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From the Coordinator of Volunteer and Community Services



Greetings from the office of Volunteer and Community Services! During this Spring semester students continue to put forth great effort in performing a variety of volunteer and community service activities throughout the local area and beyond. Fredonia student volunteers are continuing to help impoverished families in the local area by collecting and distributing winter clothing items and food to those in need.

Many of our student volunteers have accomplished an array of tasks. Student volunteers participated in the twelfth annual Relay for Life event, a walk to benefit the American Cancer Society. It offers everyone in the community as well as students an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Over four hundred and eighty students participated in this important endeavor. Students partook in the Adopt-A-Beach Clean-up to enhance the beaches of the Great Lakes during Earth Month. Students collected over one hundred and forty plus pounds of debris.

Fredonia student volunteers have also been involved in cooking and serving meals to impoverished families at the local friendly kitchen; collected and helped to distribute winter clothing to area families in need. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia has been taking the time to perform songs at various nursing homes improving the quality of life for seniors.

Our students have shown care and compassion to those who were in the greatest need by helping families through Habitat for Humanity. Student groups joined a variety of volunteers in the streets of Fredonia for the annual Buffalo News Kids Day which helps to raise funds for Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

For further information in reference to volunteer and community service opportunities please contact the coordinator, Joyce Harvard Smith at Joyce.Smith@fredonia.edu or call (716) 673 -3690.

Students Making a Difference

Intern in the Office

My name is James Shearer IV and I am the intern for the Office of Volunteer and Community Services for the Spring 2019 semester. I am a junior Business Administration major with a concentration in Marketing. I am also from Springville, New York. I am very proud to be the intern for the VCS Office and have always admired what volunteering does. People that contribute to their communities have shown that individuals coming together can make a difference. With this internship I intend to help spread awareness and continue to support the idea that giving back to the community is beneficial for all of those involved.



Here at Fredonia I am also a Resident's Assistant and, as a part of Residence Life, every semester we all participate in Buffalo News Kid's Day. This day is held to raise money towards hospitals and well-beings all across Western New York. This is only one of the many services that Residence Life contributes to, however it is one of their largest and most participated in here on campus. I would encourage everyone to do what they can because it not only helps others but gives you a sense of accomplishment while doing so. I can always be contacted by email: shea1209@fredonia.edu to assist with anyone's desire to volunteer.

Serving



Learning



Helping



In the Spotlight



Delta Chi

Delta Chi strives to promote friendship, develop character and overall acquire a sound education for its members. We also aim to serve our community in any way we can. The Friendly Kitchen and St. Columban's on the Lake Retirement Home have been made main priority for us this semester.

Every Sunday we have members sent to assist in feeding those who visit the Kitchen; we realize the importance of the efforts put forth by The Friendly Kitchen and feel that we can make serving the community just a little easier by lending a hand. We also view St. Columban's as a learning experience by simply interacting with the residents there and offering assistance in whichever form is necessary.

Delta Chi helps the Fredonia community to better themselves as well. We believe that by volunteering we are building our bond as brothers while becoming well-rounded individuals in the process. We also believe that by serving the community as students will be a gateway to having a positive civic impact beyond our college careers.

Fredonia Radio Systems

Fredonia Radio Systems is a student-run FCC-Regulated radio station with two broadcasting stations. We aim to provide quality programming for the campus and community while simultaneously giving students and community members opportunities to work in radio and broadcasting.

As a group we also host Rockin' the Commons. This is a Team Cure event featuring local bands with food, games, raffles and donations in exchange for CDs. Since we started this event we've gotten to the point where thousands of dollars are raised for Roswell Park Cancer Hospital each year.

We participate in Relay for Life and Fall Sweep as well. Building relationships inside the group is very important to us. We feel we hold some responsibility towards making a difference. Through our relationships with local businesses and Team Roswell we are able to make that happen.

Fredonia Divine Sound Gospel Choir

Fredonia's Divine Sound Gospel Choir is a singing group that gives students the ability to enjoy fellowship through the medium of Gospel/Christian Contemporary music. It is our hope that our members are committed to their education through mental, physical and spiritual development.

Aside from Fall Sweep, we often sing at campus events and retirement homes. This is our attempt at reaching out to the campus and the local community. We appreciate the community allowing us to spread our voices. The more we do service the closer we become as a group. In addition to helping the community we also serve to learn. Our interactions with local service organizations have taught us why volunteering is important and shown us the effect it has on people.



Viewpoints on Volunteering: Hannah Apthorpe

My name is Hannah and I am a senior public relations major with a Spanish minor. Here at Fredonia I am an active member of Student Association, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Fredonia Radio Systems.

As Vice President of Student Association I was able to fulfill my goal of leading by example; I organized our participation in Relay for Life, Buffalo News Kids Day, Safe Halloween and Fall Sweep. My dad has influenced me from a young age through the local Rotary Club. This exposure showed me how even a little generosity can go a long way.

Since I began serving my community I have developed a deeper appreciation for those who give priority to serving theirs; some work may go thankless but it is always impactful. Currently, I am working with Northern Chautauqua County's Boys & Girls Club for my senior capstone project. Our goal is to create an online calendar that allows students and clubs to sign up for dates after school to spend with children and act as role models. I also hope to someday volunteer overseas.

Viewpoints on Volunteering: James Mead

My name is James Mead. I am from Colonie, NY and here at Fredonia I am majoring in Communication – Video Production and Computer Information Sciences. I am also involved in WNYF-TV, Play on Words and Habitat for Humanity. A lot of my involvement originates from coming across opportunities that I happen to be interested in or things that friends of mine are already involved in. This past year I have participated in Safe Halloween, Fall Sweep, blood drives and coming up this semester: Relay for Life.

My motivation has come from clubs I am involved in or individuals that I'm close with. Everyone is great about advertising opportunities to serve the community and therefore, there aren't many reasons for me not to lend a hand.

Through my community service I have met and learned from such a variety of people that I would never have met otherwise. My main goal through volunteering is to spread positivity, and I want to help some while also motivating others to help in their own way. Community service for me will not end with college; I want to continue to help others for as long as I can.

Viewpoints on Volunteering: Santazzia Collins

My name is Santazzia Collins. As the Community Relations Chair of Sister Circle I get to be in an environment where I can learn to love myself as a proud African American woman while also coordinating where our club can go to volunteer and help Fredonia's community. I also intern for the Men of Color Summit where I help plan out benefits for their futures. Finally, I am a Keeper of the Dream Scholar; this honor reminds me to keep Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of equality alive, which I do by helping others as much as I can.

I first got involved in community service in middle school, and when I'm older I not only wish to be a teacher but an inspiring leader. Volunteering has developed my leadership, communication, marketing and organizational skills. I find that I'm able to adapt to different personalities and situations as well.

I hope that I have inspired the community by showing that anyone can be a leader with hard work and dedication; everyone is important regardless of who you are or where you come from. At the end of the day, it comes down to knowing I'm making an impact, whether it's on the world or one person's life.



Hannah Apthorpe

Year: Senior
Major: Public Relations
Hometown: Honeoye Falls, NY

Activities

Student Association, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Fredonia Radio Systems



James Mead

Year: Junior
Major: Communication – Video Production and CIS
Hometown: Colonie, NY

Activities

WNYF-TV, Play on Words, Habitat for Humanity



Santazzia Collins

Year: Sophomore
Major: Communications Disorders and Sciences
Hometown: Rochester, NY

Activities

Sister Circle, NSSLHA, Anti-Social Social Club, Brother 2 Brother, Men of Color Summit, Black Student Union

Chautauqua County Rural Ministry

Chautauqua County Rural Ministry is an interfaith, non-denominational human service agency that believes all people are deserving of adequate food, shelter, clothing and work opportunity. Currently there are fourteen programs operating to fulfill this belief. Kathleen Peterson states, "Our value and reliability placed on student volunteers provides insight for our programs and helps us achieve our goals." She also encourages feedback from students who serve to further assist in helping others.

"The interactions between our volunteers and individuals who are less fortunate to provide them with kind words, smiles and hope are immeasurable and perhaps some of the student volunteers can gather from their experience the diversity that our agency has been part of for the last almost six decades," remarks Ms. Peterson.



The Friendly Kitchen :
Delta Chi serving a meal



Relay for Life :
Colleges Against Cancer
Decoration Days



Operation Winter
Rescue : Alpha Phi
Omega sorting boxes

Volunteers Wanted:

Boys & Girls Club

**Chautauqua County Nursing
and Rehab Center**

Friendly Kitchen

Habitat for Humanity

Lakeshore Humane Society

Salvation Army

St. Columban's Home

St. Vincent's Home

WCA Home

Volunteer Events:

Relay for Life

Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24
3:00 pm — 3:00 am
Steele Hall Field House

Spring Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14th
12:00 pm
194 Central Ave (President's Lawn)

Adopt-a-Beach

Saturday, April 27th
12:00 pm — 2:00 pm
Point Gratiot Beach, Dunkirk, NY

Buffalo News Kids Day

Tuesday, April 30th
5:30 am—9:00 am
Streets of Fredonia

VCS Advisory Committee

Joyce Harvard Smith, VCS Chair

James Shearer, VCS Intern

Emily Staniszewski, Student Representative

Marc Wilcox, Comm. Disorders and Sciences

Adrienne Sader, Residence Life

Kim Killion, Boys and Girls Club of NCC

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