

The Citizens' Press

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SEPTEMBER 2013 ... BE THE CHANGE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 9th:
"Where's the Outrage Over
Our Failed Health Care
System?" by Dr. Phillip Caper,
founding board member of
Maine AllCare. Noon-1pm,

Alfond 304

Wednesday, October 24th:
"Life is Calling: How Far Will
You Go?" presentation on
two years in Tanzania with
the Peace Corps, by Kathryn
Card, current VISTA Volunteer
at UNE. Noon-1pm, St.

Francis Room

Wednesday, November 6th: Documentary showing of "#REGENERATION" exploring galvanizing forces behind the Occupy Movement and the state of social activism in our society. 6PM~, Alfond 13

Office of Citizenship and Civic Engagement

UNE's Office of Citizenship and Civic Engagement houses the **College Community** Mentoring Program, the Diversion to Assets Program, the America Reads/America Counts Tutoring Program, and the new College Aspirations Program. The Office serves the needs of students enrolled in the Citizenship Senior Seminar and works with students to identify involvement opportunities in the community. It is overseen by Faculty Coordinator Professor Samuel A. McReynolds (smcreynolds@une.edu.) and Administrative Coordinator Theo Dunfey (tdunfey@une.edu).

Community Service Spotlight: Community Service and Volunteer Fair

The Service Fair, free and open to the public, will feature a broad range of York and Cumberland County volunteer service providers including the UNE College Community Mentoring Program, American Red Cross of Southern Maine, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, and the United Way. Individuals, communities, schools, civic and church groups who are looking for volunteers or other agencies to network with are also encouraged to attend.

What: Community Service and Volunteer Fair Where: Decary Cafteria Function Rooms 1 & 2 When: Tuesday, September 17th 10am –2pm



Citizenship

Citizenship courses have gotten underway, and 138 UNE students are actively pursuing community service opportunities ranging from mentoring children in local schools to organizing exercise classes for the elderly, from working local election debates for public access TV to serving those in need in area soup kitchens, and from pulling invasive plant species for environmental organizations to coaching practices and games for local rec programs. The Office of Citizenship and Civic Engagement maintains a database of over 750 community organizations where UNE students have volunteered in the past. While the database is primarily used by CIT students, it is open to anyone looking for ideas for volunteering.

FMI email: Theo Dunfey at tdunfey@une.edu

America Reads America Counts

We are currently working on recruiting students to participate in our America Reads and America Counts program. So far we have recruited many eager students but are looking for more!! America Reads and America Counts program places UNE students in the local schools to help tutor in English and Math. If you are interested in applying (must have Federal Work Study) Contact: Kathryn Card (kcard@une.edu)





Mentoring

The College Community Mentoring Program placed more than 70 UNE mentors in 12 local schools last year. Mentors volunteered one to eight hours per week with students from the Kennebunks to OOB. Depending on interest and availability, mentors found themselves in either 1:1 or full-classroom placements with their mentees, whose ages ranged from preschool through eleventh grade. We look forward to engaging more UNE students in this rewarding opportunity! FMI email: Danielle Mack (dmack1@une.edu)



College Aspirations

We are currently recruiting students to be a part of the College Aspiration Mentoring program. This program places UNE students into local high school and middle schools to help inspire students to think about their futures and look into going to college. UNE College Aspirations Mentors are also there to provide students with any academic help they may need. If you are interested in this program please contact:

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