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

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Festival of Nations watch for Volunteer information
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Community Read “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time”
HWS Summer of Service Sites

CIVIC LEADERSHIP
HWS Votes Civic Leader position
Ryan Kincaid needs your Vote!!!
Day of Service Committee Members Needed!
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
Sponsored by:
Ontario ARC & Success for Geneva’s Children

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
Please, mark your calendars for...

The 4th Geneva Festival of Nations

Saturday, April 9, 2011
Geneva High School
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Celebrate our diverse cultures in our own community through Art, Food, Performances, Music, Cultural presentations, Community Resource Fair.

The Geneva School District is inviting our community members to a Festival of Nations that is designed to bring community members of all backgrounds together to share the ties with our past and take pride in the richness of diverse cultures in our community.

At the Festival of Nations, we are able to renew a sense of dignity in our respective ethnic heritages. At the same time, we'll have the opportunity to develop an appreciation, rather than just a tolerance, of the culture of others as we build for a future together. At the festival, you will discover that there is much more to who we are!

This event is Free & open to the public

For more information, contact
Nikki Kersbergen
315-781-0402
We NEED You!

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.
The HWS Figure Skating Club & the HWS Hope House Proudly Present:

1st annual
Skate for Hope
An Afternoon of Skating and a Special Performance by the HWS Figure Skating Club
Open to the HWS and Geneva Community!

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Sunday, February 27, 2011
4pm – 6pm

The “Cooler” – Geneva Recreational Department

$5 Admission
(Includes ice skate rentals on a first come-first serve basis)

All proceeds benefit:
Camp Good Days of Mendon, NY
http://www.campgooddays.org

If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate to Camp Good Days,
please contact Caroline Dosky at cd2113@hws.edu

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you there!
4th Annual
FREE FOOD
BOWL for THE CLUB
Boys & Girls Club of Geneva

LOTS OF PRIZES

Saturday, April 9th

Hour Time-slots Available From
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Grand Prize: $1500 Cash Card
Youth Grand Prize: Apple-iPod touch

sponsored by

For more information or to reserve a lane call
315-759-6060

Get Three Friends and Form a Team!
Gather Your Pledges and Bowl a Game for FREE!
Proceeds Benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva.
Join the Geneva community in reading Mark Haddon’s 

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

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Geneva High School Library, 101 Carter Rd. 
February 16, 1:25 p.m
Sponsored by Success for Geneva’s Children
February 16, 6 p.m.
Sponsored by Ontario ARC

Change for Autism
Donate your pennies to fund autism research and initiatives.

All schools’ main offices and libraries and local businesses
March 1 through April 1
Sponsored by Geneva Reads

Books n’ Brunch
Enjoy some light breakfast fare and catch a 30% discount on the featured book.

Hobart & William Smith Colleges’ Store, 51 St. Clair St.
February 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sponsored by Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Film Series
Geneva Reads will host a viewing of two films about living with autism spectrum disorders. The Geneva Public Library will host a social hour at 6 p.m. before viewing.

Smith Opera House, 82 Seneca Street
March 3, 7 p.m. — Snow Cake
March 31, 7 p.m. — Normal People Scare Me
Sponsored by Geneva Reads

Coffee & Conversation
A community conversation about autism spectrum disorders.

Geneva High School Library, 101 Carter Rd.
March 1, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. — Medical Aspects of Autism
March 8, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. — Autism and the Family
March 15, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. — Education and Best Practice
March 22, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. — Book Discussion
March 29, 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. — Resource Fair
Sponsored by Geneva Public Library

Step Up for Autism
Join Geneva students, friends, and neighbors as we walk a half mile to raise awareness!

North Street Elementary School, 400 West North St.
April 1, 2:45 - 4 p.m.
Sponsored by Geneva City Schools

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Hobart and William Smith Colleges

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More information available at http://genevapubliclibrary.net/geneva-reads
HWS Summer of Service

Summer of Service is a pilot program that will engage seven HWS students in 300 hours of service at a local community agency during June, July and August. The pilot is a collaborative endeavor with New York Campus Compact, which is an association of college and university presidents and their campuses committed to promoting active citizenship as an aim of higher education. The HWS students will earn a competitive bi-weekly salary of approximately $640 paid by HWS Colleges and a $1,132 education stipend paid by the Corporation for National and Community Service which is eligible to be matched (up to $1,000) if applied to HWS tuition. Summer of Service Interns will also receive free housing. Applications are due to serve@hws.edu or hand delivered to The Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning by Tuesday Feb. 22nd @ 5:00 p.m.

The primary goals of the program are to:

- Increase the number of college/university student volunteers and service-learners
- Help eliminate the barriers to school success to improve the academic success and advancement of disadvantaged youth
- Develop members’ and students’ civic and workforce skills through service
- Build organizational capacity at local non-profit, government, and educational institution

The Smith Center for the Arts

The Smith Center for the Arts is a non-profit performing arts theatre. The Smith is committed to providing diverse and quality performing arts and educational opportunities for Finger Lakes residents and visitors.

Skills needed: Strong written and verbal communication skills, the ability to multi-task, and be self motivated and able to interact with the public and patrons.

Duties: Provide administrative support of the staff in the office, answering phones, taking orders, giving tours, managing databases, helping with mailings and marketing. http://www.thesmith.org/

Geneva City School District
Middle School Summer School

Assist in implementation of academic enrichment services for Geneva City School District grades 6 - 12 during summer school. http://www.genevaesd.org/Middle.cfm?subpage=220733

Geneva City School District
West Street Elementary School

Intern will work with Principal Nina McCarthy to identify a project that will enrich primary school aged children. Activities can include planning and indentifying resources for an interactive site in the school/on school grounds. Examples include a geography site that connects Geneva to New York to the
United States to the world, an aquarium with local fish, rock/butterfly garden, or a corn maze.
http://www.genevaesd.org/West.cfm?subpage=220737

Geneva City School District
Geneva High School

Description of Worksite:
- Educate and graduate all students with the essential skills and knowledge to live lives of consequence.

Student Specifics:
- Students interested in working in education professions
- Prior experience working with students a plus

Detailed Project Description:
- Tutoring, supervision, mentoring, and monitoring
http://www.genevaesd.org/High.cfm?subpage=220731

Rural Migrant Ministries
Middle School Camp and Agency Outreach

The internship will take place at the Liturgia Rural Workers Education Center in Lyons, NY (an old Victorian House). HWS Intern will help implement the programs of the Center with farm workers and the RMM staff, as well as with other interns and law students. Work will take place in the Center as well as in farm camps around the region. In addition we work closely with allies in the student, faith and labor communities, and therefore there will also be occasional presentations outside of the area.

Requirements include: a commitment to social transformation and the ability to work in a group of diverse people (age/culture/class/faith background) a driver’s license, and bilingual in either Spanish of Haitian Creoles. It would be a helpful if you have worked with youth in the past – and enjoyed it! Interns will also be living in the Center, so there is a need for a commitment to living in community.

Detailed Project Description:
Interns will be responsible for the following: outreach in farm camps, helping to plan and implement a summer camp for middle school students, tutoring in a ESL/Literacy program, cooking, lots of driving during the evenings and weekends (after the workers are done working) upkeep of the Center, presentations (for more info about our work, visit our web-site: www.ruralmigrantministry.org

Happiness House (Option 1)
Summer Recreation Program

The Summer Recreation Program is a day camp for children and youth with disabilities ages 5-20. The program operates for four consecutive weeks during the months of July and August. The Program is located at Seneca Lake State Park and HWS Colleges.

The principle objective of the Happiness House Summer Recreation Program is to provide specially designed outdoor recreational experiences for physically handicapped and developmentally disabled children and youth in the least restrictive environment. www.happinesshouse.org
Geneva Neighborhood Resource Center (GNRC)

Mission: The GNRC is creating healthy neighborhoods through Pride, Place and Partnerships. Our goal is to build confidence and pride in Geneva’s neighborhoods through collaboration, education and thoughtful design. More information on the GNRC can be found at www.genevanrc.org. Audience: City of Geneva residents, particularly homeowners and neighborhood association participants.

Students will be asked to work:
- In the GNRC, with staff (Architects, Landscape Designers, Planners)
- Out in the City of Geneva with residents
- In the HWS woodshop and studio for design / construction projects

Desired Aptitudes, skills/Experience
- Digital photography;
- Conceptual design skills, both in hand drawings and digital graphic design;
- Community volunteer experience;
- Woodshop certification desired;
- Student should be a self starter / driven, as they will be asked to work independently part of the time, and to use constructive criticism to advance projects on their own; and
- Student should enjoy collaborating with a team.

Detailed Project Description:
- Provide creative ideas and designs for projects, such as: resident home improvements; neighborhood park amenities;
- GNRC educational materials; and/or neighborhood association events.
- Interact with residents to: communicate home improvement ideas and designs; assist with hands-on improvement projects; and/or collaborate for neighborhood association events.
- Complete construction projects for curb appeal improvements for residents (emphasis will be on projects for seniors or disabled residents and residents participating in GNRC initiatives).
- Assist with coordinating neighborhood association and Pride In Our Pocket Parks Campaign summer events.

Happiness House (option 2)

Happiness House is an educational, health and human service organization that excels in providing the highest quality integrated programs and services to children and adults with and without disabilities, to their families and to the Finger Lakes community. Our belief in the principles of equal opportunity, independence and realization of individual potential is the cornerstone of who we are and what we do. We believe "What Happens Here Changes Lives Forever”.

The intern accepting this position will be volunteering in the Structured Day Program which serves adults with traumatic Brain Injuries. The adults range from 18 years old to 70 years old and come from a wide variety of backgrounds and circumstances. The intern will be assigned to a Day Program staff member for supervision and develop a plan with that staff to help facilitate the program groups/activities. Tasks and duties could range from helping run a group, working 1:1 with a specific individual or helping plan activities.

The intern should have a team approach and project a positive attitude and image of Happiness House. The student should be comfortable working with adults with disabilities and agree with the mission and vision of the agency.
The intern will be an assistant to a program specialist and will follow the directions and lead of the Program Specialist. The intern will be expected to help individuals that need 1:1 assistance with groups (such as reading, writing or computer skills.) The intern will research, plan and execute group activities in conjunction with their assigned Program Specialist. The intern will attend special outings and events as part of the regular Day Program hours. The intern will be expected to adhere to agencies code of conduct, privacy regulations and attend any mandatory training as directed by the supervisor.

http://www.happinesshouse.org/

Geneva Recreation Complex

Geneva Recreation Complex is a Multi-purpose facility, during the summer season May-September; the complex is converted into an indoor turf facility. The programming will include youth and adult box lacrosse and soccer programming. Additional special events may be booked.

Geneva City Parks and Playgrounds – Local pocket parks throughout the city that will host a variety of summer recreational offerings to youth.

Student who desires to work in an educational or recreational field. Student who is physically active and is willing to work in an outdoor setting. Student should be knowledgeable in different recreational offerings, i.e. arts, sports, games. Student who has had previous experience working with youth and programming or facilitating educational or recreational programs for kids aged 5-17 yrs. Student should have a valid state driver’s license. Self-motivated, innovative and willing to be flexible with days of the week and times asked to work. Student will be able to supervise and lead programs independently, while also potentially supervising other recreation staff.

Intern will facilitate and monitor indoor turf programs: This would include supervision of activities programmed at the GRC for both youth and adults. Nights and Weekends may be scheduled. Other duties would include, inventory control of equipment, supervision of customers, handling of money and registration forms, opening and closing of the facility and possible staff supervision. Customer service with patrons, handling accident/incident reporting, working with other staff to support programming needs.

Summer Recreation Program Leader: Assist in facilitation of a new “Play in the Parks” program. Working with the Director of Recreation and Summer Rec. Director to create and facilitate weekday programs for different parks within the City. Other duties would include daily monitoring of events, facilitation of programs, marketing and promotions of events, supervision of customers and staff. Assigning or teaching staff daily program schedule and handling equipment requests for programs.

Special Events: May be asked during the course of the summer to also assist in coordinating of different special events. Examples may be asked to assist with Musselman Triathlon, Cruisin’ Night, Hog Rally Weekend and Farmers Market or Summer Concert Series.

Employer expectations are to have a student who is responsible, reliable and motivated to work with youth in a recreational setting, where they always need to be “alert and ready to go”. Must be attentive to the needs of customers and be hands on at all times. Student will be expected to attend regular staff meetings and be intricately involved in the programming of the “Play in the Parks” programming.

http://www.geneva.ny.us/Rec/ree-Ice-Rink.html
Finger Lakes Health
Obesity Prevention Initiative Intern

Finger Lakes Health is a community owned, not-for profit organization dedicated to maintaining and improving the health of all people in the central Finger Lakes region. We are committed to high quality, compassionate services that are convenient, accessible and at reasonable cost, through the efforts of our employees, medical staff and volunteers. We are a center for health education that lives its leadership commitments through participation in, and sponsorship of, professional, allied health and community health education programs. [http://www.flhealth.org/](http://www.flhealth.org/)

Finger Lakes Health (FLH) has launched a local obesity prevention program. As childhood obesity rates continue to challenge our country, local agencies are seeking innovative ways to foster good eating habits and exercise at an early age and to change behaviors that are at the root of obesity. Because FLH is a trusted leader in community health education, local leaders have turned to us to help deliver new messages and programs that promote healthy behavior, good nutrition, physical fitness and healthy communities.

This internship experience will offer a student a wide range of exposure to many facets of healthcare including community education, working with nutritional professionals, strategic planning, health education, etc. The intern will have the opportunity to meet with experts in the field of food, nutrition and obesity and will play an integral role in preparing for the public unveiling of FLH’s findings.

Detailed Project Description:

- Assist staff with research projects and presentations.
- Data compilation and analysis of patterns and trends.
- Assist with administrative tasks, event planning and execution.
- Complete audit of items in vending machines in middle and high schools in Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties.
- Analyze findings from audit.
- Work with other health partners (Seneca United Way, Ontario County Public Health, Yates County Public Health) on a local food policy/obesity initiatives.
- Research state and federal childhood obesity initiatives.
- Identify “success stories” of food companies demonstrating augmented financial performance concurrent with improving the health of their products and/or marketing practices.
- Researching food industry products and marketing practices and identifying links to obesity.
- Create factsheets and policy briefs on childhood obesity.
- Other obesity prevention initiatives created by intern and Community Services office.

Boys and Girls Club
Goodman Street – Youth Program

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is “to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive and caring citizens. We provide activities which address character and leadership development; education and careers; the arts; sports, recreation, and fitness; and health and life skills. We serve youth ages 5-12 during the summer months.”

The Club is seeking an intern skilled in visual and fine arts. Additional ability in performing arts would be a plus. Experience working with youth also would be a plus. The club runs 2 programs during the summer, “Kids Campus University” runs from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily. “Fun in the Sun” runs from
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Both programs offer arts related activities. The intern would run groups for approximately 20 youth members at a time that would cover painting, sketching, crafting, sculpting, photography, or some combination thereof. The priority would be to have someone for the morning program. If additional hours are available, the person also could provide activities in the afternoon. [http://www.genevabgc.org/](http://www.genevabgc.org/)

**The Boys and Girls Club**
**Teen Center/Fine Arts Coordination**

The Boys & Girls Club of Geneva’s Mission is:
To empower all young people, especially those that need us most, to reach their full potential. The Club serves youth ages 10-21 through 5 core areas of program: Character & Leadership, Education & Careers, Health & Life Skills, The Arts, Sports, Fitness & Recreation.

**Desired Aptitudes of Applicant:**
- Knowledge of Youth Development
- Ability to organize & supervise youth programs
- Ability to plan, implement and evaluate quality programs and activities in core areas
- Ability to Develop & Promote program with members
- Ability to motivate youth and manage behavioral problems as needed
- Utilize Club staff for support
- Experience in hands-on supervision of youth, but not necessary if applicant is strong in above aptitudes

**Specific Duties include but are not limited to:**
- Identify members’ interests in both visual and performing arts
- Identify Cubs staff talents in visual and performing arts to utilize their talents by teaching medium specific workshops
- Reach out to the Visual and Performing Arts Community to request volunteer instructors for the summer Teen Program
- Schedule guest artisans/monitor/teach individual workshops/experience according to members’ interest
- Schedule small group field trips to fine arts colleges/museums/studios and other art venues
- Identify members who keep their commitment to weekly workshops they register for and offer field trips as an incentive/reward
- Track attendance for all workshops and report unduplicated total of participants
- Thank you letters to all instructors/volunteers who contributed to the program
- Report to the Director of Programs on attendance, progress updates, set schedule and final report from the Summer Arts Program
- Attend Staff meetings
- Visit our website to learn more about our agency [http://www.genevacomunitycenter.org/index.html](http://www.genevacomunitycenter.org/index.html)
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.
Ryan Kincaid '11 was recently accepted as an official applicant for the Students in Service Awards for her work with the Building Bridges after school program, which seeks to bring together members of the HWS campus and Geneva youth.

Washington Campus Compact, a union of college and university professors dedicated to furthering civic engagement in colleges across the country, has created the Students in Service Awards (SISA) to reward students who have shown exemplary volunteerism and have positively impacted their community through service. The awards aim to both recognize the hard work of these student leaders and to reach out to members of these communities for support.

Students who applied for the scholarship are featured on the SISA website, where supporters can vote for their favorite applicant. Votes will play a part in the selection process, as a combination of fan votes and the consideration of a board of community service leaders will determine the finalists.

This semester, activities of the Building Bridges program have included field trips to the animal shelter, nearby farms and the water treatment plant. Students have also participated in a creek clean up during which participants learned how to reuse materials in creative and environmentally friendly ways.

"The Building Bridges program seeks to provide students with a sense of place by getting them out into the community and helps them discover interests and talents they might not have known they had," says Kincaid.

Be sure to vote for Kincaid, and show support for the hard work she has done for the Colleges and Geneva at http://www.serviceawards.org/applicant/190/Ryan_Kincaid.aspx.

The SISA will provide scholarships and grants totaling $25,000, recognizing the work of three students. Each student who receives an award will receive a $5,000 scholarship, a $2,500 grant for the service-learning center at that student's university that is to be used to support the center's civic engagement programs, and another $2,500 grant for the non-profit organization that sponsored the winning service project.

In the photo above, Kincaid works with students at Geneva Middle School.
The Day of Service Committee is looking for new members!! Anyone is welcome, especially those interested in community service and planning events. Committee members help to organize Day of Service work sites, create posters and other publicity items, recruit volunteers, obtain donations from the community and more. Weekly meetings are Mondays at 6 PM in Stern 117 (starting in late February). Email Celeste Smith at celeste.smith@hws.edu if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Thanks so much!!
Celeste

http://www.hws.edu/academics/service/dos.aspx