Community and Campus Day of Service

The University of Illinois is hosting their 5th Annual Community and Campus Day of Service on Saturday April 8th. This event will be held in the West Hall of Memorial Stadium from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with a variety of volunteer shifts throughout the day. The goal is to package 150,000 meals for the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. In addition, as an Event Partner for this event, a table will be reserved for Parkland students, faculty, and staff at the Day of Service. To register for the event, visit their website, or contact Josh Clark to reserve a spot at the Parkland Table.

Semester News

MLK Day of Service: Parkland College successfully hosted a Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16th, 2017. Over 40 volunteers, including the Parkland’s men’s basketball team, repackaged 2,000 pounds of rice, beans, and oatmeal for the Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland.

Black History Month Community Service Event: In honor of Black History Month, Parkland hosted a Black History Month Community Service Event. This event was a collaboration between the Wesley Food Pantry and the Latino Dental Health Day. The Food Pantry expanded their distribution hours, and in total, served 43 community members and distributed $1,720 worth of food.

Volunteer Fair: Parkland’s Spring Volunteer Fair was held on February 1st from 11:00-1:30pm in the U-Wing. Nearly 20 community partners attended the Volunteer Fair to recruit volunteers, as well as inform students of available community resources.

Service-Learning 101

The Service-Learning Program will be presenting a “Service-Learning 101” session on Thursday, April 13th from 2:00-300 p.m. in the Center for Excellence. Brian Nudelman will be leading the session, with Lauren O’Connor, Charles Larenas, and Michelle Roberts sharing their perspectives as well. Join the session to learn about service-learning, what it isn’t, how Parkland supports it, and share your experiences. To attend the event, please RSVP to the Center for Excellence (centerforexcellence@parkland.edu)
Share Your S-L Stories

If you are involved in service-learning with Parkland students, please share your stories with the Parkland community by contacting Josh Clark.

Get Involved in Service Learning

If you want to incorporate service learning into your class or want to know more about service learning and its benefits contact Brian Nudelman.

Service Learning Program on the Parkland Report

The Service Learning Program was featured on the Parkland Report. The clip includes interviews of Brian Nudelman and Josh Clark. 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckOqWqNXiss

Garden Hills Homework Club

The Garden Hills Homework Club has started again this semester. There are currently 23 Parkland volunteers tutoring 13 Garden Hills Students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. at Garden Hills. New tutors are always welcome, so contact Josh Clark if you are interested in volunteering or visiting the Homework Club.

This semester, the Garden Hills Homework Club celebrated its 10-Year Anniversary by hosting an open house at Parkland College. This open house demonstrated what we do each afternoon at the Homework Club, and was covered by WCIA. In addition, and as part of the celebration, the Garden Hills Homework Club raised $175 to buy prizes for the students, new books, and pizza to celebrate the end of the semester.

Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland College

The Wesley Food Pantry at Parkland has moved to their new location in M-138. The Pantry continues to seek out volunteers to staff their food distributions. They hold the distributions in M-138 every Wednesday from 11am-1pm, and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10am-12pm. If you are interested in signing up, please visit their website.

The Wesley Food Pantry also has a variety of internships available for the spring semester. The available internships include accounting, social work, social media, as well as custom-made internships. Contact the Wesley Food Pantry, at info@wesleypantry.org or 217-344-1120, for more information.

Lastly, please contact Brian Nudelman or Josh Clark for information on starting a service-learning component with the pantry.

Illinois Campus Compact

Parkland College is a proud member campus of Illinois Campus Compact. Illinois Campus Compact “advances the public purpose of higher education by cultivating civic skills and learning, integrating community engagement with teaching and research, and building partnerships with communities throughout Illinois.” In addition, Illinois Campus Compact offers a variety of support to students, faculty, staff and administration, from grants and awards, to professional development opportunities throughout the year.

One such event is the Engagement of Diverse Communities workshop on April 11th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University of Chicago. Nadinne Cruz will be hosting a day-long workshop at the University of Chicago on the topic of engagement strategies for diverse communities, both on and off campus. Please feel free to invite other interested staff/faculty as well as community partners. RSVP to Amy Ludwig at aludwig1@depaul.edu.

For more information about this event or for other exciting events, please visit their website at www.illinoiscampuscompact.org.