Special Olympics Basketball dominated the service calendar in February. Virginia Wesleyan fraternities and sororities, along with other volunteers, hosted the Area 2 Tournament on campus and Brooke Totzeck led a SOC team to Hampton for the Regional Tournament. Squeezed in between were Mani’s for Nannys at The Gardens Assisted Living and our third American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Kappa Alpha Order.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH...
(To commit to a volunteer opportunity, check your planner, and come to the Office of Community Service to sign up, or reply to this email.)

March 4 Test Drive Your Career: Volunteer, 11 a.m.
March 5 Peace Corps Recruiter
March 11 Green Reader, 10:30 a.m.
March 11 TRIM Family Math and Reading Night at Diamond Springs Elementary, 5:30 p.m.
March 12 Spread the Word to End the Word, 9:30-4 p.m.
March 12 Cooking for Kids, 6:30 p.m.
March 14 16th Annual Empty Bowls Charity Dinner, Volunteer shifts start at 1:30 p.m.
March 18 & 21-22 Imagine: Alternative Spring Break—Gloucester Institute and/or Chesapeake Bay Fdn.
March 26 Cooking for Kids, 6:30 p.m.
March 29 Marlins Make A Difference Day, 8:30 a.m.
WEEKLY SERVICE PROGRAMS
Mondays  Marlins Count at Bayside Elementary, 9 a.m.
Tuesdays  Marlins Read at Newtown, 11:30 am.
          Neighborhood Tutoring at Heritage United Methodist Church, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays Marlins Read at Bayside Elementary, 10 a.m.
Thursdays  Marlins Read at Shelton Park, 11 a.m.
          Marlins Count at Newtown and BF Williams, 11:30 a.m.
          Marlins Read at Diamond Springs, 1 p.m.
Fridays  Global Marlins at Newtown, 9 a.m.
         Future Marlins at Bayside Middle, 11 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...
April 22-26  Stand Against Racism
April 23  American Red Cross HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK Blood Drive (double red opportunity)

WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?
March 4, Test Drive Your Career: Volunteer, 11 a.m., Batten 239
LEARN ABOUT YOUR CAREER OPTIONS THROUGH INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING—Connect to your dream career, thinking through internship and volunteer opportunities. Then visit with potential community partners for the experience you’ll need to decide your future.

March 5, Peace Corps Recruiter, 1-4 p.m.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD--Peace Corps recruiter Ariel Simons will be on to meet with students individually to discuss how to prepare for the Peace Corps and the application process. If you have interest, visit Career Services to sign up for a time to meet with her. There will also be another information session at 4:30 pm.

March 11, Green Reader, 10:30 a.m., Coleman Place Elementary, Norfolk
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE IS THE MESSAGE—Join volunteers from across the area as we read books about the environment to elementary school children throughout Norfolk in the month of March. Space is limited for this outing. Sign up now!

March 11, Family Math and Reading Night at Diamond Springs Elementary, 5:30 p.m.
EXTRA HELP FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS—The T.R.I.M Expo is a night of family fun and learning! A pizza dinner will be followed by a great evening of reading and math activities. This annual tri-campus event needs volunteers to assist with set up/clean up, serving food, helping families check in, and teaching the lessons. The lessons consist of reading a story (containing a math concept) and leading a math activity to go with it. Two teachers are needed per room. Stories and activities are already planned, so all you have to do is teach. Interested? Sign up in Community Service.

March 12, Spread the Word to End the Word, 9:30-4 p.m.
IT’S BACK: THE CAMPAIGN FOR RESPECT--Learn more and make your official Pledge to eliminate the R-Word from your professional and casual vocabulary. The message: Love everyone for who they are and accept all differences. Take the Pledge and sign the banner in the Grille. Brought to you by Student Outreach Coordinators and Special Olympics.

March 12, 26, Cooking for Kids, 6:30 p.m.
POPULAR MEAL PREPARATION PROGRAM CONTINUES—Participate in this food assembly program for children in after-school programs. Roughly 1251 servings are made at each session by volunteers in the campus kitchen. No experience necessary.

March 14, 16th Annual Empty Bowls Charity Dinner, Volunteer shifts start at 1:30 p.m.
TICKETS ON SALE IN THE BOOKSTORE; VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--A $20 donation gets you your choice of a handmade ceramic bowl, the opportunity to stand in a soup line for your dinner, the chance to bid on an item in the silent auction, and the good feeling of knowing that 99% of your donation is given to the food
pantries of five local charities. Won’t you join us as a patron or volunteer? Tickets may be purchased in the Campus Bookstore or at www.cdava.com and Volunteers may sign up for the following shifts in the Community Service Office: 1:30, 3:30 or 5:30.

March 18 & 21-22, Imagine: Alternative Spring Break
VOLUNTEER AT THE GLOUCESTER INSTITUTE and/or with THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION ON THE EASTERN SHORE--Elect one or both options for a meaningful way to spend your Spring Break! Learn about the historic significance of Holly Knoll in nearby Gloucester, Va., while conducting beach restoration and landscaping at this “cradle of the civil rights movement.” Learn more about this historic site at: www.gloucesterinstitute.org. When you’re done with that work, preserve the shore line and waterway by planting trees on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Learn more at: www.cbf.org/about-cbf/offices-operations/hampton-roads-virginia/about. Cost is $20 for one or $30 for both. Non-refundable total due with application in the Office of Community Service by March 12. Includes food and overnight on Eastern Shore. Space is limited. For more information, call Diane at 455-3216 or reply to this email.

March 29, Spring Marlins Make A Difference Day
LOTS OF OPTIONS TO DO WHAT MARLINS DO BEST: LEARN AND SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY—Six community partner sites have been announced for the Spring Marlins Make a Difference Day, Saturday, March 29, 8:30 to 1:30. They are: The Gardens Assisted Living, Virginia Beach SPCA, St. Mary’s Home for Disabled Children, Marlins Go Green VWC Trails Clean Up, Soup Line Clean Up with Catholic Worker, and Whimsy’s Menagerie and Chinchilla Rescue. Space is limited. Stop by Community Service and sign up as soon as possible. Breakfast, lunch and transportation are provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS—Kappa Alpha Order registered 59 donors for this drive. There were 13 deferrals and one quantity not sufficient. Overall, 49 productive units were collected on the goal of 43! Thank you to all who participated. The final blood drive of the semester is April 23. It’s the HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK DRIVE. We are aiming for 60 productive units. Sign up for a time to give at www.redcrossblood.org

NEW!!! LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DONATE YOUR FARM FRESH RECEIPTS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION?—Look no further. The Office of Community Service is partnering with Newtown Elementary to collect these items. Simply stop by the office and insert your donations in the box at the foot of the podium right inside the door or send them through campus mail. The money from these receipts and coupons is used for education materials and supplies for students. The collection will conclude at graduation in May.

DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. USE THE ON-LINE SERVICE LOG—Students needing to document their service hours have the opportunity to record them as they go through this on-line, on-your-honor service log system. Go to www.vwc.edu/service where you will find a button on the homepage that says DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. Once there, you will be asked to register the first time you access the system. After that, you will be sent directly to the log where you can input a description of your volunteer work and hours. If you are in Honors and Scholars, be sure to check the Honors and Scholars line in the Service Type box. You may print your log to submit wherever your service is required.

ITEMS TO RECYCLE: LAPTOPS, TABLETS, MP3 PLAYERS, DIGITAL VIDEO/CAMERAS, GAME CONSOLES, GPS DEVICES, T1 GRAPHING CALCULATORS—These items, in addition to ink jet cartridges, alkaline batteries and cell phones, can all be recycled in the Office of Community Service. Bring old and broken items to the Office. Proceeds from recycling benefit Office programming. Just over $100 was added to the Office budget last year from these donations.

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITY…
CKI (Circle K)... Seeking a leader and members. Former Key Club Members and those who like service will have a special interest in this organization. Want to build on something that was real good? Contact Diane Hotaling at 455-3216, dhotaling@vwc.edu.
Habitat for Humanity... President Jonathan Snow, josnow@vwc.edu. Upcoming projects include work days and planning for the 25th anniversary of the college's Habitat Charter in 2014-15.

Imagine: Wesleyan's Alternative Break Program... Possible sites for Spring Break include the Virginia Eastern Shore with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Virginia Peninsula with the Gloucester Institute. Students interested in leading a trip should contact Diane Hotaling at dhotaling@vwc.edu.

Marlins Go Green... Students interested in environmental issues should contact Ben Freiler at bjfreiler@vwc.edu.

Marlins Against Cancer... Get this club off the ground, serving the cancer community. Contact Diane Hotaling at 455-3216, dhotaling@vwc.edu.

CALLS FOR SERVICE (To sign up for any of the opportunities listed, please call the contact noted.)

...For volunteer opportunities at the NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS, go to http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-needs/

... ACCESS AIDS Care seeks volunteers for a variety of tasks. ACCESS is dedicated to promoting the health and dignity of those individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. The agency offers medical care management services, permanent supportive housing, a meals program, transportation services, support groups and is the only ASO in the area to offer clinical mental health services. For more information on ACCESS AIDS Care, or to volunteer, call 757.640.0929 or visit http://accessaids.org/index.php/how-you-can-help/volunteer-your-time

ACTIVE CITIZENS RECOGNITION...


Neighborhood Tutoring, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25—Brittany Tasker, Keshana DeCruise, Jazmin Velasco, Marteen Majinnasola, Angela Tolliver, Alicia George, Brittney Titus.


Marlins Read, Diamond Springs, Feb. 6, 11, 20, 27—Fatima Davis, Kiana Kisino, Carissa Stevens, Taylor Roche-Dutch, Ember Jenison, Mindy Bertram, Tone’ Boykins, Lizzy Eby, Heba Habib, Erin Chambers.

Soup Line with Catholic Worker, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27—Paul Kaufmann, Mindy Bertram, Megan Edwards, Christina Reynolds, Kimberly Rose, Dejha Crudup, Hope Hess.
Marlins Read, Newtown, Feb. 11, 18, 25—Jennifer Pate, Toni Owens, Toni Arris-Howell, Emma Gustin, Jasmine Wilson, N’Sou Hoba, Brianne Cork, Chelsie Watkins, Molly Barnes, Lewis Myers, Sarah Bowdoin, Shakiella Daniel, Tosh Gwatheny

Marlins Read, Bayside, Feb. 12, 19, 26—Natasha Bugey, Brooke Totzeck, Jessica Moss, Bianca Nonnenmacher, Abigail Sexton, Hayley Cooper, Jenny Huffman, Dennai Moore, Ashley West.

Share the Love with our Guests, Feb. 13—Patty Clark, Fatima Davis.

Cooking for Kids, Feb. 12, 26—Denisha Howard, Courtni Wilson, Nana Nishimura, Eric Garner, Brittney Jackson, Katie Baker, Elizabeth Kayser, Conner Pederson, Taylor Bellamy, Laura Nebuchadnezzar, Lydia Nebuchadnezzar, Christina Reynolds, Nicolette Burns, Aalyn Green, Adrian Benn.


Marlins Count at Bayside, Feb. 17, 24—Taylor Roche-Dutch, Lizzie Ebby.

Marlins Count at Newtown and BF Williams, Feb. 20, 27—Lizzie Ebby, Megan Edwards, Jacquie Palaschak, Christina Reynolds, Jessica Seymour, Kyle Kirkbride, Kiera Bell, Melinda Simmons, Craig Lesher.

Mani’s for Nannys at The Gardens Assisted Living, Feb. 22—Christina Reynolds, Laura Robusto, Stephanie Reidell, Kristen Ellis.

Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournament, Feb. 23—Brooke Totzeck, Christina Reynolds, Kyle Kirkbride, Michael Willson, Hope Hess.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Feb. 26—Christina Reynolds, Brittany Tasker, Chris Iacono, Charlie Krauser, Bradley Taylor, Zachary Tiblin, Andrew Simerson, Andre Cabral, Josh Ford, Tray Delpo, Joe Ross, Ryan Helms, Brendon O’Donoghue.

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