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Summer 2004 Newsletter

OKLAHOMA CAMPUS COMPACT UPDATE

Oklahoma Campus Compact (OkCC) Renewal Dues Letter Sent to Presidents

- The letter to renew affiliation with OkCC was sent to presidents July 26, 2004. OkCC has 34 member campuses including 7 private/independent institutions.

OkCC Campus Visit Update:

- June 8th Tulsa Community College- Tulsa, OK
- July 13th Northwestern Oklahoma State University- Alva, OK
- August 12th Seminole State College- Seminole, OK
- August 19th Oklahoma State University – OKC

OKCC SUB GRANTS

United Nations (U.N.) Foundation – The People Speak: America’s Role in Society. National Campus Compact has formed a relationship with the U.N. Foundation to participate in The People Speak project. This involves hosting dialogues on one of three topics listed below. OkCC has applied for funding to award 15 sub grants to institutions in the amount of \$300 to bring community and campus participants (students, faculty, administrators) together to discuss one of three topics:

- American Power and Global Security
- Energy Choices and Environmental Challenges
- Prosperity in a Global Economy

OkCC should know by the first week of August if our proposal is funded. The target time period for these dialogues will coincide with national The People Speak events and possibly an ABC Nightline program between September 15 and October 15 (however, the money can be used

within the academic year – the month is when the national events will be taking place if your institution wants to be involved). Grant recipients will receive a detailed notebook with guides on the topics and how to set-up the event. Institutions can use the money to support the event with food, supplies, facilities, etc. Additionally, OkCC will help market the dialogue at the institution's request.

An RFP will be sent to your campus through an electronic letter with attachments to presidents. Only one proposal per campus will be funded. An unbiased committee will review the proposals and make recommendations for funding. Additionally, OkCC has applied for funding for a statewide dialogue that will be held at the University of Central Oklahoma in October. More information on The People Speak is available at the following web address <http://www.thepeoplespeak.org/>.

VOICE. Oklahoma Campus Compact's Vocal Oklahomans in Civic Engagement initiative, with funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts, is pleased to invite OkCC member institutions to submit proposals to support Get-Out-The-Vote activities leading up to the November 2, 2004 election. RFP's will go out by email on August 20, 2004 and proposals will be due by September 15th. Twenty grants in the amount of \$300 are available.

CALENDAR ITEMS

2004 President's Leadership Colloquium. Join education, business, legislative, media, and foundation leaders from across the country in crafting a national campaign to advance—and gain recognition for—the civic mission of higher education. Co-sponsored by the AASCU, AAC&U, The Institute of Politics at Harvard, Jumpstart, and the New York Times, this year's colloquium is a vital opportunity for presidents to share their strategies and gain ideas for enlisting the support of advocates in all key sectors. October 5-6, Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel, CA. Registration and other information is available at <http://www.compact.org/2004PLC/>.

Service-learning faculty/student institute. January 20-21, 2005 at Oklahoma State University. Campus presidents are invited to nominate a faculty/student team from their campus to attend this one-of-a-kind event. Faculty will take service-learning to a deeper level by incorporating student voice into the academic process and together, each team will develop a service-learning course and walk away with a revised course syllabus that incorporates service-learning for a subsequent semester. National service-learning experts Dr. Edward Zlotkowsky, Dr. Dilafruz Williams, and Dr. Rick Battistoni will facilitate the institute.

Regional Campus Compact Conference. July 2005 - Tulsa. OK, TX, KS, and MO Campus Compacts will host this multi-state event. Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming months.

OKLAHOMA STUDENT WINS NATIONAL AWARD

NEOA&M student is first OkCC member student to receive Swearer Award

Six U.S. college students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to community service will receive the Campus Compact Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award on July 13,

2004, at the national Education Leadership Colloquium in Orlando, Florida. These students were chosen from a pool of more than 80 applicants for their outstanding commitment to community and citizenship. The award is made possible by a grant from The Sallie Mae Fund and is presented annually by Campus Compact. Students are nominated for the award by their college presidents. Recipients are chosen based on evidence of outstanding public service and the creation of an innovative approach to a social, educational, environmental, health, economic, or legal issue within a community. Each award includes a \$1,500 contribution to support a service program designed or chosen by the student.

Mr. Joseph Blundell, NEOA&M student, was chosen for his contribution to his community as detailed by President Mayle below. He will be honored this fall at a ceremony on campus with a resolution from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Governor Brad Henry. A statement from President Glenn Mayle follows:

“Mr. Blundell’s dedication to his academic life and civic engagement has made a positive impact on the lives of faculty, students, and his community’s residents by opening our eyes to the value of living a purposeful life of service in the face of personal adversity.” - President Glenn E. Mayle.

When Joseph Blundell moved to the small town of Cliff Village, MO, he started hearing stories about some odd health issues that had plagued the animals and residents of his new community. He also heard his neighbors describe the manufacturing plant that used to be upstream from Cliff Village, and how they suspected there had been some sort of chemical accident.

After researching the plant’s practices, Joe learned that trichloroethylene (TCE) had been buried on site, so he began petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to test the water. After numerous requests and a lot of red tape, the water of Cliff Village finally got tested. As he had suspected, TCE had, in fact, leaked into his community’s water supply. However, the levels found were slightly shy of what the EPA considered dangerous, so the agency would not pursue the issue. Joe’s quest continued, and he eventually enlisted the support of the Harry S. Truman Foundation as a platform for his argument. Partnering with this foundation and the directors of Missouri American Water, Joe has been instrumental in seeing plans finally set for Cliff Village to receive new water lines in the summer of 2005.

During this process, Joe was elected to the voluntary position of mayor of Cliff Village, where he continues to dedicate himself to the productivity and well being of the community he calls home. At NEOA&M, Joe is pursuing degrees in Native American Studies, Psychology, and Art. His plans for the coming years as mayor of Cliff Village include a recycling project, a greenhouse program, and a program to develop nature-friendly pesticides.

Other recipients of the Swearer award include:

- Alexandria Gomes & Tiana Davis, Connecticut College (CT)

- Rebecca Heller, Dartmouth College (NH)
- Mehran Heravi, Florida State University (FL)
- Ross Meyer, Miami University (OH)

These recipients represent a wide range of community service interests, from fighting hunger to building literacy, and have addressed each of these issues in unique and effective ways. The award recognizes a spectrum of efforts, from developing mentoring programs to organizing community resources and conducting research on community problems. Each of these students has demonstrated initiative and ability to translate ideas into practical results.

Descriptions of the recipients work can be read at Campus Compact's website:

<http://www.compact.org/>.

AWARDS/CONFERENCES/CALL FOR PAPERS/JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Awards

PHI DELTA KAPPA OFFERS 'OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AWARD'

Dear SL colleagues,

---From: [Colorado SL list-serv, sarena@u.washington.edu]

It would be great to see a doctoral dissertation on some aspect of service-learning win this award...Phi Delta Kappa Offers Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Awards

Deadline: September 15th, 2004

Phi Delta Kappa International (<http://pdkintl.org/>), a professional association that works to promote quality education as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life, is now accepting nominations for its Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Awards.

These biennial awards recognize scholars who show potential for making noteworthy contributions to educational research. One award is given in each of Phi Delta Kappa's regions in the fall of even-numbered years. Winners receive \$500 and a certificate of recognition.

The competition is open to both members and non-members, but all applicants must be nominated by a Phi Delta Kappa chapter. Nominees must be recent graduates of an accredited college or university, and their major field must either be in education or their dissertation must focus on an educational topic. In addition, dissertations must have been completed (approved by the doctoral committee and accepted by the graduate school or school of education) between September 1st, 2002, and August 31st, 2004.

Competition criteria and nomination forms are available from the Phi Delta Kappa International Web site. RFP Link: http://pdkintl.org/edres/cedr_p2.htm

Call For 2005 Conference Papers and Requests for Info

Call for Papers: THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRACTICE-ORIENTED EDUCATION

---From: [Colorado SL list-serv, sarena@u.washington.edu]

The Third International Conference on Practice-Oriented Education: Exploring the Land In Between: Into the Brink of Experience and Back Again

This is an invitation for your submission to the Third International Conference on Practice-Oriented Education (POE) to be held in conjunction with the 14th World Congress of the World Association of Cooperative Education (WACE), in Boston at the Northeastern campus, on June 14th –17th, 2005. Please click on the link, <http://www.poe.neu.edu/call.html>, to read the full call.

Conference & Events

October 10th -12th, 2004 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SERVICE LEARNING

---From: [mbdck@CLEMSON.EDU]. The latest news on the 2004 International Conference on Service-Learning Research to be held in Greenville, South Carolina, October 10th –12th, 2004.

Conference registration is available now. Additionally, please note that there will be a special all-day pre-conference at Clemson University on October 9th. The registration for both the conference and pre-conference is on the Web site.

Be sure to bookmark the Clemson University Conference Web site – <http://www.clemson.edu/servicelearningresearch/>. All of this information (as well as future updates) will be posted there. See you in Greenville in October!

Job Announcements

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS INITIATIVES

Announcement Date: July 9, 2004

Southwest Missouri State University is accepting applications for a Program Coordinator, Public Affairs Initiatives for the Office of the Assistant to the President. Responsibilities include providing support and logistical assistance for the Missouri Campus Compact and the Missouri Public Affairs Conference; organizing events; monitoring and maintaining the budget; researching and obtaining grants and external funding; and planning and implementing web-based communication about Public Affairs initiatives, the Missouri Campus Compact, the Missouri Public Affairs Conference.

Bachelor's degree is required; Master's degree is preferred. Additional requirements include demonstrated experience with or an acquired understanding of SMSU's statewide mission in public affairs; familiarity with literature on civic engagement and higher education, service-learning, and other topics dealing with current issues in citizenship and higher education; experience communicating and collaborating with interested partners; a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; experience with or a willingness to become adept with Publisher, Access, and Front Page; and must be able to demonstrate the ability to collaborate successfully with a supervisor and provide independent thought, input, and ideas. Experience organizing and successfully running conferences and/or administering grants or other programs involving budget management and recordkeeping; experience working with a state Campus

Compact office or a college or university service-learning program; and experience applying for grants is preferred. This position is funded until June 30, 2006. Salary Range: \$27,000-\$29,500/annually.

Submit a letter of interest, resume, copies of transcripts, and name, address, and phone number of three professional references by July 30, 2004 to:

Office of Human Resources
Southwest Missouri State University
901 S. National
Springfield, MO 65804

YES Ambassador - Maine Campus Compact

The YES (Youth Engaged in Service) Ambassador program, sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, seeks to enhance the national and community service field by developing young leaders. Leaders, who at the local, state and national level mobilize other young people to become community problem solvers and build the capacity of organizations and institutions to create service and leadership opportunities for youth. Maine Campus Compact has been selected as one of 10 Partner organizations in the United States to work with a YES Ambassador for 2004-2005.

Maine Campus Compact, in collaboration with the Points of Light Foundation will develop a work plan with the Ambassador and provide ongoing supervision, mentoring support, guidance and evaluation. The Foundation will provide a national training program, a travel stipend and on-going support, mentoring, guidance and evaluation. A one-year commitment beginning in early to mid August is required. Annual stipend is \$22,000 and includes benefits and outstanding professional development opportunities.

Maine Campus Compact is looking for a YES Ambassador to run the Raise Your Voice Campaign in Maine, which is part of a national effort to boost the civic engagement of college students. The YES Ambassador will combine several existing college student civic engagement programs into a coherent whole, and will recruit, train, and mentor participating students from all nineteen member campuses. He/she will design, recruit trainers, and run conferences and workshops for students, and will put together a signature celebration event. The YES Ambassador may also be involved with supporting a statewide policy task force on citizenship education by holding hearings on college campuses.

We expect the hiring process for the YES Ambassador to take place very quickly, with interviews beginning immediately. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for four references to epark@bates.edu, or to:

Liz McCabe Park, Executive Director
Maine Campus Compact
220 College St., #2
Lewiston, ME 04240

For more information, contact epark@bates.edu

Louisiana Campus Compact- Executive Director

Position Description: The Executive Director of the Louisiana Campus Compact (LACC) is responsible for providing leadership and assistance to member institutions for the purpose of furthering teaching and learning that prepares students for lives of civic engagement and service to society. The Executive Director must be able to collaborate and build partnerships at the state and national levels among institutions of higher education, governmental and volunteer agencies, foundations and others committed to public and community service. She/He must identify and make available resources, forums and information to members' campuses to achieve these common purposes.

The Executive Director is the primary administrator for LACC and the essential link to the national Campus Compact network. The host institution for LACC is Southeastern Louisiana University.

Responsibilities

- Administer the budget, collect fees and dues and provide the Board with appropriate reports
- Work with Presidents to secure funds through foundations, corporations, friends, and other public/private sources
- Serve as a link for information and resources between national Campus Compact and LACC member institutions and for networking among LACC campuses
- Conduct site visits to member campuses, including meetings with presidents
- Build partnerships with governmental and volunteer agencies

Required Qualifications

- A minimum of 3-5 years experience in higher education service-learning and/or campus-community collaboration programs
- Masters degree is required; Ph.D preferred
- Able to work with a diverse board of college/university presidents, other campus constituent groups, and diverse community organizations
- Proven fundraising and grant writing ability
- Demonstrated financial management experience, including budget development and grant management
- A track record of building coalitions and collaborative relationships with diverse groups
- Strong oral and written communication, and presentation skills
- Strong organizational and office management skills
- Electronically capable; i.e. computers, listserve, internet browsers, etc.
- Flexibility to travel

- Ability to work independently; leadership skills

Preferred Qualifications

- A working knowledge of higher education academic systems
- Significant experience with community-based, non-profit leadership and working knowledge of community issues

To Apply

Candidates should submit a CV or resume, names and contact information for three references, and a letter of application addressing: professional background in non-profit and/or higher education leadership; resource development; and an understanding of service-learning and other civic engagement initiatives.

Electronic submission to Laccexdir@selu.edu is preferred. Materials may be mailed to: Louisiana Campus Compact Executive Director Search Committee, Southeastern Louisiana University, SLU 10784, Hammond, Louisiana 70402. Selection process will begin August 30, 2004 and continue until the position is filled. Applications preferred by August 30, 2004.

Louisiana Campus Compact offers a competitive salary/benefits, commensurate with experience. For more information on Campus Compact, see www.compact.org.

Hope Street Youth Development (HSYD)

HSYD is a youth organizing group in the Midwest. Their youth have received significant local, regional, and national attention for organizing campaign wins on neighborhood crime and safety issues, shutting down crackhouses, fighting for summer jobs, battling corrupt cops, combating racially disparate school suspension rates, and modifying destructive school discipline policies. Hope Street Youth Development has been on the forefront of youth-led activism in Wichita, Kansas. They are currently seeking energetic and committed candidates for the position of youth organizer. The youth organizer will oversee organizing campaigns taken on by Hope Street Youth Development and its school based Students United chapters. The organizer will also work on National issues with other organizations across the country.

For more information or to apply please visit www.hopestreet.com or contact Jake Lowen <jake@hopestreet.com>