

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Applications are now available for the 2009 Civic Engagement Awards Program!

The Civic Engagement Awards Committee is proud to announce that the awards process will now be held in the fall semester! In order to celebrate the service our community takes part in every year, we encourage all students to apply for the service they were a part of. No project or program is too small and no individual too big. The VU community contributes so much to our surrounding community and beyond that we want to be able to celebrate your accomplishments with you! Awards available for application are:

[Man and Women Volunteer of the Year Nominations](#)

[Organization of the Year \(sample resume\)](#)

[Project/Program of the Year](#)

[Service Learning Project of the Year](#)

Since the program is now taking place in the fall semester, programs, projects, and application materials must be submitted for service that occurred from January 2009 - December 31st, 2009.

Applications are available by clicking the links above or by visiting the Student Organization Suite in the Harre Union. Applications will be accepted at the Student Organization Suite front desk until December 31st, 2009. Please make sure all applications are turned in by that time.

The awards ceremony recognizing all of the efforts of our VU community will be held during MLK Service Day- January 16th, 2009. Be on the lookout for more information about the awards ceremony.

Introducing a brand new volunteer opportunity from the Office of Volunteer Programs!!

ACE is a brand new volunteer experience at VU. The program is designed to have students- called ACE's- as well as faculty and staff members to volunteer agencies/experiences in the greater Valparaiso area. ACE's can take on large scale volunteer opportunities as well- such as the VU Day of Caring, the MLK Service Day, and can also assist student organization or professors in finding large group projects around the city.

There are ten ACE's total:

ACE Coordinator- this student is in charge of the ACE program and all of it's large scale events. Youth- focused on childhood enrichment outside of the school Social Justice- focused on social needs of the greater community. Elderly- focused on hospice care and retirement homes. Educational- focused on school initiatives. Environmental- focused on conservation and education about our earth. Medical- focused on hospice care and programs such as the Red Cross/American Cancer Society. Religious- focused on working with local religious organizations. VU Opportunities- focused on campus programs such as campus clean ups and the VU Day of Caring. International Connection- focused on international students finding volunteer opportunities for enrichment.

If you are interested in becoming an ACE- please contact the ACE Coordinator for the 2009-2010 year. The ACE office is located in the Harre Union Student Organization Suite located on the second floor of the Harre Union. Please get you an application and get you started in the program.

If you are interested in volunteering and need help locating a volunteer opportunity- then please email ACE_Coordinator@valpo.edu. Our ACE's will be able to help you find a volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule and time commitment.