

The Citizen's Press

Office of Citizenship and Civic Engagement

November 2014

Future Fest

For the first time, the Office of Citizenship and Civic Engagement's annual Community Service and Volunteer Fair was organized in partnership with the CAS Internship Office and Career Development Services. Meaghan Arzberger of the United Way of York County commented that "after partnering with UNE on service fairs for the past few years, I can say that this year's Future Fest was by far the most successful!" Fifty five exhibitors set up tables in the Campus Center Gym and shared opportunities for volunteering, internships, and graduate schools with over 225 students who attended the event.



College Aspirations Program

This semester, UNE student volunteers have been visiting Old Orchard Beach High School twice a week to teach a College Aspirations class. The purpose of the class is to give high school seniors advice on college applications and help them make important decisions about their futures. Fridays are especially fun because we have one-on-one conversations with the students and bring pizza for everyone! On Oct. 15th we hosted a college tour event for the entire Old Orchard Beach freshman class. We are also inviting our College Aspirations

class for an in-depth tour on Nov. 21st. We want to thank our devoted College Aspirations volunteers for making these classes and events possible.



College Community Mentoring Program

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Maine Hunger Dialogue



UNE student Samantha Cottone and UNE AmeriCorps VISTA Nicole Huang enjoy some of the enriched macaroni mix they helped package for food banks around the state of Maine

My name is Samantha Cottone and I am a junior at the University of New England. I recently attended the Maine Hunger Dialogue conference with Nicole Huang, the AmeriCorps VISTA at UNE's Office of Citizenship and Civic Engagement. The conference opened our eyes to the issue of poverty and hunger in Maine,

and we have decided to take action against it! However, we need help and support.

We would like to begin a Food Recovery Network chapter at UNE. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Food Recovery Network, it is a program in which leftover food from the dining halls on campus are collected and are distributed to local food banks, shelters, etc. rather than throwing away good quality food. We are also looking into reintroducing community gardens to UNE. However, as with the Food Recovery Network, it is imperative that there is wide interest and support in maintaining these gardens. **To get involved please contact Samantha Cottone, scottone@une.edu**

<http://wabi.tv/2014/10/16/orono-students-prepare-meals-campus-based-pantries/>



America Reads / America Counts

Fall 2014 has been our busiest semester so far for the tutoring program. We have 33 tutors in 42+ classrooms working at 7 different local schools! We are especially excited have tutors working at John F. Kennedy Kindergarten in Biddeford for the first time.

Wondering what our tutors experience in their classrooms on a day to day basis? Here are some fun stories to give you an idea:

"It really puts a smile on my face when kids get excited to see me when I come in in the morning, and even more so when they ask me

to play with them on the playground. It's nice to feel appreciated!" –Sadie Guimond

"During a free block, I got to teach the kids how to play Yahtzee. It was cool to teach them a game that had math in it" –Emily Lauria

"Working on Halloween, I was asked to wear a costume. It was great seeing the students' reactions to me dressed up" – Brent Bond

"I brought in cookies for the children to decorate. I asked the children how many chocolate chips they would like and had them count them out" – Valerie Motter

Citizenship- CIT 400

All Citizenship students have the opportunity to think critically about some of the most pressing issues facing American citizens today. This fall semester students had debates on the following topics:

- Bear baiting in Maine
- Ebola quarantine policies
- Legalization of Marijuana
- Status of illegal immigrant children

Global Citizenship

Spring Semester CIT 420 classes will be traveling to **Morocco, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic**. The course in Morocco is combined with a semester long Business Management course and will give students the opportunity to develop international business projects. The courses in Brazil and the Dominican Republic will give students the opportunity to volunteer directly with local communities and develop their language skills. For more information visit the Global Education Program, Decary 126 or www.une.edu/global/ed