To volunteer, visit [http://www.abccm.org/volunteer-sign-up](http://www.abccm.org/volunteer-sign-up). There is also the Hearts and Hands program which needs volunteers to help sort and distribute clothes at the ABCCM Donation Center and Thrift Store. To volunteer with this program, stop by the center Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The center is located at 217 Coxe Avenue. Or call (828) 250-5322.

ABCCM’s Crisis Ministry is in need of volunteers to help those whose WIC benefits have ended. ABCCM has been asked to be the emergency food provider in this area, and they need help. To volunteer, contact Cheryl Wilson at (828) 259-5326 or email her at cheryl.wilson@abccm.org.

Asheville High School is looking for tutors, specifically in Math and Spanish. For more information, contact Amy Leitner at amy@acsf.org.

NC Cooperative Extension Service partners with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of North Carolinians. Delivering timely, unbiased, and relevant educational programs that meet critical local needs in the areas of agriculture, family and consumer sciences, 4-H/youth and community development is the cornerstone of Cooperative Extension's mission. Throughout the year there are multiple opportunities to assist with community programs, agricultural field demonstrations and research projects. Programs are based upon pressing community needs and are therefore dynamic and ongoing. Cooperative Extension is a strategic community partner, allowing students to work with a diverse clientele. Program areas include sustainable agriculture, food systems, family and consumer sciences, 4-H/youth and community development and are based upon relevant needs of the citizens of Buncombe County that may also address larger, regional issues. For more information on how to get involved, contact Meghan Baker at (828) 255-5522 or email her at meghan_baker@ncsu.edu.

Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers Program has an internship opportunity. The MAVL Intern will assist in the implementation of the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers program of Pisgah Legal Services. In this program over 300 volunteer attorneys agree to represent low income clients in pursuing protection from domestic violence, accessing safe housing, securing medical care and meeting other basic needs on a pro bono basis. The MAVL Intern will follow up with attorneys to whom cases have been referred to ensure that clients have contacted them and the case is proceeding. MAVL Intern may assist with contacting clients and coordinating clinics and consultation programs. Learning opportunity: will learn about complex workings of nonprofit law firm, will learn about many different issues that arise in a civil case and be exposed to challenges facing people living in poverty. Volunteer requirements: available at least 3 hours per
week for a semester, ability to communicate well with clients and professionals, willingness to learn to use PLS’ case management software. Contact Sam Galloway at (828) 210-3425 or email him at sam@pisgahlegal.org for more information.

**Year-Long**

The United Way ABC: is looking for Americorps VISTA positions. From the website:

Summer Associates will support local organizations with addressing summer learning loss that results when students are not provided educational activities during summer breaks. Corps 18 Summer Associates will serve with United Way and the YMCA of WNC to create and implement academic summer programs. These efforts will ultimately have a positive impact on overall student success by using levels of engagement and student attitudes as key indicators.

**Member Duties:** Summer Associate will build capacity and create volunteer opportunities for parents and others to support the Summer Discovery Program that will support student achievement and attitudes. Specific duties include training volunteers, developing recruitment plans, writing curriculum and delivering that curriculum to middle school students.

**Program Start/End Date:** 06/01/2014 - 08/02/2014  
**Accepting Applications:** 04/02/2014 - 04/25/2014  
**To Apply:** [http://www.unitedwayabc.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.unitedwayabc.org/employment-opportunities)

Hands and Feet Asheville: is looking for year-long volunteers. Volunteers will work approximately 32 hours a week with such organizations as Homeward Bound or the YMCA. Applications are due by Friday, April 30. For more information and to apply, visit [http://www.handsandfeetavl.org/volunteer/](http://www.handsandfeetavl.org/volunteer/)

Americorps: is accepting applications for VISTA positions. To learn more and apply, visit [http://blogs.elon.edu/nccc/2014/03/05/now-accepting-applications-for-2014-15-vistas/](http://blogs.elon.edu/nccc/2014/03/05/now-accepting-applications-for-2014-15-vistas/)

**Funding Opportunities**

Spencer Foundation New Civics Initiative Grants  
**Deadline:** February 6th (Grants up to $50,000) and April 29, 2014 (Grants up to 350,000)

The foundation is accepting research proposals that ask critical questions about how education can more effectively contribute to the civic development of young people. Of special interest are projects designed to improve understanding of the avenues for and impediments to civic learning and civic action among young people who do not attend college, who reside in marginalized communities, who are recent immigrants or immigrants of different legal statuses, or who are less economically privileged. [Learn more](#)