Community Partnership Feature: Blue Ridge Pride
Blue Ridge Pride, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to educating, empowering, and celebrating the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, & questioning community while promoting diversity throughout Western North Carolina.

Campus Organization Feature: Alliance
Alliance is the University of North Carolina at Asheville's student organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) people and allies. We have a lot of plans for people to get involved in October and they include a speak-out and panel for National Coming Out Day on October 11, our Trans 101 workshop, and a costume party. You can find out more about these events through our email list (email alliance@unca.edu), Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/AllianceUNCA/), or Tumblr (http://alliance-unca.tumblr.com).

Like these organizations? Want to find out more about other community organizations you can work with? Check out the Key Center’s site, here.

Service Learning:
1) Public Service Project:
If you are interested in doing a Public Service Project to become Community Engaged Scholars, please attend one of the mandatory workshops in Highsmith Union 235 (SAIL Boardroom):

Wed. 11/14 4-5PM

Please e-mail the Key Center to indicate your attendance at keyctr@unca.edu.

2) Community Engaged Scholars:
If interested in learning more about becoming a Community Engaged Scholar, then please attend the General Information session happening on Friday, October 12 2pm-3pm in Highsmith Union 235 (SAIL Boardroom).

For more information about the academic honor and Public Service Projects is here: http://keycenter.unca.edu/community-engaged-scholars

UNCA also has a recent feature on the first Community Engaged Scholars who graduated in May here: http://www.unca.edu/features/recognized-giving-back.
Service:

Short Term Opportunities

1) Vance Community Peace Garden

Vance will be hosting a garden work-day on Saturday, October 13th. The workday will start in the morning and go until energy runs out.

Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the day. Bring your ‘getting dirty’ clothes.

For more details or any questions contact Jordan Diamond jordan.diamond@asheville.k12.nc.us

2) RiverLink

Mountain Glass Arts will be hosting an evening with Glass Blowers. Riverlink needs help with tabling at this fun party. There will be food, beer, awesome glass and live music.

Mountain Glass Arts has been gracious enough to make sure that RiverLink will receive donations from the event. Help RiverLink spread the word about their organization.

The party will take place Saturday, October 13th 5pm-11pm at the Asheville Glass Center. Shifts will be 5pm-8pm and 8pm-11pm.

To sign up contact Jess at jess@riverlink.org 828-252-8474 ext. 17

3) Eliada

Eliada’s Annual Corn Maze is a great volunteer opportunity. 100% of the proceeds raised throughout the Corn Maze go directly to all of the services and programs Eliada provides. The event itself is comprised of 4 miles of corn maze trails, concessions, attractions including tube slides, corn cannons, and a cow train.

Volunteers will be assigned a role upon arrival to the maze. Shifts are three hours long and volunteers receive a snack & drink, and two free tickets to return and enjoy the Corn Maze as one of our guests!

Maze will run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the end of October.

To sign-up go here.

4) NC Justice Center

This October 20th at the Pisgah Legal Services offices in Asheville, there will be a workshop for DACA candidates (Deferred Action). This workshop will be facilitated by NC Justice Center and will provide DACA candidates access to free legal assistance with applications.
They are looking for volunteers to help with the following jobs for three hour shifts (9-12; 12-3; 3-5)

**Registration Table** - Which will be checking people in (they will have appointments set up ahead of time, explaining process of the day, providing a number that next stage will call...)

**Support to the lawyers reviewing packets** - making copies, getting whatever they might need and perhaps helping applicants moving from station to station

**Childcare** - may need to provide childcare through the day

**Movement building/ Activities** - applicants may have to wait an hour or two in the waiting room/conference area, maybe a great time to collect stories, get folks on hotline etc...or have some sort of movement building activities going on...we are open to ideas..

If interested contact Carolina McCready carolina.mccready@gmail.com

**Long Term Opportunities**

1) **Asheville Humane Society**

Volunteers are needed to socialize, train and groom adoption dogs and puppies.

Responsibilities include walking and exercising shelter dogs and puppies, teaching shelter dogs basic obedience commands, working with shelter dogs and puppies so they are comfortable with being handled by new people, brushing and combing shelter dogs and puppies, filling out interaction log for each shelter dog and puppy handled, providing support to new volunteers socializing with dogs and puppies.

Overall volunteer goal is to help make shelter dogs and puppies more adoptable. 6 month volunteer commitment (of 4 hours per month) is expected. Must enjoy working with dogs and puppies. Volunteers required to attend general orientation and training.

For more information go [here](#).

2) **Asheville City Schools Preschool**

Asheville City Schools Preschool welcomes volunteers to join young learners in their classrooms.

Volunteers need to have a love and desire to spend quality time with children 6 weeks to 5 years old. Volunteers will be asked to read children’s books and play with the children for several hours during the school day.

Casual, child-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes are preferred. Things can get messy in the classrooms, so wear easily washable clothing.

Asheville City Schools Preschool operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm and is very flexible in accommodating volunteer hours. A current TB Test is required, and a criminal background check will be conducted by our agency before beginning your assignments.
For more information go [here](#).

### 3) Asheville Greenworks

Asheville GreenWorks seeks individuals, groups, neighborhoods and businesses to commit to cleaning a particular street in our community.

Commitment includes 6 cleanups per year and should be for at least one year, three years if you’d like a sign. AGW will provide all supplies and the City of Asheville provides signs for qualifying groups and picks up collected trash.

For more information go [here](#).

### 4) Girl Scouts Carolina Peaks to Piedmont

Girls ages 6-17 need troop leaders, advisors, and mentors like you who can create a fun environment for them to gain courage, confidence and character. Women with all skill-sets are needed.

You can work with any age level from helping Daisies (kindergartners) begin to explore the world around them to helping a middle school or high school girl move toward greater independence and responsibility. If you have even 2 hours a week, you can become a troop leader - or if you have less available time, serve as an advisor, assistant troop leader or troop specialist.

6 8 week commitment is expected, with 2 or more hours per week working with children in afterschool, housing, church or other organizational club settings providing Girl Scout Journeys program.

Individuals will need to complete a background check and volunteer application and have reliable transportation. Training and program materials will be provided. Volunteers may serve as a program provider in more than one location and will be able to volunteer consecutively throughout the year if preferred.

If interested contact Kristi Brooks: 828-252-4442 kbrooks@girlscoutsp2p.org

### 5) YWCA

The YWCA is seeking Academic Coaches and Academic Buddies for their Childcare Program.

Volunteers will assist a child with school subjects as well as playing a mentor role. Volunteers need to commit to a full school year and be prepared to work with students across the spectrum. There will be a screening, interview and background check.

For more information contact Kathy Dawkins katherine.dawkins@ywcaofasheville.org.

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**Community Citizenship**
1) Immigration for Educators Forum

On October 10 from 6pm-8pm at MAHEC, there will be a forum on challenges to the immigrant family with a focus on education.

There will be panel discussion and break-out groups.

2) Voces Inmigrantes / Immigrant Voices- Panel Discussion

HOLA student organization will be hosting a panel discussion with Itzel Polo Mendieta of Los Otros DREAMers, Norma Brown, Latin@ Community Outreach Coordinator of the Emma Family Resource Center and DREAMers and Undocu-Organizers from across NC.

The discussion will take place on October 15, at 7pm in the Laurel Forum of Karpen Hall.

3) YWCA Domestic Violence Vigil

Helpmate, in partnership with the YWCA’s MotherLove and New Choices programs, will be holding a Domestic Violence Vigil at the YWCA of Asheville, 185 S. French Broad Ave, on Wednesday, October 17, at 6:00 pm. This event coincides with the national YWCA Week Without Violence.

Helpmate’s Clothesline Project, featuring shirts decorated by survivors of violence, will be on exhibit in YWCA lobby the week of October 15.

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