Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection Service Opportunities

Here at Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection, we are in need of multiple volunteers to help with our programs. We hope that you will join our team to help us serve the children in these communities this semester!

Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection (BCEC) works to connect The Ohio State University with its surrounding communities, focusing specifically on programming for individuals, families, and entire communities facing poverty and its consequences. Comprised of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, BCEC’s members are trained to collaborate in developing innovative poverty solutions that address one or more key areas of focus. These areas of focus include health, education, economics, and design in urban and rural communities. Working to provide a pathway out of poverty, BCEC uses local human capital to increase educational opportunities for vulnerable youth that include learning beyond the classroom.

Through BCEC, Ohio State students can help various programs for the different Columbus neighborhoods. Below are the programs of BCEC with a description and contact information:

BUCKEYE REACH
Buckeye REACH is a program under Buckeye Community Connections through the Office of Outreach and Engagement and the Office of Student Life at The Ohio State University. Buckeye REACH is an acronym for: Relationships and Education in Action through Community and Hope.
Through Buckeye REACH, Ohio State students travel to the Department of Youth Services facilities to build relationships with local youth. In the 2013-2014 academic year, the program plans to incorporate movie nights and book clubs, allowing Ohio State students the opportunity to building connections and talk about everyday issues with the young people at the facility.

Buckeye REACH is a year-long commitment, recruiting students who are passionate about building meaningful relationships with residents. Transportation and carpools will be arranged to and from the correctional facilities. Buckeye REACH currently works with Circleville Youth Correctional Facility (all male), Scioto Youth Correctional Facility (co-ed), and Marion (Adult-male) Correctional Facility.
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EAST SIDE BUCKEYE INITIATIVES
The mission of East Side Buckeye Initiatives (ESBI) is to bring together The Ohio State University and the Near East Side Community of Columbus, Ohio. Working in conjunction with the Office of Student Life, Office of Outreach & Engagement, and Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), ESBI builds site-specific programs that serve the needs of Near East Side residence. These programs provide Ohio State students with valuable service and civic engagement experiences.
Programs within ESBI include:
Columbus Urban League Tutoring: Part of the East Side Tutoring Program, Columbus Urban League Tutoring allows Ohio State students to tutor children and teens in 1st-10th grade. While helping children
and teens with their math and reading skills, Ohio State students also focus on building positive relationships.

**East High School:**
ESBI works to empower, both academically and socially, student athletes at East High School.
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Eldon and Elsie Ward Family YMCA: ESBI and the Eldon and Elsie Ward Family YMCA offer Ohio State students with internships, where the students coordinate events for YMCA members, collaborate with other community organizations, and organize youth sports.
*Contact Information:* Adrian Jusdanis (jusdanis@gmail.com)

**Isabelle Ridgway Care Center:**
ESBI offers students opportunities to engage with the residents at Isabelle Ridgway Care Center, a Columbus-based organization providing services and care to the aging population of central Ohio. At the care center, students will host workshops in areas such as arts and crafts, music, memoir making, book clubs, and more.
*Contact Information:* Abdul Amor (Amor.5@osu.edu)

**Martin Luther King Library:**
Through ESBI, Ohio State students offer weekly classes for children at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Martin Luther King branch. Classes rotate between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), literacy, arts and crafts, and games that foster social and emotional intelligence. Children and volunteer-facilitators are able to participate in their choice of classes.
*Contact Information:* Kat Cleary (kat0cleary@gmail.com)

**Godman Guild:**
The Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection partners with the Godman Guild in both their afterschool A.C.E.S. program and the Godman Guild Community Garden.
*Contact Information:* Hanna Wortkoetter (hanna.wortkoetter@gmail.com)

**Northside Columbus Metropolitan Library:**
Through the Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection, Ohio State students offer weekly classes for children at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Northside Library branch. Classes in this ‘Buckeye Club’ rotate between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), literacy, arts and crafts, and games that foster social and emotional intelligence.
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**Franklinton Neighborhood Gladden Food Pantry:** The Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection supports the work of the Gladden Food Pantry by providing dedicated Ohio State student volunteers to assist in pantry operations.

**Franklinton News:** The Franklinton News is a free, neighborhood-based newspaper published monthly by Gladden Community House. This publication is dedicated to connecting Franklinton residents to neighborhood resources and community events.

**Gladden Community House Boxcar Derby:**
The Buckeye Civic Engagement Connection seeks Ohio State engineering students to volunteer with the Annual Gladden Community House Boxcar Derby.
HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD

ETSS Adult ESL:
At the west side ETSS Adult ESL class, Ohio State students will tutor immigrant and refugee populations on basic English skills. In conjunction with an ETSS ESL instructor, volunteers will be essential in helping this population learn the language skills necessary for better economic and education opportunities. Columbus State ESL Afterschool Programs: In collaboration with Columbus State ESL After School Communities, volunteers from the Ohio State student body will help to tutor middle school Somali students in math, science, reading and writing. At this site, volunteers will work one on one with students academically while building important relationships as a tutor and mentor.

YMCA Leaders Club:
At the Hilltop YMCA, Ohio State volunteers will have the opportunity to help middle school and high school youth develop into the next generation of civic leaders through the Y Leaders Club.
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LINDEN NEIGHBORHOOD

Programs within Linden Neighborhood include:

KIPP Journey Academy:
Volunteers at KIPP Journey Academy will work in an afterschool setting geared towards youth development and academic enrichment.
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BCEC contact:
If you are interested in any of these programs, contact the site leader, Dr. Patty Cunningham (cunningham.212@osu.edu) or Kat Cleary (kat0cleary@gmail.com).

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