AS-L Project Opportunities - Winter 2015

Several organizations, offices and programs have reached out to AS-L /EMU seeking possible collaboration in many areas. The Office of AS-L may be able to provide some funding to support the projects cited below.

826michigan

a. Tutors for our after-school tutoring programs in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor

b. In-school volunteers to help in classrooms throughout Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor

c. Volunteers to help with our creative writing Field Trips that take place Wednesday and Friday mornings form 9:30-noon in Ann Arbor; drama/theatre students are especially encouraged, though all are welcome!

d. Volunteers to help with our evening creative writing workshops and drop-in writing programs in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor

e. Graphic designers to help with our publications of student writing

Contact Volunteer Coordinator: Frances Martin at frances@826michigan.org or D'Real Graham dreal@826michigan.org

826 Michigan can also visit your class to promote such opportunities.

826michigan has an on-site EMU office in VISION Student Center and would love to come to your class to present if requested. All volunteers will need to fill out an online volunteer application at www.826michigan.org/volunteer.

Art Around Town

AAT is a social enterprise housed in EMU’s Office of Academic Service-Learning Office. It's intent is to build capacity of art in schools by supporting, marketing and selling of student art. Website: http://artaroundtown.us/

a. Marketing and Subscription Generation. We'd like one or two of our students to sell art subscriptions (or art work) in the local community. They will develop a list of businesses/nonprofits/other entities to call on. They will work to sell as many subscriptions or prints as possible, and create a system for organizing subscriptions. They will also be responsible for creating other marketing tools, such as press releases, as needed.
b. Social Media. We'd like one student to keep our social media updated—Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. He or she will also be responsible for creating other marketing tools, such as press releases, as needed.

c. Managing the Auction and Promotion—we will need even coordination and marketing for our spring auction.

**Upward Bound - Ypsilanti Community High School**

Request for tutors at YCHS Monday-Thursday from 3:15-4:45 in the Media Center.

One of the goals is to bring in specialty tutors who can work in a one-to-one capacity with students who could use some extra encouragement as well as academic assistance. There is a need for soft skill development (test-taking, study habits, overcoming procrastination, etc.), as well as reading coaches. They can also use people to decorate, and then update, boards with pictures, flyers, encouragements, etc.

Contact: Stephanie Hawkes  
email: shawkes@emich.edu

**Bright Futures, 21st Century Learning programs**

Eastern Michigan University 21st Century Community Learning Centers BRIGHT FUTURES is a cohort of high quality after school programs in twenty school sites across three school districts including Romulus, Wayne-Westland, and Ypsilanti Community Schools.

**Youth Photo Voice project** - We are developing clubs in our EMU Bright Futures after school programs in which the students explore failure and then write about it. There are opportunities to work with youth in these clubs OR to work on developing a book project that will showcase student work. Any combination of skills in developing promotional materials, book layout, and/or working with youth on developing their voice through writing would be helpful.

**Conference Planning and Promotion** - We are developing a one-day conference using an "unconference" model for organizing the discussion around k-12 education in out-of-school-time programs that focuses on positive youth development, grit and a growth mindset. We need help developing promotional materials, organizing registration and doing detailed planning for the June 26 conference here at EMU.

If you are interested, please contact the director, Lynn Malinoff at: lmalinoff@emich.edu
Dedicated to Make a Change

An organization dedicated to “connecting youth with the world to promote peace, greater understanding and a love of learning” They are looking for students to assist them in program development, location and identification of an Ypsilanti community space, recruitment, etc.

http://www.dedicatedtomakeachange.com/

Contact: Gail Wolkoff  gailwolkoff@gmail.com

Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office

Washtenaw County Sheriff’s & Ypsilanti Community Schools oversee the Grizzly Community Support Center” volunteer support program.

The GCSC is designed to provide support five days a week, during the school day, divided into three shifts per day (to divide the workload up—though some people have volunteered for more than one shift). We develop a matrix based on volunteer availability and then schedule. We ask that people commit to one time slot once a week. Activities focus on a ‘RESTORATIVE JUSTICE’ model. Looking for individuals to manage and support this initiative.

Contact: Kathy Wyatt at wyattk@ewashtenaw.org

Mentor 2 Youth

A tutoring and mentoring organization which services the Ypsilanti Community Schools. Needs include

- Beginning with tutors for math, that would be our students biggest academic need at the time as well as women studying in science and technology fields.
- Event Planning and Coordination of mentor events for fall
- Development and branding of a marketing scheme as we look to expand into Ann Arbor and Detroit in the upcoming years
- Gathering testimonials could also benefit from having journalists come in to help develop stories that could make our website more engaging and interactive.
  - Public Relations to work with our student organization to help it develop a brand and notoriety within the campus community.

- Contact: dholmanj@emich.edu
Business Side of Youth/Digital Inclusion

Social enterprise located in EMU’s Office of Academic Service-Learning

Digital Inclusion is a computer training program for youth. Youth are trained in computer hardware and software – direcycle.com

Needs include:

- Supporting and enhancing its social media presence
- Creating new markets for DI
- Creating a marketing strategy for EMU students
- Locating funding sources to support community-based computer labs for installation.
- Identifying new funding sources to bridge the digital divide

Contact: Jack Bidlack at jbidlac1@emich.edu

Polish Language Center of Ann Arbor

The Polish Language Center of Ann Arbor is a community school, housed on EMU’s campus. The school is dedicated to providing language education and cultural understanding to Polish families as well as to individuals interested in learning Polish.

They have several project needs /requests as the school grows:

Marketing Assistance– developing a marketing plan, identifying new students; increasing social media presence, plan an Open House, improve website

Accounting – setting up an accounting framework

Teacher Training - Development of a teacher training workshops to enhance the capabilities of the community based (parents) teachers.

Contact: Professor Ildiko Porter-Szucs at iporters@emich.edu

http://polskaszkola.weebly.com/
Applied Theatre Project- Asian Immigrant Experience

Working with several community partners and based on the research of Professor Tsu-Yin Wu's of Nursing and health disparities within the Asian immigrant community, we are developing a community based theatre project for Winter 2015.

Need assistance:

Identifying and communicating with organizations or groups who support work with Asian immigrants (East Asian and South Asian) and first generation Asian Americans

Stage Managing /Event management the community based performance (identifying location, developing promotional materials, communicating to possible audience members, creating social media for event).

Other tasks could include-pending on the volunteer- performing and writing for the project.

Would need to attend/participate in a couple classes or meeting on Thursday evenings.

Contact:

Jessica ‘Decky’ Alexander- jalexande1@emich.edu
Callie McKee -csmckee@umich.edu

Ypsilanti Library

To assist the Ypsilanti Public Library in promoting, developing marketing, and outreach for Say It With Snap! an exhibit that also has programming.

Contact: Lori Coryell Coryell@ysplibrary.org or Rhonda Foxworth rfoxworth@ysplibrary.org

Dedicated to Make a Change

Overseeing mentors, outreach and programming for young people in Ypsilanti. Program focuses on service to community.

Contact: <gailwolkoff@gmail.com>

http://www.dedicatedtomakeachange.com