

Week of December 19, 2011

WNYSLC News and Updates

Wishing you a very happy holiday season from the WNYSLC!

SAVE THE DATE! January 11, 2012, “Conducting a Service-Learning Needs Assessment” Workshop and Spring Networking Event starting at 2:00 at UB’s Allen Hall! Join the WNYSLC and Diane Bessel of United Way of Buffalo & Erie County for this informative workshop. Following will be our annual spring networking event – a great time for community partners and academic staff and faculty to meet and plan for upcoming projects! RSVP to [Stephanie](#). We hope to see you there.

The WNYSLC is on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Be sure to like and follow us to keep on top of all coalition news and service-learning related news on the local and national level!

Local News and Events

1. Service Learning Accounting students
2. WNY Women Leader’s Retreat
3. Intersession Volunteers Needed
4. Ask a CPA event

National Conferences and Workshops

1. Northeast Regional Institute for Experiential Education

Calls for Proposals and Presentations

1. Student articles sought for the International Undergraduate Journal for Service Learning, Leadership and Social Change

New Resources

1. New Report: State of the World’s Volunteerism
2. New Report: Learning While Doing in the Human Service Sector
3. New Campaign: Opportunity to Learn

Grant Opportunities

1. Public Health Research Grants
2. Echoing Green 2012 Social Entrepreneur Fellowship Program
3. Open Society Foundation Black Male Achievement Fellowship
4. National Environmental Education Foundation – Every Day Grants
5. McCormick New Media Women Entrepreneurs Grants
6. Music Matters Grant Program

Misc.

1. John W. Gardner Leadership Award
2. Student Leadership Awards
3. Global Social Change Leadership Institute

Local News and Events

1. Canisius College is looking for placement sites for senior and graduate level Accountign service learning students for the spring semester. In the past projects have

included: review of internal controls, fraud prevention tolls and policies, best practices – IT controls and others. For more information contact [Gail Calisto](#).

2. The WNY [Women Leader's Retreat](#) will be held on **January 17th & 18th** at the Center for Professional Development (300 Corporate Pkwy, Suite 130). Led by experts in leadership development this exciting two day opportunity is designed to help you strengthen your leadership effectiveness. Register online [here](#).
3. Daemen College is currently recruiting volunteers (students and adults) for tutoring and homework help at the Seneca Street Afterschool Program during intersession. This is a great opportunity for students to make up hours needed or get a jump start on spring semester. Volunteers are needed **January 9-12, 17-19 and 23-26** from 2:30 – 5:30. Volunteers do not need to commit to all the dates! Contact [Kristin Cook](#) (462-0017) or [Cheryl Bird](#) (689-6356).
4. The Agency Executive Association presents, "Ask a CPA" on **January 25th** from 9:00 – 11:00am at the United Way of Buffalo (742 Delaware Ave). This program provides useful tools to board members, Executive Directors and staff engaged in financial oversight. RSVP to [Gail Calisto](#) by January 20th.

National Conferences and Workshops

1. The National Society for Experiential Education will be holding the [Northeast Regional Institute](#) in New Haven, CT from **January 9th – 11th**. Six exciting workshops will be offered. Sufficient to complete EEA certification. Register [here](#).

Call for Proposals and Papers

1. The [International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change](#) is seeking article submissions from students. The journal considers three types of articles: Articles that discuss the development of a service-learning project and the impact of the project on the community served; a case study of a service-learning project; a reflection on service-learning and the development of personal leadership. Submissions should be emailed in word format to [Joyce Fields](#) and [Ned Laff](#) by **February 15th**.

New Resources

1. The first [State of the World's Volunteerism Report](#) (SWVR) by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) program was launched on International Volunteer Day (December 5). The report examines important contributions of volunteerism in diverse fields such as sustainable livelihoods, social inclusion, social cohesion, disaster risk reduction, governance and political participation.
2. The Annie E. Casey Foundation has released, "[Learning While Doing in the Human Services Sector](#)", a report outlining the Casey Family Services' model for organizational learning and managing change; the process and outcomes of shifting focus to securing permanent, loving families for children and youth and their timely exit from foster care; and recommendations.

3. A new study from the Schott Foundation for Public Education indicates that the United States will need to increase its high school graduation rate by 17.5 percentage points in order to reach the President's 2020 goal. [The Opportunity to Learn](#) campaign has released a blueprint for a comprehensive package of policy reforms to increase the quantity of students who succeed at every stage of the educational pipeline. Its prescriptions include a compulsory system of universal pre-K; closing school-funding gaps to boost student access and success; defining school and student success metrics to enhance quality of educational outcomes; strengthening pathways and gateways to student recovery; strengthening recruitment, preparation, and distribution of high-quality teachers and school leaders; and more. The blueprint also calls for expansion of educational opportunities through the promotion of racial, ethnic, and economic diversity; reinforcing a core curriculum that includes civics, arts, music, and physical education; and broadening curricula and essential student supports. College completion must be increased by addressing 21st-century student needs, linking college access and success to the economic growth of states, cities, and communities; supporting multiple paths to college completion; and making remedial education central to the higher education agenda.

Grant Opportunities

1. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's [Public Health Law Research program](#) is accepting applications for Rapid-Response Evaluations awards of up to \$100,000 for a period of up to twelve months to support time-sensitive and opportunistic studies on emerging or anticipated changes in public health laws. These studies must produce nonpartisan analysis to inform policy debates or add to the public health law research evidence base. Rapid-Response Evaluation studies will take advantage of opportunities provided by changes in law, regulation, or policy at any level of government. Studies may collect baseline data and, if time allows, measure the intended and unintended effects of laws, regulations, or policy innovations and their impact on the public's health. Letters of Intent are due by **December 29th**.
2. [Echoing Green's 2012 Social Entrepreneur Fellowship Program](#) will award twelve to twenty two-year fellowships to social entrepreneurs around the world in 2012. The fellowships provide start-up capital and technical assistance to help new leaders launch social enterprises and build the capacity of their social enterprise. The program seeks individuals or partnerships (organizations led by two people) with innovative solutions to significant social problems, strategies designed to create high-impact and sustainable change in people's lives, and the ability to grow and lead a new organization. Fellows receive up to \$80,000 (\$90,000 for partnerships of two people) in seed funding over two years as well as other benefits and technical assistance. Application Deadline: **January 9th**.
3. Echoing Green and the Open Society Foundations have established a new fellowship program for individuals dedicated to improving the life outcomes of black men and boys in the U.S. It is the first fellowship program of its kind that targets social entrepreneurs who are starting up new and innovative organizations in the field of black male achievement. The [Black Male Achievement Fellowship](#) will include start-up capital and technical assistance over 18 months to help new leaders launch and build their organizations; access to technical

support and pro bono partnerships; and a community of like-minded social entrepreneurs and public service leaders. Application Deadline: **January 9th**.

4. The National Environmental Education Foundation offers [Every Day Grants](#) to support nonprofit organization volunteers working to improve and encourage responsible use of public land sites in the United States. These organizations are sometimes known as "friends group." To be eligible, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or have an eligible fiscal agent; have been in existence for at least two years; be a community-based organization whose mission is focused on serving a public land site in the United States and the improvement and responsible use of that site (this includes groups that serve more than one site, such as a regional group of parks); and have an established collaborative relationship with a local public land site (including federal, state, regional, county, city, and other local public land areas) for at least one year. Application Deadline: **January 13th**.

5. The [McCormick New Media Women Entrepreneurs program](#) will fund U.S.-based individuals who have original ideas for new Web sites, mobile news services, or other entrepreneurial initiatives that offer interactive opportunities to engage, inspire, and improve news and information in a geographic community or a community of interest. Projects must launch (at least a live beta) within ten months and must have a plan for continuing after initial funding has ended. Projects may be independent or housed within traditional media. Personal blogs or one-time documentaries will not be funded. Application Deadline: **January 27th**.

6. The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation is accepting applications for its [Music Matters Grant Program](#), which provides grants to public school and independent music programs in the United States. Highest consideration is given to those programs in need of basic materials such as instruments and sheet music, programs serving economically disadvantaged students, programs involving innovative educational reform, and programs with established partnerships with parent-teacher-student associations and other community groups. Application Deadline: **February 17th**.

Misc.

1. The Independent Sector is still accepting applications for the [John W. Gardner Leadership Award](#). This award recognizes individuals whose leadership in or with the nonprofit and philanthropic community has been transformative and who have mobilized and unified people, institutions, or causes that improve lives. Nominations are due **January 31st**.

2. The Jenzabar Foundation has opened the nomination process for its fifth annual Student Leadership Awards, which recognize student groups that have made a difference in the world through service and philanthropic activities at the local, national, and international levels. The awards will honor ten student-led campus groups or activities that have made a significant impact beyond their own institution. Nominations are open for students enrolled in any accredited institution of higher education. The first step in the submission

process is joining the online [Jenzabar Foundation Community Network](#); please use referral code SLA2012. Once registered, applicants will be advised of the submission procedure. Application Deadline: **February 20th**.

3. The Research Center for Leadership in Action (RCLA) at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service is pleased to share a call for applications for the [Global Social Change Leadership Institute](#) being held July 8-20, 2012, in New York City for university and graduate students and recent college graduates. The Institute offers emerging leaders a chance to develop practical knowledge and skills to advance social justice in their communities. Early Admission Deadline: **February 24th**.

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