Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a great holiday season and are looking forward to a wonderful semester. There will be plenty of exciting new service opportunities this spring, including our first round of Alternative Service Experience trips during spring break.

We wish to extend a job well done to Jess-Mara and the rest of the Key Center staff, and the participants for this year’s 2014 MLK Day of Service. We more than quadrupled our number of participants from last year from 30 to 130. Great job everybody!

**Service**

**Short Term**

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**

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

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 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.

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.

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.dennehy@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/ or email Charlene at 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.

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@brookdaleliving.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. 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 Hartley Brown at hartley.brown@asheville.k12.nc.us.

Asheville High School needs volunteers to work the concession stand and sell Cougar apparel during football games. Visit the website to see the game schedule http://www.usatodayhss.com/team/asheville-high-school-asheville-nc/boys-varsity-football. For more information, contact Hartley Brown at hartley.brown@asheville.k12.nc.us.

Asheville Middle School is looking for Assistant Coaches for Girls on Track, a girls empowerment program that incorporates running activities to train for a 5K in December. You do not have to be a runner to coach- the program provides you with specific curriculum guidelines to discuss and process struggles that elementary & middle school girls face (eating disorders, relationships, cyber bullying, healthy choices, etc). The Girls on Track program at Asheville Middle School meets on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., starting September 9th. As an Asst. Coach, you would be providing support when one of the Head Coaches is not able to make it (and you can support any other time, if you’d like!) Register at http://www.gotrwnc.org/get-involved/coach or contact Lindsay Kazi atlindsay.kazi@asheville.k12.nc.us.
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.

Wesley Fellowship is partnering with First Baptist Church for their tutoring program for at-risk elementary school students on Wednesdays. If you are interested in tutoring every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., please contact Clarissa Fuentes at cfuentes@unca.edu prior to Tuesday, September 17 to get into the volunteer training session on Wednesday, September 18.

ASE Spring Break
Sign up date for the ASE Spring Break trip is Monday, February 10 at 9:15 p.m. Sign up is on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are given a number when they arrive which determines their sign-up order. All are encouraged to rank the programs being offered according to their preference so that they can quickly make a decision if their first choice program fills before their number is called. All programs offer exciting and engaging opportunities. We encourage
everyone to remain open minded and positive as everyone will have an enjoyable ASE! Also keep in mind that your Onecard, proof of insurance and $100 payment will be due at the signup event.

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