

Dear School Administrators and High School Seniors at High School X,

Columbia State Community College's Service Corps Pilot Program will be hosting a Community Volunteerism Fair during National Volunteerism Week in order to educate area high school seniors and current Columbia State students on how they can serve local non-profits over the summer months and as future college students.

Area non-profit organizations (specializing in community service, youth programming, environmental services, etc.) and for-profit businesses with volunteerism programs have been invited to participate in the Community Volunteerism Fair. Through the one time Service Corps Grant, Columbia State is partnering with these organizations to promote service opportunities and a positive volunteerism experience.

Why should students volunteer in their communities?

- Build resumes, gain references and secure future employment.
- Gain valuable experience in multiple fields of interest which may help freshmen select a major.
- Meet the financial aid requirements of Tennessee Promise initiative.
- Have fun doing good and making friends.

The fair will be hosted at the Columbia Campus (1665 Hampshire Pike, Columbia TN 38401) on **Tuesday, April 14 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** outdoors in the Warf Plaza (or in the Webster Athletic Center in case of inclement weather). The carnival-like atmosphere will be light and fun and there will be free food and prizes. Each participating organization will be assigned a booth and given a role of raffle tickets. Students who complete a survey and spend time learning about an organization will then be given a ticket at each booth. Each hour, tickets will be drawn and prizes awarded. Upon exiting the fair, students will be given an Inspiration Guide Book, summarizing volunteerism opportunities within Columbia State's nine county service areas.

Columbia State is proud to join alongside both state and national efforts to make volunteerism readily available and a priority in our community. To learn more about National Volunteerism Week, visit <http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/national-volunteer-week> or the Tennessee Promise initiative visit <http://driveto55.org/initiatives/tennessee-promise>.

There may be monies available to assist with bus transportation costs. Please call and reserve your place at the *- Community Volunteerism Fair. I look forward to hearing from you and answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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