

Week of November 28, 2011

## **WNYSLC News and Updates**

**SAVE THE DATE! January 11, 2012 Community Partner Workshop and Networking event starting at 2:00 at UB's Allen Hall!** More information to come!

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. UB Sophomore Internship Program
2. Market Research service learning projects needed
3. NYCC AmeriCorps VISTA opportunity

### **National Conferences and Workshops**

1. Webinar: Attendance Works Peer Learning: Harnessing the Power of Volunteers to Reduce Chronic Absence
2. Infographic released for the webinar on Service-Learning in Online Courses
3. National Service-Learning Conference
4. Webinar: State Policies for Service-Learning: Opportunities and Obstacles
5. Webinar: Getting Started in Service-Learning

### **Calls for Proposals and Presentations**

1. The National Student Conference on Service, Advocacy and Social Action
2. Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning seeking articles
3. The College University Work Family Association Annual Conference
4. Student articles sought for the International Undergraduate Journal for Service Learning, Leadership and Social Change

### **New Resources**

1. New Report: Re-Emergence of Concentrated Poverty.
2. New Study: Understanding a Diverse Generation: Youth Civic Engagement in the United States
3. New Article: Remaking the Library: Are Maker Spaces the Future of Public Libraries?
4. New Report: Children of Immigrants: The Changing Face of Metropolitan America
5. New Report: Delayed NYS Contracts and Late Payments Hurt Service Providers

### **Grant Opportunities**

1. Health Care Innovation Challenge Program
2. Captain Planet Foundation
3. Native American Community Development Financial Institutions Assistance Program
4. EPA Urban Waters Initiative

### **Misc.**

1. 2011 Campus "Champions of Change" Challenge
2. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll application

### **Local News and Events**

1. The University at Buffalo's new [Sophomore Internship Program](#) is about to be announced to students. If you have not already posted your sophomore internship opportunity now is the time! The program is designed to connect high achieving University at Buffalo sophomores with credit-bearing internship opportunities in the 501c3 sector in Western New York.
2. Undergraduate Market Research students are available in the spring semester 2012 to work on projects for local non-profits. These students will develop surveys and interpret the results. If you are interested in having a group of students work with your organization contact [Joe Roccisano](#) by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.
3. NYCC member campuses are welcome to submit an application for an AmeriCorps VISTA position for the 2012 – 2013 program year. Letters of intent from campuses who do not currently have a VISTA are due **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Applications are [online](#) and questions may be directed to [Brittany Campese](#).

### National Conferences and Workshops

1. [The Power of Volunteers and National Service Organizations to Promote School Success by Reducing Chronic Absence](#), a webinar to be held on **November 30<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30pm EST will feature a panel discussion exploring how volunteers and national service organizations can be a powerful force in helping reduce chronic absence.
2. In preparation for the **December 6<sup>th</sup>** webinar on [Service Learning in Online Courses](#), an [infographic](#) has been released to help with questions and issues that come up frequently on this topic.
3. Attend the 23rd Annual National Service-Learning Conference® and youthrive PeaceJam Leadership Conference, bringing you the largest gathering of youth and practitioners involved in the service-learning movement. Join us **April 11-14, 2012** at the Minneapolis Convention Center. [Registration](#) **Deadline: December 15, 2011.**
4. There will be a free webinar entitled "[State Policies for Service-Learning: Opportunities and Obstacles](#)" held on **December 6, 2011 at 4pm**. This webinar will discuss service-learning and education in state policy across the United States.
5. A new webinar, "[Getting Started in Service-Learning.](#)" will be held on **December 7, 2011 at 6pm**. This webinar will teach the basics of service learning, as well as give an over-view of service-learning, share best practices, and discuss step-by-step plans to help you get started.

### Call for Proposals and Papers

1. Workshop proposals are currently being accepted for [The National Student Conference on Service, Advocacy and SocialAction](#), IMPACT2012 in DeLand, Florida from March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>. First Round of Workshop Proposals due: **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Second Round of Workshop Proposals due: **January 20, 2012**. Proposal application is [online](#).
2. The [Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning](#) is currently accepting articles for volume 19 (fall 2012, spring 2013). The MJCSL is a national, peer-reviewed publication with a circulation of about 1000 (with subscribers all over the world), and

includes articles on research, theory, pedagogy, and other issues pertinent to curriculum-based service-learning in higher education, campus-community partnerships, and other forms of community-engaged scholarship intended for a faculty and administrator audience. Abstracts may be sent to [Jeff Howard](#) by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

3. Workshop proposals are currently being accepted for the [College University Work Family Association's Conference](#) in May 2012 at the University of Michigan. Successful presentations will address innovative developments, best practices, and the skills, knowledge, and abilities necessary to enable work/life program administrators to integrate their programs into higher education to produce organizational development and advance their mission. Apply [online](#) by **January 16<sup>th</sup>**.
4. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## New Resources

1. ["The Reemergence of Concentrated Poverty"](#), a new report from the Brookings Institution analyzes metropolitan trends on concentrated poverty in urban areas since 2000, finding that "after substantial progress against concentrated poverty during the booming economy of the late 1990s, the economically turbulent 2000s saw much of those gains erased." In general, the report found that the population in extreme-poverty neighborhoods — where at least 40 percent of individuals live below the poverty line — rose by one-third from 2000 to 2005-09.
2. A new CIRCLE study, ["Understanding a Diverse Generation: Youth Civic Engagement in the United States,"](#) shatters stereotypes and dispels conventional myths about the ways in which young people ages 18-29 are involved in the United States political system. The study uses U.S. Census data on young voters from across the United States and compares youth engagement in the 2008 and 2010 election cycles.
3. This [article](#) discusses Fayetteville, NY's Public Library's plan to "offer its community both options: A traditional, book-filled library, and a Fab Lab to learn new technologies and build new projects." This project emerged in conjunction with their re-imagined definition of a library: "Libraries exist to provide access to opportunities for people to come together to learn, discuss, discover, test, create. Transformation happens when people have free access to powerful information, and new and advanced technology."
4. ["Children of Immigrants: The Changing Face of Metropolitan America"](#), a report from the Urban Institute examines trends in the populations of immigrants and children of immigrants in the hundred largest metropolitan areas, including growth in numbers and a share of the overall population, racial/ethnic composition, age, and variations among metro areas.
5. The New York State Comptroller Office released a [report](#) outlining the impact of late payments and contract delays had on service providers throughout NYS. This report makes recommendations for reform and offers a number of policy and procedural suggestions to improve the way New York State does business with the thousands of agencies that provide critical services.

## Grant Opportunities

1. The [Health Care Innovation Challenge Program](#) provides support for the implementation of innovative models of service delivery/payment improvements designed to deliver better health, improved care, and lower costs for people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program, particularly those with the highest health care needs. Proposed models will meet the following objectives: engage a broad set of partners to identify and test models that produce better care, better health, and reduced cost; identify new models of workforce development and deployment and related training and education that support new models; and support innovators who can rapidly deploy care improvement models through new ventures or expansion of existing efforts to new populations of patients. The letter of intent deadline is **December 19<sup>th</sup>**.
2. The [Captain Planet Foundation](#) funds hands-on environmental projects to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Application Deadline: **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.
3. The [Native American Community Development Financial Institutions \(CDFI\) Assistance Program](#) provides the following types of support to promote economic revitalization in economically distressed Native American communities: Financial assistance in the form of equity investments, loans, deposits, or grants is provided for financing capital, loan loss reserves, capital reserves, or operations. Application Deadline: **January 18<sup>th</sup>**.
4. The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) expects to award between \$1.8 to \$3.8 million in funding for projects across the country to help restore urban waters by improving water quality and supporting community revitalization. The funding is part of EPA's Urban Waters program, which supports communities in their efforts to access, improve, and benefit from their urban waters and the surrounding land. Healthy and accessible urban waters can help grow local businesses and enhance educational, recreational and employment opportunities in nearby communities. Application Deadline: **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## Misc.

1. The White House has announced the launch of the [2011 Campus "Champions of Change" Challenge](#). The Challenge invites college and university students from across the country to demonstrate how their student-led project is improving their campus community and helping America win the future. In the spring of 2012, the challenge will announce the five

Campus "Champions of Change" and host a culminating event at the White House. The Challenge finalists, in addition to the concluding event, will be highlighted by mtvU and MTV Act. Application deadline: **December 9<sup>th</sup>**

2. The 2012 application for the President's [Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#) is now available. Applications are being accepted for both General Community Service and Special Focus Areas (Promise Neighborhoods, Early Childhood Education, and Summer Learning). **Application Deadline: December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

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