

LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA *NEWSLETTER*

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SPECIAL EDITION!

19TH ANNUAL NATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING CONFERENCE **“YOUTH FOR A CHANGE”** **MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA** **APRIL 9-12, 2008**

Where at the Conference is Learn and Serve America?

Are you attending the **19th Annual National Service-Learning Conference**, April 9-12, in Minneapolis? Learn and Serve America, its grantees, and subgrantees will have a large presence at this gathering of service-learning leaders from across the country and beyond.

The information that follows highlights our presence at the conference, so that you are aware of the many events hosted by Learn and Serve America and the Corporation for National and Community Service. You will find all the workshops we know are hosted by Learn and Serve America grantees and subgrantees at [http://servicelearning.org/filemanager/download/Where at the Conference is Learn and Serve America.pdf](http://servicelearning.org/filemanager/download/Where%20at%20the%20Conference%20is%20Learn%20and%20Serve%20America.pdf).

Pick up your green Learn and Serve America ribbon at registration!! If you are a current or former grantee, subgrantee, or participant, you are part of the Learn and Serve America family. Show your Learn and Serve colors by wearing the green ribbon.

Be sure to visit Learn and Serve America and the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse booths, located just inside the front doors of the Exhibit Hall.

You are invited to these Special events – they are not in the program book

Wednesday, April 9

7:30 – 9:00 pm **Learn and Serve America reception** for past and present grantees, subgrantees, and sub-subgrantees
Don't miss this opportunity to meet other grantees and the Learn and Serve America staff, as well as receive the latest news from Learn and Serve headquarters. We invite all who receive Learn and Serve America funding to join us, as we launch another great national service-learning conference.
Location: Season's Room

Friday, April 11

7:00 – 8:30 am **Learn and Serve America Prospective Grantee discussion group**
If you ever considered applying for Learn and Serve America funding, join us to learn about 2008 Higher Education and K-12 competitive funding opportunities from Learn and Serve America, how the CNCS Strategic Plan and other priorities may affect the 2009 Notices of Funding Opportunity, how the application review process works, and requirements of Learn and Serve grantees and subgrantees .
Location: 202A

Learn and Serve Technical Assistance available throughout the conference, by appointment

LASSIE Technical Assistance

LASSIE experts from the Corporation, Abt Associates, and Brandeis University will be available to provide technical assistance and training for the on-line LASSIE system. All programs that receive Learn and Serve funds as a grantee, subgrantee, or sub-subgrantee are required to report through LASSIE by June 30, 2008. These experts will be available to answer questions in regard to the requirements for different types of grantees, subgrantees, and sub-subgrantees and the process for accessing the LASSIE system, completing the required reporting, and accessing individual and aggregated data.

To schedule time, contact **Kimberly Spring**, kspring@cns.gov

Financial Management Technical Assistance

Walker & Company, LLP, CNCS' TTA Provider for Financial and Grants Management, will be available to provide technical assistance and training on a one-to-one basis. These experts will be available to answer questions in regard to the financial and grants management requirements for CNCS grantees, subgrantees, and sub-subgrantees. This is an excellent opportunity to receive individual assistance and discuss specific fiscal and grants compliance issues. Assistance is restricted to Learn and Serve America grantees, subgrantees, and sub-subgrantees only.

To schedule time, contact **Jonnie Jenkins**, jjenkins@walkerllp.com

Wednesday, April 9

4:00 – 5:00 pm Grand Opening, featuring **David Eisner**, CEO of the Corporation for National & Community Service
Location: Convention Center Auditorium

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Thursday, April 10

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Corporation for National and Community Service's Featured Forum

A Conversation with America's Service Leadership - Unfiltered

Join us to hear Henry Lozano, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of USA Freedom Corps (The White House), Ronald Tschetter, Director of Peace Corps, and David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America), answer your questions about the global future of service and service-learning. These three leaders will draw on their unique backgrounds to bring distinct perspectives on hot topics including the politics around service issues, generational trends, and the influence of social media on volunteering.

Location: Auditorium 1

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: Liberty Smith

Growing to Greatness 2008: The State of Service-Learning Authors Panel

Meet the authors of Growing to Greatness 2008 for a lively panel presentation on recent service-learning research and trends. Learn about the scope, scale, and impact of service-learning in the United States and Latin America, and explore what research shows about how service-learning can help young people make the transition to adulthood.

Location: 101B

1:45 – 3:15 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Corporation for National and Community Service: Rhonda Taylor

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: A Call for Social Justice through Service

Join this interactive session that will help you establish the King Day of Service as a call to service. Learn about connecting your service and service-learning activities to Dr. King's teachings and how to go from a day of service to a project that engages individuals throughout the semester or year.

Location: 101C

3:30 – 5:00 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Corporation for National and Community Service: Amy Cohen, Tess Scannell, Amiko Matsumoto

Summer of Service: A New American Rite of Passage?

What are the existing models for Summer of Service programs in your community? How can practitioners, policymakers, funders, and young people collaborate to promote Summer of Service programs and to ensure this initiative's success? Discover the opportunities that exist for young people to be change agents in their communities during this critical time of life.

Location: Auditorium 3

6:00 – 11:00 pm State Farm Awards Celebration, including presentation of the **Learn and Serve America Spirit of Service Awards**

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Corporation for National and Community Service: Siobhan Dugan and Anne Bentzel

Cool Tools for Promoting Your Service-Learning Program

This session provides a marketing and media overview and introduces some of the free resources available to attract media attention and effectively use marketing tools such as PSAs, program videos, logo treatments, and more.

Location: 200A

Corporation for National and Community Service: Meredith Hatch

Just SaYES: Involving Senior Adults in Service-Learning Programs

SaYES (Seniors and Youth Engaged in Service)—a joint initiative of Learn and Serve America and Senior Corps—aims to increase the number of partnerships between RSVP projects and schools engaged in service-learning. This workshop will discuss the value of intergenerational collaboration and share strategies and ready-to-use tools for recruiting, utilizing, and supporting older adult volunteers.

Location: 200G

2:30 – 4:00 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Corporation for National and Community Service: Kimberly Spring

Making Your Case for Service-Learning Using Learn and Serve Program Data

This session will explore the variety of online reports available through Learn and Serve America's data reporting system, LASSIE. We will also consider ways in which service-learning programs, regardless of Learn and Serve funding, can use LASSIE data to support their service-learning program with potential funders and other key policy- and decision-makers.

Location: 205B

4:15 – 5:45 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Corporation for National and Community Service: Amy Cohen

Take the Learn and Serve Challenge

The Second Annual Learn and Serve Challenge – a concerted campaign to shine a light on the power of service-learning in schools and communities – will take place this fall. Are you ready? Share with us what you did during the 2007 Challenge or bring your ideas to highlight service-learning in this year’s Learn and Serve Challenge. Join us to discover the great tools, cool ideas, and Web 2.0 solutions that will help you to plan and execute high-profile activities.

Location: 200A

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: Liberty Smith

Shaping Service-Learning Futures: Conversations about Graduate School and Service-Learning

Engage in a conversation with representatives of Service-Learning Young Professionals Network (SLYPN), Service-Learning Emerging Leaders, and Service-Learning Emerging Scholars on graduate study as a pathway to service-learning leadership and careers. We will use National Service-Learning Clearinghouse’s recent study of graduate student research as fuel for a discussion of the role of graduate study in influencing the future of service-learning and the perspectives of young service-learning leaders on their graduate school experiences.

Location: 200J

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: Search Institute

Effective Service-Learning in Community-Based Organizations

Using the new Service-Learning Standards and Indicators as a springboard for dialogue, this workshop will explore the similarities and differences in effective service-learning practices in community-based and faith-based organizations, then offer technical assistance strategies for building CBO and FBO capacity to use more effective service-learning practices, building on tools from the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse.

Location: 101B

Saturday, April 12

8:30 – 10:00 am Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Corporation for National and Community Service: Emily Samose

Youth Speak: How Service-Learning Sparks a Lifetime of Service

Youth will speak about the ways in which their service-learning experience has motivated them to take action. Workshop participants will also learn about national and international service programs that facilitate a lifetime of service, including AmeriCorps, VISTA, Peace Corps, and university-based service-learning programs.

Location: 101F

10:15 – 11:45 am Concurrent Workshop Sessions

Corporation for National and Community Service: Walker & Company LLP:

Documentation, Matching Funds, and In-Kind Donations

Learn how to properly document matching funds and in-kind donations and ensure Learn and Serve America grant accountability. We will also share information to help you calculate the value of your donations and identify ideas for additional matching funds for your program.

Location: 200A

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: RMC Research Corporation

Making the Case for Service-Learning in K-12 Settings: Evidence of Outcomes and Impacts

The evidence that high-quality service-learning positively impacts young people, teachers, community members, schools, and community organizations continues to build. This session provides a new summary of the research, emphasizing studies conducted in the past five years. Participants will discuss messaging strategies that can be used to help make the case for service-learning in K-12 settings.

Location: 101B

12:00 – 1:30 pm Reflection Plenary, featuring Youth MC, **Mason Waldvogel**, Learn and Serve America Youth Speakers’ Bureau participant