

mark your CALENDARS

Upcoming events:

November

- Volunteer Corps.....8(5:30)
- Hunger/Homelessness Awareness Week.....11-17
- Thanksgiving Break.....21-25
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Civic Engagement) and
Twitter (CofC Volunteer!) for
updates about upcoming
activities and events you can
get involved with.

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Alternative Spring Break will take place March 2nd-9th!
Students will be traveling to the locations listed below:

Hunger and Homelessness | **Biloxi, MS**

Environmental Sustainability in Appalachia | **Asheville, NC**

Education and English as a Foreign Language | **Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic**

Healthcare and Community Outreach (Pre-Med Focused) | **Antigua, Guatemala**



Thanks to everyone who helped us "support local" during the Alternative Fall break including our student participants and community partners, the Green Heart Project and Butcher and Bee. Alternative Fall Break 2012 involved the exploration of food deserts, sustainability, and urban agriculture. It was a great success- we look forward to having your support and participation in the future!

Volunteer Corps!

Looking for short or long term service opportunities? Volunteer Corps provides students with the opportunity to serve as a group alongside different local non-profit organizations. During the fall semester alone, the 35 members of Volunteer Corps have partnered with Charleston Miracle, Ronald McDonald House, and Windwood Farm Home for Children. In November, members look forward to joining BAB for service with residence of the Ansonborough House. Volunteer Corps is a great organization for College of Charleston students looking to get involved in their community. Send an email to volunteercorps.cofc@gmail.com or visit the Center for Civic Engagement in Lightsey 203 to get involved.



Bingo and beyond is a student run organization through the Center for Civic Engagement. Twice a month students engage in activities ranging from gardening to zumba with senior citizens from the Ansonborough House.

"Like" our Facebook page and join us during the next session on November 27nd | 3:30-5:30 pm. We will meet at 3:15 in Lightsey 203.

Email Eliza at emblades@cofc.edu
If you would like to get involved.

DASH for TRASH



On October 20th, College of Charleston student teams grabbed a grocery cart, garbage bags and gloves and dashed into downtown Charleston to participate in the **10th annual** litter-collecting scavenger hunt.

130 students collected 1580lbs of trash: Thank you all so much for your participation!

\$4.40 per day

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Find us on the blog at:

[Areyouupforthechallenge2012.blogspot.com](http://areyouupforthechallenge2012.blogspot.com)

And watch a video here for more information:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gx6vMJPQrI&feature=g-upl>

What are our community partners up to?

The Charleston County school district will host their annual "Tri-County Youth Service Day" in April. During their 2012 event, TYSD engaged approximately 3,500 youth in more than 75 service projects all over the Tri-county. Young people with the support of their exemplary adult captains, created projects that encompassed the areas of education, health & wellness, environmental sustainability and community development. Additionally, there were projects that infused all of the issues as well as projects that focused on kindness, tolerance, stewardship, understanding and respect..

- ◆ For more information or to get connected with service opportunities related to planning projects for the Tri-County Youth Service Day, contact the Center for Civic Engagement at 843-953-5838.



HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Tuesday, November 13th

Food for Thought: Women & Homelessness | 12:30-1:30pm
Lightsey 258

Homelessness in Film: When I Came Home | 7:00pm
Stern 201

Wednesday, November 14th

Oxfam Hunger Baquet | 6:00pm
Arnold Hall

*Registration required

<http://tinyurl.com/CofCHungerBanquet2012>

Thursday, November 15th

Forum on Hunger and Homelessness | 7:00 pm
Maybank 100

Friday, November 16th

Take Action: Volunteer with Lowcountry Food Bank
8:30am- 12:30pm

*Registration required, transportation is provided.

<http://tinyurl.com/HHAWTakeActionLCFB>

Food for Thought: Challenge Debrief | 1:30-2:30
Stern 206

Saturday, November 17th

Take Action: Volunteer with Fields to Families
11:15-3pm

*Registration is required, transportation is provided.

<http://tinyurl.com/HHAWTakeActionFields2Families>