

The Laker Lead and Serve:
Updates from the Community Service Learning Center & Laker Leadership Team
Friday, March 18th

-February Volunteer of the Month! Brit Thorp – Colleges Against Cancer

During the month of February Brit was putting the final touches on the planning process of Grand Valley's annual Relay for Life hosted by Colleges Against Cancer. Brit joined CAC her freshman year and is the current president for the organization. She has spent countless hours working with the American Cancer Society and the campus community to make this year a successful event. A representative from the American Cancer Society, Savanna Rayner had this to say, "Working with Brit this year as the President of Colleges Against Cancer has been an ideal volunteer-staff partnership and I couldn't ask for anything better! She is an extremely passionate and dedicated individual and has made a huge impact not only in Colleges Against Cancer and the GVSU community through Relay For Life, but throughout the whole Great Lakes Division of the American Cancer Society." I would like to congratulate Brit Thorp for all of her hard work and being named the Volunteer of the Month for February!

Do you know someone worthy of receiving this distinction? [Nominate them for March!](#)

-Diversity and Inclusion Seminar – March 22nd 6:00pm-8:30pm – Kirkhof Center Room 2266

A 3-week workshop series on valuing and advocating for inclusion and diversity. Learn concepts of diversity as you are challenged by stereotypes that inhibit successful leadership and team development. We will have guest presenters from the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), the LGBT resource center, the Women's Center, and Disability Support Services. [Click here for more information](#)

-Interested in Hosting A Blood Drive Next Year? American Red Cross Blood Drive Lottery March 23rd at 9:00pm – Kirkhof Center: Room 2201

Is your organization interested in hosting a blood drive during the Fall 2011-Winter 2012 academic year? If so please send a representative from your organization to take part in the lottery. [RSVP your organization here!](#) There are only 8 drives available and the hosts will be determined by a lottery of the organizations represented. If you have any questions please email cslscm@gvsu.edu **Sending a representative does not guarantee a blood drive for the next academic year**

-Tutors Needed! Union High School ~ Monday- Thursday from 2:45pm-4:00pm

Are interested in working with youth in a high school setting? There is a great opportunity for you to gain experience to log some volunteer hours. The Project Grad program is looking for tutors to serve one or more days a week that they can commit to attending regularly. This is to ensure the high school students of who is coming and what specific subjects they can get tutored in. Volunteers will have to provide their own transportation OR they can take the 50 right to the school! If interested please contact Katrice Wilson at wilskatr@mail.gvsu.edu.

-Volunteers Needed! – Special Olympics Basketball Finals – Rockford Public Schools – March 25th-26th Various Times

The Special Olympics of Michigan is looking for individual volunteers or groups who would like to assist with the overall success of the tournament. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks and times from arts and crafts to being a score keeper. [A list of needs and times can be found here](#). Those interested should contact Christie Elders grjcsomivolunteer@yahoo.com to sign up!

-Rock Against Rape - April 2nd 6:00pm-10:00pm - Field House Arena

Rock Against Rape is a free concert and educational event put on by Eyes Wide Open, Sigma Kappa Sorority, and Sigma phi Epsilon Fraternity. RAR was created in order to raise awareness on the realities of sexual violence in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive atmosphere. There will be interactive educational tables, free pizza and Monster energy drink, as well as three great bands and slam poet Steve Connell performing.

-Community Outreach Week! March 21st – 26th Various Locations

This week of service is aimed at uniting Lakers from around the globe in providing volunteer support and outreach to their communities in ways meaningful to each individual or group. The Alumni Association and the Community Service Learning Center will be leading several projects throughout the week in West Michigan. [Click here for a list of volunteer opportunities!](#)

-Story of Stuff Screening - March 22nd 6:00pm-7:30pm, Kirkhof Center: Room 2270

A LIB 100 event that involves the viewing and discussing of the short film called the Story of Stuff. Themes covered: Self-awareness, Sustainability, Recycling, Advertising, Citizenship, Social and Global Responsibility. [More information on the project here!](#)

-Into the Streets: Into the Streets is a periodic service opportunity that introduces *students* to *non-profit agencies* in the Greater Grand Rapids area. The program is geared towards students with little service experience or are interested in checking out a new community agency! It's FREE and transportation is provided for most trips. *Space is limited to 15 students per trip.*

UPCOMING TRIPS:

April 16th, 2011: [Kent County Parks](#) 10:00am-3:00pm

-President's 50 Hour Service Challenge Reception - April 15th, 2011 – 2:00pm-4:00pm Kirkhof Center 2250

Celebrate 50 years of shaping lives with 50 hours of service to the community. This event is for faculty, staff and students that have successfully completed the challenge of serving 50 hours this year. [Be part of the challenge and submit your hours!](#)

-Did You Hear? The Laker Leadership & Service team has a facebook page. Join the group to get updates of upcoming leadership & service programs. Just [click here](#) to be re-directed to the group. Join Today!

Upcoming Events!

3/22 - 10:00am-5:00pm – Michigan Community Blood Drive at Kleiner Commons

3/23 - 12:00am-7:00pm – Michigan Community Blood Drive at Kleiner Commons

3/23 - 9:00pm-10:00pm - American Red Cross blood drive lottery, Kirkhof Center: Room 2201

3/24 – 11:30am-5:30pm – American Red Cross blood drive hosted by: Alpha Phi Omega
Co-Ed Service Fraternity, Kirkhof Center: Room 2215/2216

-Is your organization hosting a community service or philanthropy event? If so submit your event on the [following form](#) and have it posted on the CSLC website! All event submission forms can be emailed to cslcsm@gvsu.edu or dropped off to the CSLC.

[-One Time Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[-On-Going Opportunities](#)

You are receiving this email on behalf of the Community Service Learning Center & The Laker Leadership Programs team. At some point over the past year you have given us your contact info. The newsletter has information about community service and leadership opportunities. If you are part of an organization or the president of it, please forward this to all your members, it has some great opportunities in it! If you are from an academic department please share this with your students! If you would no longer like to receive this email please email cslcsm@gvsu.edu with "remove" in the subject line.

Thanks!

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