Youth Leadership Academy

The Youth Leadership Academy in Peacemaking and Peace Kids for the Fall of 2009 will be held on 5 Saturdays, October 3rd and 17th, November 7th and 21st, and December 12th, all from 9am till 1pm. Youth ages 12-18 - Earn Community Service Hours while learning leadership in peacemaking and helping children! Children ages 5-11 - Learn peacemaking and social justice! Cost $35 for the semester - Full Scholarships Available!

Educational Outcomes - Conflict Resolution, Earth Care, Violence Prevention, Non-violent Social Change, Service Projects

Activities:
Cooking, Arts, Crafts, Theater, Music, Games, Gardening and more!

For more information contact: Susan Stouffer, Director at stouffer@usc.edu or 213-748-0209

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AIDS Walk Los Angeles will take place on October 18. This is a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) walkathon benefiting AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and other AIDS service organizations in Los Angeles county.

To register, go online and visit the AIDS Walk Los Angeles website at: aidswalk.net/losangeles, click “Register to Walk”, then “Join a Team”, and make sure you join the University of Southern California team and help commemorate historical this event.

There will be free transportation to AIDS Walk on October 18, 2009 for members of the USC Coalition. Thank you USC Trojan Transportation! More information will be available once you register.
“Change the World, Change Yourself”

The USC Volunteer Center is offering a great opportunity through nine one week Spring Break trips and one three week Winter Break trip where students spend an extended period of time working for and learning about a certain issue. This program helps foster ideas that reflect the Volunteer Center’s theme for the year, “Change the World, Change Yourself.” It is our goal that students will come away from their trips with a positive attitude toward their impact on their communities and on the world.

ALL majors are encouraged to apply as it is valuable to have different perspectives. Info sessions are still being held.

Info Sessions:
9/30 - 12:30pm - Leavey Auditorium
10/01 - 12:30pm - TBD (please see our website at http://sait.usc.edu/volunteer, for more info, or to download an application)

Application due Dates:
AWB Peru & Civic Engagement trips due 09/25
International Break Applications due 10/02
Domestic trips due 10/23. ALL by 5pm.

Locations:
Pisco, Peru
Salinas, Ca
Baltimore, Md
Death Valley, Ca
Orcas Island, Wa
Navajo Nation, Ut
Catalina Island, Ca
Isla Mujeres, Mexico
Retalhuleu, Guatemala
Civic Engagement trip: location TBD

Youth Advisory Board Grants

State Farm’s Youth Advisory Board grants are available but the deadline is Friday, Oct. 2. The service-learning grants range from $25,000 - $100,000 and are designed to create sustainable change in local communities across the United States and Canada.

Grants are available to any public school or 501(c)3 organization that applies to one of the Youth Advisory Board’s five issue areas: driver safety, environmental responsibility, financial literacy, access to higher education and natural & societal disasters. Find out more at www.statefarmyab.com and help to spread the word!

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UCSB College of Engineering Graduate School

There is still room and funding available for more students to apply to the UC Santa Barbara College of Engineering Graduate School which is having a Preview Day scheduled to take place on October 23, 2009 at the UCSB campus.

UCSB College of Engineering Graduate School is seeking underrepresented minority scholars interested in pursuing a graduate education in the fields of Computer Science, Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Scholars should be planning to apply for fall 2010 and should possess a GPA of 3.0 or above. For all further inquiries and responses please address them to diversitypeers@graddiv.ucsb.edu, call 805.893.8994 or visit www.graddiv.ucsb.edu
USC School of Social Work

The School of Social Work, along with other graduate and professional programs at USC, is offering students an opportunity to learn more about graduate studies, especially the MSW program, at USC. The following sessions will give an introduction to graduate studies and an overview of the different graduate programs offered at USC:

Tuesday, September 29th
4:30pm
Taper Hall of Humanities (THH) 101
* USC students only

Wednesday, September 30th
7-8:30pm
Taper Hall of Humanities (THH) 101
* Open to all prospective students

Please RSVP at www.usc.edu/gradinfo

We are also hosting and participating in the Idealist.org Graduate Degree Fair for the Public Good on Monday, October 19th, from 5-8pm. This fair will be held at the Kyoto Grand Hotel in downtown Los Angeles (http://www.kyotograndhotel.com/). There will be over 120 graduate programs from across the nation represented at this fair. To register please go to (www.idealist.org/gradfairs)

In addition to these opportunities, the School of Social Work also hosts their own events. Please go to their website (http://sowkweb.usc.edu/prospectivestudents/events.html) for dates, times, and locations.

LGBT Announcements

uRap: Not Our American Idols- Gays in the Media & Public Eye

Monday, September 28
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
URC 103

uRap (u-Rap) is a weekly confidential discussion group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and supportive ally students. It is a great place to meet new people, chat, and learn about current topics affecting the LGBT community.

Ally Discussion: Gay & Lesbian Athletes

Thursday, October 1 | 12 pm to 1 pm | WPH 403

Hear from professional staff members who work or have worked closely with closeted athletes. Panelists will include: Bob Corb, Sport Psychology Program Director, UCLA Counseling & Psychological Services
Donna Heinel, Assistant Admissions Coordinator, USC Athletics Portia L. Mitchell, former USC Women's Basketball Player
Robin Scholefield, Psychologist, USC University Park Health Center. For more information, please email Vincent Vigil at vincenev@usc.edu.

Coming Out BBQ

Monday, October 5 | 11:30 am to 1:30 pm | Alumni Park

Join the LGBT Community for the first event for GLBTA’s Coming Out Month. Learn about the Greek-inspired theme and receive postcards detailing the month’s events that include a Gay/Greek Panel Discussion and a Toga Party! Listen to music, eat some great food and celebrate the beginning of an amazing month of events. Questions? Email glbta@usc.edu.

Student Coalition Against Labor Exploitation (SCALE)

SCALE (Student Coalition Against Labor Exploitation) is having a general meeting on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:30pm in VKC 101.

SCALE is a group that advocates for workers’ rights, fair wages, and ending sweatshop labor. At the first general meeting SCALE will discuss campaigns for the coming semester, which include supporting fair contracts for USC employees, increased educational opportunities for workers and their children, and workers’ rights abroad.

Other topics discussed will also include educational events taking place this semester including film screenings, discussions, and guest speakers.

Thank you so much for your support!

-Elisabeth Gustafson
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USC’s PERE Open House and Reception

Celebrate the end of summer and a new season for PERE. Meet director Manuel Pastor, the Program staff, and campus and community partners. Learn more about PERE’s work and enjoy wine and light refreshments. For additional information go to: http://college.usc.edu/geography/ESPE/pere.html

RSVP to pere@college.usc.edu

Open House and Reception
September 30, 2009 from 4-6 PM
Location: 950 W. Jefferson Blvd., Jefferson Building, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90089

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Gustavo Arellano is a staff writer with OC Weekly, an alternative newspaper in Orange County, California. His latest book, Orange County, A Personal History, is part personal history, part cultural narrative. Arellano explores a place he calls the Petri dish for America’s continuing democratic experiment and delivers a prescient view of the new American landscape.

Lecture and Discussion with Gustavo Arellano
October 7, 2009
Doheny Library Intellectual Commons, Room 233
University of Southern California
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

For directions, parking instructions, or for more information about the Center for Study of Immigrant Integration and this event visit http://csii.usc.edu

For more information on any of these topics below:
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Chavez Education Institute Needs Volunteers
Temporary Relocation of FAO Office
USC Center for Men and Women
USC Upcoming Career Events
Internship Programs Office
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