Celebration of Service Learning, Internships and Service

Today in the Sherrill from 4:30 PM to 6 PM students, faculty, staff, and community partners are invited to share the celebration of the collaborative work done by students in the community.

The event will operate on a drop-in basis.

Before the start of the Celebration, come check out the Key Center’s Community Engaged Scholars Public Service Projects. They will be presenting from 12 PM to 1:30 PM in the Highsmith Pinnacle.

Key Center Social Media

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Service Learning:
1) Community Engaged Scholars:

Interested in becoming a Community Engaged Scholar? The schedule for Fall 2013 is on the [Key Center Site](#).

Important Dates for Eligible Community Engaged Scholars:

- Spring Symposium for Poster Presentation: **April 24th**

2) RiverLink

On Friday May 3 to Sunday May 5, RiverLink will be hosting its 16th annual French Broad River Festival in Hot Springs, North Carolina. The festival is a benefit for American Whitewater, The Mountain Area Child & Family Health Center, and Hot Springs Community Learning Center.

RiverLink is seeking volunteers to help with river clean up before the festival begins. Volunteers will meet at Nantahala Outdoor Center at 10 AM and be shuttled to the site. Lunch will be provided and all participants will receive a $15 discount on Festival tickets and a Sierra Nevada gift bag.

For more information or to volunteer contact Zuzana Vanha, NOC Events Manager at [zuzana.vanha@noc.com](mailto:zuzana.vanha@noc.com) or **828.488.7285**

2) Enka Middle School Garden
The United Way’s VISTA Project at Enka Middle School is hosting a Community Garden Workday on Saturday, May 4th from 10 AM to 12 PM.

They need volunteers to help build and prepare raised beds for a Community Garden at Enka Middle School. Along with building beds, projects include transporting soil, painting signs, decorating garden markers, and planting starts.

Please register in advance. For questions, please contact Nicole Herbert, Student Success Coordinator for Enka’s Community School Project, at 335-0152 or nicole.herbert@unitedwayabc.org.

3) Blue Ridge Bike Club

The Blue Ridge Bike Club will be teaching all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at Owen Middle School, on May 2nd and 3rd, how to ride safely on the road. The day begins at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM with an hour lunch break from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM.

Students will be divided into groups with at least two individuals per group, to learn the various skills and then have the opportunity to practice them on a simulated street-scape. Several groups will be participating at a time so that they may experience the feeling of being with traffic in a non-threatening way.

Some students will also need to develop better balancing and control skills. These students will be put into a separate group so that they may gain these skills before participating in the street-scape.

For more information or to volunteer go here.

Long Term Opportunities

1) Appalachian Sustainable Agricultural Project
ASAP’s mission is to help local farms thrive, link farmers to markets and supporters, and build healthy communities through connections to local food.

They work to accomplish this mission by providing marketing support to area farmers, connecting area chefs/foodservice buyers with farmers, spearheading a Local Food Campaign, certifying products grown/raised in the Southern Appalachians as Appalachian Grown, running the Growing Minds Farm to School Program and organizing Asheville City Market.

ASAP is always seeking volunteers and interns to aid in their mission and vision. For more information go [here](#).

2) Children First CIS

Children First’s mission is to empower children and their families to reach their full potential through advocacy, education and services. The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Children First is seeking committed volunteers for the summer and beyond for their Learning Centers. The Learning Centers are after school programs located in the Deaverview, Pisgah View, and Woodridge communities. During the summer these centers operate as full day programs and take enrolled children on adventures in the Blue Ridge Mountains and downtown.

For more information or to help go [here](#).

3) Dogwood Alliance

Dogwood Alliance mobilizes the public and exposes the truth about forest destruction to inspire individuals, communities, corporations, and government to take action. At the same time, we work collaboratively with industry leaders to put innovative business solutions to work that result in more protected Southern forests.

Dogwood Alliance has a variety of volunteer opportunities. For more information go [here](#).

**Community Engagement**
1) All Go West Fest

The 3rd All Go West is going down Saturday, April 27, 2013 in West Asheville by Isis Restaurant & Music Hall.

This free daylong, community-minded event was created to provide a celebration of West Asheville's bustling and unique culture. The festival will highlight local businesses, artists, and nonprofits.

2) If You Really Knew Me

If You Really Knew Me...” is an exhibit that seeks to communicate the reality rather than the stereotypes of the life of a teenage girl. The objects in this installation were created over several months in close collaboration with students from SOC 373, Listening Project, Asheville High School and William Randolph School who have been willing to share their experiences. Participants worked together in various settings and with various materials in order to create a coherent and deeply meaningful piece of art, meant to communicate the memories, perceptions and aspirations of young people who don't often have their voices heard.

The installation will be open until 3 PM this afternoon in Highsmith 222.

3) Social Justice Film Night

Social Justice Film Night will feature Brother Outsider, the Life of Bayard Rustin in conjunction with YWCA’s Stand Against Racism.

It will be screened at Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville on Friday at 7 PM

4) Malik Yakini Public Talk

On Thursday, April 25 on the UNCA quad, Malik Yakini will give a public talk from 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM.

Malik Yakini is a founder and executive director of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, which operates a seven-acre farm in Detroit. Along with DBCFSN he spearheaded efforts to establish the Detroit Food Policy Council, which he also chaired. Yakini was a member of the Michigan Food Policy Council, and serves on the steering committee of Undoing Racism in the Detroit Food System.
To see all of the Key Center’s service opportunities go [here](http://keycenter.unca.edu/).

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