RECURRING SERVICE PROGRAM

The Center for Civic Engagement helps find volunteers for our community partners for our Recurring Service Program. Here are the dates below for the services offered this semester; to register, click on ‘Center for Civic Engagement’ in your Appointment Manager under your Academic Tab in MyCharleston.

- Fields to Families: April 14 and April 28
- Neighborhood House: April 16 and April 30
- Lowcountry Food Bank: February 17 and April 30
- Keep Charleston Beautiful: February 24, March 3 and project night on March 7
- One80 Place: February 21 and April 25
- MUSC Urban Farm: March 15, March 29 and April 19

Alternative Break

The Center for Civic Engagement wants to extend a huge thank-you to all who applied for our following Spring Alternative Breaks:

- Environmental Justice & Mindfulness; Washburn, TN
- Affordable & Sustainable Housing; Asheville, NC
- Water Resources Sustainability; Annapolis, MD
- LGBT+Rights and Public Health; New York, NY
- Civil Rights and the Arts; Selma, AL

The mission of Alternative Break is to empower students to progress from members of their community to active citizens through social issue focused education, direct service, and critical reflection concerning the social issues listed above.

One-Time Events

The Center for Civic Engagement and the Sustainability Literacy Institute are organizing a day of service focusing on the “CofC Sustains/Solves” theme of the year: water quantity and quality. This day of service will take place in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend. The entire College of Charleston Community is invited and encouraged to participate in the Center for Civic Engagement and Sustainability Literacy Institute Inaugural Day of Service on Saturday, February 10th, 2018.

Registration opens January 10th and will continue until all volunteer opportunities are filled. Volunteers may register as a group or individually. To register please follow the link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-of-charleston-day-of-service-tickets-42016377115
CofC Celebrates MLK Day

Along with the Multicultural Student Programs and Services, Jewish Student Union/Hill, and Religious Life Council, Center for Civic Engagement co-hosted Rev. Sharon Washington Risher on January 31 in the McAlister Suite of TD Arena. Risher is the daughter of the late Ethel Lee Lance, one of nine parishioners killed at Emanuel A.M.E. Church on June 17, 2015. Since that tragedy, she has been outspoken about the nation’s gun laws and is one of the national spokespersons for the grassroots advocacy groups Everytown and Moms Demand Gun Sense.

This event was a part of a series of events the College of Charleston put in honor of the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. throughout this past month. Other events included "Share the Dream," put on by the Office of Institutional Diversity, where students were invited to share their thoughts on how we can create a better CofC. The last event that took place was an inter-faith workshop hosted again by CCE, MSPS, and OID where prominent leaders from local faith-based organizations came together to equip and empower the community to address race through a loving lens. Issues explored were economic development, health equity and coalition building – all in line with King’s principles of “The Beloved Community.”

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP GRANT

Does your club, organization, or class have a great idea for a community-based service initiative? Well, the CCE is excited to offer the opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to apply for funding to offset the costs associated with community-engaged initiatives in the Charleston area. Deadlines for the 2017-18 grant are Feb. 9th and April 13th. To learn more about criteria, click here.

Bonner Leaders-MLK Day Parade Service

The Bonner Leader Program is a four-year civic leadership and development program highlighted by regular training and reflection activities. Each Bonner Leader is partnered with a Charleston-area non-profit where s/he serves approximately 300 hours per academic year. Bonner Leaders meet weekly to discuss important, relevant social justice issues with a focus on how they can personally make an impact in their communities. During the MLK Day Parade, Damian Porter, Class of ’21, reflected on his service as a Bonner Parade Marshal:

“When given the opportunity to be a parade marshal at the Martin Luther King Jr., parade with my Bonner family, I was thrilled at the opportunity to take part! But to our surprise there wasn’t much that needed to be done on our side, so instead we brought excitement to the streets of Charleston! From my view there was not a Bonner Leader in sight who was not hyping up pedestrians or participants in the parade, yelling, and jumping up in excitement! I immediately saw a change in mindset in the citizens of Charleston when I first step[ped] foot on King Street...”

Thank you Damian and all other Bonner Leaders for your continued service and leadership!
STAFF UPDATES

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New Faces in the CCE

KimberMarie Faircloth, CCE Fellow (One80)  
Ariel Zambrano, Event Coordinator  
Aly Skiko, Program Coordinator  
La’Nasa Clarkson, CCE Fellow (MUSC/LFB)

OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE

Outside of the office, our CCE Fellow, KimberMarie Faircloth, who facilitates the One80 Recurring Service opportunity, works on her own blog, KimberMarie James is a lifestyle website dedicated to providing tips on living more sustainably. The Box Project, and the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals. Her first Impact Session, edited by Virginia Barnett, is about SDG #1: No Poverty. During the session she outlines the basics of the goal, what poverty is, and how we can get involved with overcoming worldwide poverty. Check it out here: https://www.kimbermariejames.com/single-post/2018/02/05/IMPACT-SESSION-1-No-Poverty