Vassar students honored

José Herrera Jr.’18, Mandy Chin’18 and Taylor Veasley ’18 were presented with “College Fellow” awards at the 5th Annual Rosa Parks Gala, hosted by R.E.A.L. Skills Network Inc. Both Mandy and José have been involved with R.E.A.L. Skills since their first semester and have had the opportunity to tutor, fundraise, and learn about office administration. As José puts it:

“I have grown and developed a level of maturity that no college class could have instilled within me. I have interacted and conversed with influential leaders in the community… developed deep bonds with students whom I constantly saw myself in… strengthened my communication skills, office management skills, and other hard and soft skills [and] have come to terms with the fact that I have definitely left a footprint in someone’s life and in the community in some shape or form. I am thankful for R.E.A.L Skills and its impact on my character and education at Vassar.”

Photo credit: R.E.A.L. Skills Network
Calling Community Partners

Would you like to offer students community-engaged learning placements over the Summer of 2018 or in the Fall of 2018? Please contact Lisa Kaul at likaul@vassar.edu

Reminder

Applications for the Community Fellows Program are due 18 March, 2018.

Summer Registration for Students

Please fill out a “Request for Vassar Summer Work 2018” form and an OCEL Proposal and return it to the OCEL. Last date to register for summer work is May 25, 2018

Fall Pre-Registration

April 9 - 20, 2018

Call for Student Volunteers

Spring Fest organized by the Good Neighbors Committee is looking for volunteers on Saturday, April 7, 2018. This annual event welcomes children and their families from the wider community to campus to enjoy activities like an Easter egg hunt, bouncy castle, and other games. For more information or to volunteer please contact J Fernandez@vassar.edu or Colette Cann at CoCann@vassar.edu.

Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson

Nine students are doing community-engaged learning placements with Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson this semester. Pictured here is the “Friday” cohort. Students are involved with fundraising, volunteer outreach and coordination, research, and translation. They have the opportunity to learn about “issues that affect urban immigrants,” “direct action organizing,” “fundraising and the redistribution of capital,” “social organizing for economic and social justice,” as well as understanding how political theories translate into practice.

Annie Duncan (left) facilitates community engagement events and creates graphic design of outreach materials for Hudson Valley Design Lab. She is pictured here at the (free) Winter Farm Stand event at the Civic Center, where she helped to hand out seasonal produce to people in the Poughkeepsie community. (Photo credit: Dutchess Outreach)