

Internships benefit students, community

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The Service to Community internship program at Clackamas is a program that gives students the opportunity to build upon their college education while giving back to their community.

"The Foundation Board has granted us eight scholarships for next school year," said Mindy Brown, coordinator of the project. "They are very supportive of this program."

The intent of the volunteer program is to increase the number of public service activities in the community by providing students with a safe learning environment in which they may grow as leaders. These opportunities encourage students to develop a greater sense of responsibility by giving back to the community.

"Rachel [Austen] and I are very lucky to be connected with John Mullins, who's the director for social services in Clackamas County. We learned a lot about the community agencies," said Brown, "and that aided in developing sites for our volunteers."

One such site was the Department of Human Resources, where a student majoring in graphics worked with the employees to design brochures and fliers. Another student, who had an interest in working with parenting issues, interned at the Healthy Start program. Other sites included the Clackamas Women's Shelter, Northwest Medical Teams and public schools.

"One of our goals is to be able to create [data] files on these nonprofit and county agencies. So, when we have a student who is interested in a particular area,

we can find a site for them," said Brown.

This year's program marks the first time these paid volunteer positions were offered to incoming freshmen as part of the scholarship packages sent to area

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Student Ambassador

high schools by Sharon Sample, scholarship coordinator.

"Not enough people know about us yet," said Brown. "We want to get the word out there that these are available. By the end of this term, we want to interview and select people for the following year."

This program provides students the opportunity to earn \$500 each term to help pay their tuition. Student volunteers will work at nonprofit and county agencies in the community, on average seven to eight hours per week.

To be considered for a position, potential volunteers must complete an application and be interviewed. Eligibility is determined in four areas:

- Enthusiasm and desire for the

project

- Talent and ability for the internship role

- A strong academic background and clear educational plan

- Financial need (Need is considered a factor in selection but given less weight than the other three factors.)

Once selected, the intern must meet the following criteria in order to continue in the program and be awarded \$500

- Complete nine credits per term

- Maintain a 2.5 GPA

- Receive a recommendation for continuation from both the community service agency and the project coordinator.

"The most exciting thing about this program is hearing people's stories," said Austen, who is a former Clackamas student and ASG officer.

In addition, she held the one internship position that is an on-campus site coordinator. Her duties were to help to organize volunteer activities at Clackamas as well as in the community.

Currently the position is held by Greg Wendling.

"Right now, I am working to expand the list of possible placements and building our relationships with agencies in Clackamas County," said Wendling.

Each agency, he said, is responsible for providing the intern with a meaningful work site, not just busy work like collating papers.

Application packages are available in the High School Relations office. They must be completed and returned to the High School Relations office by Friday, May 23.

Other Public Service Volunteer Opportunities

The volunteer opportunities listed below are unpaid positions

Boys & Girls Aid Society seeks volunteers for its court-appointed special advocates (CASA) program. Informational meeting today, 7 p.m. Training begins May 30. Call Karen LeRous at 222-9661 ext. 227 or 1-800-342-6688.

Be a Mother Mentor. Volunteers to help mothers who are completing drug or alcohol treatment and raising young children. Call Sylvia Hart-Landsberg at 235-3546.

Reach the Beach Join the one-day bicycle trek on Saturday, May 17 to benefit the American Lung Association of Oregon. Finish in Pacific City. Volunteers needed to set up and staff registration areas, rest stops and finish line. Call Rich Meiner at 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Safehaven, providing educational opportunities to kids 5-12 needs volunteers for summer program. Tutors, mentors, playground supervisors, gardeners and cooks needed for two-hour shifts during weekdays. Must be 15 or older. Call Nellie Bradwell at 281-2332.

The Alexandra Ellis Memorial Children's Cancer Association provides programs and support to children with life-threatening illnesses. Volunteers are needed to help with a music program at hospitals, be a "chemo pal" to a child with cancer, or help staff a fundraising event in September. Contact Linda Vogt, ext. 2310, association board member, or Executive Director Regina Rathburn Ellis at 244-3141.

Info available in ASG Office

Service to Community Internship Program

- Eight scholarships available
- Paid community service
- 75 hours, \$500 per term
- Pick up applications in High School Relations in Community Center or ASG Office
- Deadline to apply is Friday, May 23

Roy Bragg memorial service set for Friday

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A memorial service is scheduled for Roy Bragg on Friday, May 16 at 3 p.m. at Willamette Friday Cemetery in Clackamas. Bragg died April 11 of a burst aorta.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, who is the secretary in the Communications and Theatre Arts department at Clackamas college. Also surviving

are his children, Maggie, a student at Clackamas, and Rob, two grandchildren, Patience and Mark, and two brothers, Eric and Bert.

Bragg taught high school from 1968 to 1989 in health, physical education and outdoor recreation. He was also a football and wrestling coach at Oregon City High School.

The Bragg family suggests donations be made to the American Red Cross.



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