



Compact Current

College and University Presidents Issue Rhode Island Challenge

Eight Institutions to Match AmeriCorps Educational Stipends

At a press conference and White House event commemorating the first anniversary of the launch of AmeriCorps on September 12, Rhode Island's college and university presidents announced that they will match the \$4,725 educational stipends granted to AmeriCorps participants at their institutions. Participating schools include Campus Compact members Brown University, Community College of Rhode Island, Johnson and Wales University, Providence College, Rhode Island School of Design and the University of Rhode Island.

Lawrence K. Fish, chairman and CEO of Citizens Financial Group (RI) issued the Rhode Island AmeriCorps Challenge to Higher Education. He stated, "I am happy to announce that Rhode Island will step up to the plate and assume more responsibility for those who serve. All twelve institutions of higher education in Rhode Island will commit to matching the education award of the AmeriCorps members." Fish urged other states to follow suit.

Rhode Island Senator John F.

joined by several Rhode Island college and university presidents.

The college and university presidents met with President Clinton later that day to show support for AmeriCorps. The national service program has engaged about 20,000 citizens in 350 programs in over 1,000 communities over the past year. Rhode Island has received just over \$2 million in federal funding and at least that much in private contributions. The state's AmeriCorps efforts are education-oriented, providing counseling, tutoring, violence prevention and English as a second language programs.

Brown University President and Campus Compact Executive Committee Vice-Chair Vartan Gregorian remarked, "Programs that encourage public and community service may be our nation's strongest antidote to a recent trend toward public disengagement from civic affairs. The notion that individuals can and must work together for the common good has always been a fundamental value of American democracy. Programs

that foster such basic democratic values deserve the support of schools, communities and governments at all levels."

AmeriCorps programs raised \$41 million from businesses and foundations alone in its first year, far exceeding the \$32 million goal set by

Congress for all nonfederal support. Rhode Island hopes other states will step up to the challenge in order to enable more students to engage in community service.

Service Awards

Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award

Campus Compact's Student Humanitarian Award honors five students annually for their outstanding public service. Each Compact member president may nominate one student, and the award money supports programs designed or chosen by the recipients. For further information contact Melissa Smith at Campus Compact, Box 1975, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912 or call (401) 863-2842.

Deadline: December 15 Award: \$1,500

Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning

Campus Compact's Faculty Award recognizes one faculty member annually for his or her efforts to integrate service into the curriculum and institutionalize service learning at his or her college or university. Member presidents may each nominate one faculty member for the award. For more information contact Sandra Enos at Campus Compact, Box 1975, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912 or call (401) 863-1119.

Deadline: December 15 Award: \$2,000

Samuel Huntington Public Service Award

The Samuel Huntington Award allows graduating college seniors to pursue public service anywhere around the world for up to one year. Students are encouraged to shape their own proposals for service in this country or abroad involving any activity which furthers the public good. To receive more information contact D. F. Goodwin at the Samuel Huntington Fund, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, MA 01582 or call (508) 389-2125.

Deadline: February 15 Award: \$10,000

J. W. Saxe Memorial Prize

This award enables undergraduate or graduate students working in public service to gain practical experience by taking a no-pay or low-pay job or internship during a summer or other term. Preference is given to applicants who have found such a position but who require additional funds. Applicants should send a resume together with a description of short and long-term goals, statements from three references and a supporting letter from a faculty member to the J. W. Saxe Memorial Fund, 1524 31st Street NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Deadline: March 15 Award: \$1,000

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Chafee (R) agreed, noting, "It helps these young people who have served their country pay for college and brings the best of the next generation to Rhode Island schools." Fish and Chafee were

From the Office

Campus Compact Receives Corporation Grant

Campus Compact recently received notification from the Corporation for National Service that its proposal, the *Environmental SEAMS: Engaging Science Faculty and Students in Solutions for Environmentally Sustainable Communities*, has been funded, pending final approval. Campus Compact will involve collegiate science faculty and students in academically based service to low-income communities.

With support from the Corporation, Campus Compact will fund the development of service learning components for existing courses in the SEAMs disciplines (science, engineering, architecture, mathematics and computer science), publish replicable models of exemplary service learning curricula, expand public awareness of and support for service learning in SEAM disciplines, and strengthen and expand organized state and national networks of service learning practitioners. For more information contact your state compact office or Kathryn Ritter-Smith at the national office.

From the Field

Welcome New State Compact Directors

Several state compacts have changed directors as well as locations in recent weeks. Here is an update on the newest members of Campus Compact's national network.

California

Jeannie Kim Hahn, former director of California Campus Compact, has moved on to become the new assistant director of student life at California State University at Fullerton. Her talent and leadership will be greatly missed by all.

Illinois

Illinois Campus Compact Interim Director Jenny Melnick will complete her duties as of September 15 and move to Maryland. The new Illinois Campus Compact Director, Shawn Sweeny, is a former VISTA Volunteer and team leader with the AmeriCorps*Civilian Conservation

Corps in Maryland.

Michigan

Lisa McGettigan is now the new director of Michigan Campus Compact. She was formerly the director of college programming at St. Norbert's College in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

West Virginia

Beginning October 1, West Virginia Campus Compact will relocate to Concord College in Athens, West Virginia. The president of Concord College, Jerry Beasley, is very enthusiastic about this move. The new director for the state compact will be Christy Bailey who currently handles the Bonners Scholars Program at Concord. As West Virginia Campus Compact moves on, we would like to thank West Virginia Wesleyan and Director Jeannie O'Halloran for their time and commitment.

Join the National and Community Service Coalition

The National and Community Service Coalition was formed in 1992 by organizations that share the belief that the community service movement is a vital partner in solving public problems and restoring the ethic and institutions of community. It is the common voice of the service movement.

By joining the National and Community Service Coalition, you will be supporting the national service movement at a critical time in its history as federal funding for national service is in jeopardy. Membership benefits include:

- ✓ fax alerts on breaking policy developments
- ✓ forum for forging new partnerships with other Coalition members
- ✓ newsletters and up-to-the-minute briefings on policy developments, analysis and discussion of issues in the service field.

To find out more about the Coalition or to join, call (202) 488-SERVE.

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President's Corner

Serving Communities, Strengthening Institutions

Massachusetts recently became the 16th state to join the national network of state compacts. As we build the membership of this emerging organization, we will be strengthening the connections between our institutions and our communities.

Institutions of higher education are increasingly recognized as important partners in the economic, political and social life of their local communities. The idea of higher education as an "Ivory Tower" set apart from the people who live in its shadow is inadequate for our new realities. Dwindling resources and greater public accountability have encouraged colleges and universities to include the people who live at their perimeters in their planning.

The Massachusetts Campus Compact has tremendous potential for supporting colleges and universities in their local outreach efforts. Because it will draw on the experience and expertise of a range of institutions, the Compact can hasten the speed and improve the quality of members' work. For example, outreach to local communities is a recognized strength

of community colleges. Our long history of partnerships with local businesses, schools and social service agencies can be an invaluable contribution to the Compact's discussions. We in turn can learn from other institutions who excel in scholarship and research areas. One of the most exciting consequences of the Massachusetts Campus Compact may be the unprecedented conversations between faculty, staff and leadership of institutions of higher education united in a single purpose.

Reciprocity is a common theme in service learning programs. Students learn from serving, communities identify and meet needs and the educational process is invigorated by the experience. The "two-way street" of service learning suggests that when we serve our communities we strengthen our institutions. Through the Compact, when we share each of our unique strengths with others, we all emerge as stronger individual institutions.

The formation of the Massachusetts Campus Compact is an important development for local communities in Massachusetts. It will mean that the precious resources



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of knowledge and skills that are concentrated in higher education through the Commonwealth will be linked in reciprocal relationships for the common good. Our service learning connections constitute a vital source of constructive energy for communities to draw upon. It is an exciting prospect and a tremendous challenge for us all.

Youth Service America and Fund for Social Entrepreneurs Seek Young Leaders

The Fund for Social Entrepreneurs is conducting a national search for a diverse group of young Americans, ideally in their twenties and thirties, who have a clear vision for an innovative national service or community service nonprofit organization they would like to initiate. Youth Service America (YSA), through the Fund for Social Entrepreneurs, is looking to help fund and launch such organizations which offer the potential to alter the landscape of youth service: the Public Allies, the City Years, the Teach for Americas of tomorrow.

The first class of social entrepreneurs was chosen in April and has already participated in two professional development retreats, received national recognition for their efforts, and benefited from the linkage to the national service field provided by YSA and its national network of affiliates.

Social entrepreneurs will have a three year relationship with YSA. The participants will receive technical assistance, intensive professional and business skills development, networking opportunities, stipends and start-up funds over a three year period. The Fund for Social Entrepreneurs will also help locate valuable business and youth service mentors for the participants.

Applications will be available September 30 and due November 30. To request guidelines and applications or receive information, contact Jason Klugman at (202) 296-2992, extension 11 or send e-mail to YSAsep@aol.com.

Since 1992, *USA Weekend* and The Points of Light Foundation have sponsored **Make a Difference Day**. This year the 5th Annual Make a Difference Day will be held on October 28. The idea driving the event is that individuals investigate unmet community needs and then join with friends, family members and fellow employees to devote one Saturday each year to improving their community.

This year USA Weekend, along with actor Paul Newman and Newman's Own Inc., will donate \$120,000 to honor the most outstanding projects done on Make a Difference Day. These sixty honorees will be presented with \$2,000 each to donate to the charity of their choice. The top ten honorees will attend an awards luncheon in Washington, DC next April during the 23rd Annual National Volunteer Week, coordinated each year by the Points of Light Foundation.

For more information on how you can become involved in Make a Difference Day contact Saren Eyre at (202) 223-9186, extension 199.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

October

- 13-15 Student Environmental Action Committee**
Fourth National Conference, Chapel Hill, NC ☎ 1-800-700-SEAC.
- 15-16 Native American Training-Service Learning in Tribal Colleges-**
KwaTaqNuk Resort, Polson, MT ☎ (406) 243-5177.
- Youth Service America**
- 18-21** National and Community Service SuperConference 1995
Arlington, VA ☎ (202) 296-2992 or e-mail YSA1@aol.com.
- 20-22 Break Away: The Alternative Break Connection**
Second National Conference, Nashville, TN ☎ (615) 343-0385 ext. 4.
- 21 City Year**
Serve-a-Thon. One-day projects coordinated by urban youth corps organization. Boston, MA, Providentc, RI, Columbus, OH, Columbia, SC, San Jose, CA ☎ (617) 451-0699.
- 26-28 American Association for Higher Education**
6th National Conference on School/College Collaboration
Washington, DC ☎ (202) 293-6440.
- 28 Points of Light Foundation/USA Weekend**
4th Annual Make a Difference Day ☎ (202) 223-9186.

November

- 1-7 Campus Outreach Opportunity League**
Into the Streets. One-day or week-long projects in a variety of fields ☎ (202) 637-7004.
- 2-5 National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness**
Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL ☎ 1-800-NO-HUNGR, ext.324.
- 8-11 National Society for Experiential Education -**
Annual Conference. Critical Learning Connections: People, Ideas, Institutions and Communities. New Orleans, LA ☎ (919) 787-3263.
- 9-12 Association for Experiential Education**
23rd Annual Conference: Seeds for Change. Lake Geneva, WI ☎ (303) 440-8844 or e-mail aeemikal@nite.com.
- 13-15 National Assoc. of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges**
Annual Conference, Orlando, FL ☎ (202) 778-0818.
- 13-18 National Association of Partners in Education**
National Symposium. Putting Children First: Policy, Practice and Partnerships. Arlington, VA ☎ (703) 836-4880.
- 19-21 American Association of State Colleges and Universities**
Annual Conference, Tuscon, AZ ☎ (202) 293-7070.



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