Opportunities in Community Service, Civic Engagement and Civic Leadership...Leading to a life of Engaged Citizenship.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Thank you to the 180 students, faculty and staff that served in MLK Jr.’s honor!
Community Lunch Program Every Thursday in Feb.
Autism Awareness Discussion—2/16
HWS Annual President’s Day Blood Drive 2/21
Waiting for Superman movie & panel 2/20

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Neighbor’s Night every Wednesday
Bipartisan Case for National Service
2 spots left for March Alternative Break trips in VA & Geneva

CIVIC LEADERSHIP
HWS Votes Civic Leader position open
Get to know the CCESL student staff!

ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP
Pizza with the Peace Corps 2/8
President Gearan’s remarks on the passing of Sargent Shriver

Missed an issue of the Compass Times? They are archived here: http://www.hws.edu/academics/service/service_learning.aspx
More than 180 students and members of the faculty and staff gathered in the Vandervort Room of the Scandling Campus Center to kick off a Day of Service held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, Jan. 22. Following a moment of silence in remembrance of the devastating earthquake in Haiti a year ago, participants were sent to locations across Geneva where they spent the afternoon lending a helping hand.

"I couldn't have been more happy with the amount of work the students and Professor Donna Davenport accomplished on Saturday," says Rev. Allison Stokes, the Director of the Women's Interfaith Institute in Seneca Falls, one of the 15 locations volunteers were sent. "The day was wildly successful. It was way beyond what I hoped for and could have imagined."

"The Day of Service was meaningful on many levels, most importantly the Colleges' commitment to honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the character of the students with whom I worked," comments Professor of Dance Donna Davenport. "I was moved by the generosity, diligence and positive energy of the students and proud to be associated with them. By the day's end there is no doubt that I received more than I gave."

Other sites included Geneva Middle School, the Smith Opera House and many churches where HWS students and faculty painted, cleaned and moved equipment. "The Day of Service is our way of giving back to the greater Geneva community and showing our appreciation," explains Libby Clark ’12, a member of the Day of Service Committee and the House Manager for the Community Service House.

"This Day of Service was exceptionally special because it truly honored Martin Luther King Jr.'s tremendous work advocating for service," says Celeste Smith ’12, who helped in the planning of the event. Now serving as chair of the Day of Service committee, Smith has participated in every Day of Service since her first year at the Colleges.

"I believe the Day of Service is one of the best service programs our campus offers because volunteers simply show up and the event is already planned, making it easy and fun for the participants," adds Smith. Check out “Back to School with John Heavy” with footage from the day http://www.hws.edu/experience/back_to_school/index.aspx
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COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM

WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP!

HWS COLLEGES COORDINATES THE COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM OF GENEVA, A LOCAL SOUP KITCHEN, ON THURSDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY!

IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME ON THURSDAY FROM 9AM-1PM TO LEND A HAND, PLEASE CONTACT: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE LEARNING !!!
E-MAIL: DANIEL.BOYSEN@HWS.EDU
Jason “J-Mac” McElwain Book Signing & Autism Symposium

Come listen to Jason “J-Mac” McElwain and his father, David, speak about life with autism. In addition, a panel of local experts will be on hand for a question and answer session about autism spectrum disorders.

Geneva High School Auditorium
101 Carter Road
February 16, 6:30pm

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HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

PRESIDENT’S DAY BLOOD DRIVE

SPONSORED BY THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE LEARNING

Monday, February 21, 2011
1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
At the Barn

Just one pint of donated blood can help save as many as three people’s lives.

Please Contact ADAM.LAW@HWS.edu to volunteer or schedule your lifesaving appointment.
Or Sign up Online at hwscollege.givesblood.org
Walk-ins are welcome.
*Waiting for Superman* is a documentary exploring the current state of the public school system in the U.S. Directed by Davis Guggenheim he flows students in their pursuit of a better education: Daisy an L.A. fifth grader, Francisco an Bronx first grader, Anthony, a Washington D.C. fifth grader, Emily a Silicon Valley eighth grader, and Bianca a Harlem kindergartner. “In Spite of their rousing determination and grit, the shocking reality is that most of film’s touching and funny cast of kids will be barred from a chance at what was once taken for granted: a great American education.” This in the context of a national conversation that is happening speaks to the need for education reform and introduces us to a group of current reformers.

February 20th 2-5pm movie and panel
Albright Auditorium
Neighbor’s Night!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the Geneva Community? Do you enjoy working with children?

Neighbor’s Night occurs every Wednesday night from 5-7pm at St. Peter’s church downtown. The church opens their doors to the neighborhood kids to sing songs, feed them a meal and play games.

You are more than welcome to come once, every week or whenever you can make it.

If you’re interested, have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Shanelle France (College volunteer coordinator for Neighbor’s Night) at Shanelle.France@hws.edu

Today’s Politico
The op-ed highlights the strong bipartisan support for national service and the transforming impact service has on communities and those who serve. It references newly elected and serving Governors who are incorporating service into their inaugural activities, as a sign of the growing support for service as a solution to some of our nation’s most pressing needs. http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0111/47652.html
Alternative Spring Break March 2011
2 spots open for Virginia and Geneva Service trips

Pocahontas State Park, Va. Spend the week at this beautiful state park outside of Richmond, Va. Past projects include clearing land for an educational nature trail, installing drainage pipes, building bridges and removing/re-building/replacing fishing piers. You will stay in a lodge (sleeping bags and mattresses on the floor) that has a large kitchen. Participants pair up to do dinners co-op style and nightly reflections are held after dinner each night. One day is devoted to sight-seeing in the area. If you like the outdoors, this is the trip for you. Trip leaves Saturday morning of spring break and returns the following Saturday. Projected cost: $125-175.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, OR SOCIAL EQUALITY…
This spring break, CCESL is offering an Alternative Spring Break trip to Lyons, New York, led by Rural and Migrant Ministry, an organization who strives to “overcome the prejudices and poverty” that affect migrant workers by advocating for social change.
In past years, students had the opportunity to:
- Work alongside migrant works from South and Central America, including Mexico, Jamaica, and Haiti.
- Examine current issues of social injustice such as power and privilege dynamics between Agribusiness corporations and farm workers.
- Contact Senators and ask for their support.
- Volunteer at local Food Shelves, Clothing Banks, and Child Care Centers.
This year, we’re proud to announce that HWS students on this trip will be able to work with other students from Vassar College and Nazareth College!

To learn a little bit more about Rural and Migrant Ministry, here is the link to their website: http://ruralmigrantministry.org/
We have 2 spots OPEN, so APPLY TODAY! Cost for the trip is estimated to be around $50. If you have any questions, contact Tim Carter or Jeremy Wattles at CCESL.
Timothy H. Carter - timothy.carter@hws.edu
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Interested in Politics???

Want to make a difference on campus through work study???

Consider applying for the Civic Leader for Political Activism Position

POSITION AND PURPOSE

The student should demonstrate knowledge of and an interest in the American political process, current events, and related issue-specific public policy. Ideally, the student has been involved with HWS Votes and/or Americans for an Informed Democracy. The student must be willing to fundraise, organize events, lead meetings, create and lead workshops, and more; both on and off the HWS campus. A key component of this position is to remain non-partisan and unbiased; so all events must fairly represent both the liberal and conservative viewpoints. The Civic Leader for Political Activism will serve as the main contact for HWS Votes while serving as a Civic Leader for CCESL.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

HWS Votes:
- Organizing and maintaining an active group of student volunteers
- Organizing student Voter Registration drives each fall, making sure to train volunteers to register others to vote
- Organizing Voter Education activities: providing non-partisan information on the political process, candidate positions etc.
- Providing information to students about state-specific deadlines and rules, absentee ballot information and resources, and process general questions that CCESL receives
- Organizing events (usually in coordination with other clubs and Student Activities) surrounding politicized events such as Super Tuesday, Election Nights, Political Policy Panels, Pizza with a Politician, and a Get Out the Vote rally.
- Facilitating meetings and workshops related to above activities
- Coordinating with Professors of Political Science, club leaders from clubs such as: College Democrats/Republicans, Americans for Informed Democracy, and state/local politicians as appropriate/available
- Utilizing communication vehicles (CCESL website, Daily Update etc.) to promote awareness and participation of above activities
- Familiarizing with resources such as Rock the Vote, Project Vote Smart, and the local Board of Elections
- Responsible for publishing 2 issues of “Potty Politics” each semester.
The Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning (CCESL) presents....

Pizza with the Peace Corps!

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Time: 7:00 pm.
Location: Trinity 305
Category: On-Campus Events

Since 1961, more than 187,000 Peace Corps volunteers have been invited by 139 countries, including over 165 HWS alumae and alumni.

Students are invited to enjoy free pizza and listen to returned Peace Corps Volunteers and a Peace Corps Recruiter share their experiences, from

7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 8th in Trinity 305

RSVPs are requested by e-mailing serve@hws.edu by Wednesday the 2nd @ 4 p.m. or by calling x.3825

Life is calling...how far will you go?
Hobart and William Smith Colleges President Mark D. Gearan was interviewed today, Jan. 19, on "Morning Edition with Bob Oakes" on WBUR, Boston's NPR affiliate station. Gearan, who served as the director of the Peace Corps from 1995 until he came to the Colleges in 1999, spoke about Sargent Shriver, the Kennedy family member and founder of the Peace Corps. Shriver died Tuesday.

When asked what he thought drove Shriver's "energy and commitment to public service," he explained, "He saw it as an opportunity for all of us to be better people through service."

While serving as Director of the Peace Corps, President Gearan opened programs in South Africa, Jordan, Mozambique and Bangladesh and returned volunteers to Haiti after a five-year absence. He also created the successful Crisis Corps, which sends volunteers to crisis areas to help during emergencies. At the Colleges, he has emphasized that service learning and study abroad are key to developing global citizenship and has created numerous opportunities for students.

This year, six students are entering the Peace Corps. The Hobart and William Smith Colleges ranked No. 17 in the category of "Small Colleges and Universities" on the Peace Corps' annual rankings of Peace Corps volunteer-producing schools, with 17 alumni and alumnae currently serving. Since the Peace Corps was founded in 1961, 183 HWS graduates have joined the Peace Corps.

In noting the Colleges are among the top 20 on the Peace Corps' list, Oakes noted, "It appears as the school's president you're emphasizing that global view, that responsibility to serve. To what extent do you trace that emphasis back to Sargent Shriver and your time at the Peace Corps?"

Gearan replied, "Oh, I think very significantly. From my point of view, having grown up Irish Catholic in Massachusetts, the chance for me to lead the Peace Corps was an unparalleled honor, but really the opportunity for me to get to know Sarge Shriver, to benefit from his counsel, to learn from his style and approach, was a lasting gift. It certainly informed my leadership of the agency at the time, but continues in my professional life since then."