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## CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### Monthly Newsletter

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### Do Something Different

Alternative Fall Break will be held October 11—15. Students will be traveling to Charleston SC, Asheville NC, and Washington, DC and working with local organizations focusing on the issues of hunger and homelessness.

Join us in the Spring for one of our Alternative Spring Break trips!

Atlanta, GA  
New Orleans, LA  
Washington, DC  
La Gran Vista, Costa Rica  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic



Applications for Alternative Spring Break are available online, and are due on October 18th by noon.



On October 26th, College of Charleston student teams will grab a grocery cart, garbage bags, and gloves and dash into downtown Charleston to participate in the **11th annual** litter-collecting scavenger hunt. Teams of students will scour the city for cigarette butts, used batteries, old hub caps and bagged dog litter to rack up points.

- The student teams that show the most spirit, collect the most recyclables and accumulate the most points will win prizes.
- Dash for Trash is co-sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement and Keep Charleston Beautiful.
- Register as an individual or in teams of 10 or less. The deadline for registering is **Friday, October 16th. Register on the Center for Civic Engagement page on the CofC website.**

Ready, set, DASH!

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## Volunteer Fair

### ... eat. sleep. volunteer.



We captured over 300 students who spoke with approximately 30 local organizations about volunteering over the course of two hours on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> on Rivers Green. The event itself was part of the Back to School Jam which is a partnership between Student Life, MSP, and Residence Life. Thanks to all our community partners who were able to attend the event. We hope you found success in recruiting volunteers!

### Volunteer Corps

#### Upcoming Events:

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Green Heart Project  
 Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Fall Retreat to Boone Hall  
 Plantation Pumpkin Patch  
 Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Dash for Trash  
 Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Windwood Carnival

For more information and to sign up, contact Volunteer Corps at [volunteercorps.cofc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteercorps.cofc@gmail.com) or Facebook: [CofCVolunteerCorps](https://www.facebook.com/CofCVolunteerCorps) Twitter: [CofCVolCorps](https://twitter.com/CofCVolCorps) Pinterest: [cofcvolcorps](https://www.pinterest.com/cofcvolcorps)



## Bonner Leaders

We are excited to welcome thirteen new Bonners to the program this year. Joining the Junior class are Alarie Latham and Akilah Worley. Ashlan Bishop, Andrea Creech, and Tayler Simon are rounding out the Sophomore class, and the Bonner class of 2017 is comprised on Joey Baldwin, Brooke Horton, Angie Jones, Jillian Loftis, Anjali Naik, Victoria Simpson, Julia Taylor, and Dashia Drayton.

Our first Service Saturday kicked off last weekend at the LowCountry Foodbank. It was an excellent opportunity to engage in the Charleston community all the while strengthening the bonds within our Bonner family. We completed filling 1200 weekend bags of food for the Backpack Buddies program. The Backpack Buddies program supplies children within Lowcountry schools healthy food throughout the

weekend. We also sorted through 5 barrels of sweet potatoes gleaned from local farms. Afterwards we discussed food justice issues, the impact of programs like Backpack Buddies and SNAP, and the root causes of poverty and hunger. We hope to continue to engage in this issue with further education in the coming months.



## Get involved!

Contact us...

There are several ways to get involved with service in the community through the Center for Civic Engagement:

- Check out our website [volunteer.cofc.edu](http://volunteer.cofc.edu)
- “Like” us on Facebook: [CofCCenterForCivicEngagement](https://www.facebook.com/CofCCenterForCivicEngagement) and “Follow” us on Twitter: [VolunteerCofC](https://twitter.com/VolunteerCofC)
- Join our listserv to receive emails with the latest volunteer information by emailing [listserv@listserv.cofc.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.cofc.edu) with “Subscribe [volunteer@listserv.cofc.edu](mailto:volunteer@listserv.cofc.edu) Your Full Name” in the body. (ex. Subscribe [volunteer@listserv.cofc.edu](mailto:volunteer@listserv.cofc.edu) John Doe.” )

