

C.A.L.L. Center's Calling You To Get Involved

Spend your semester getting involved in volunteer opportunities and/or studying abroad!

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One of the number one statistics related to graduating is involvement on campus. Learning in a different community gives students the opportunity to experience different cultures, lifestyles, and all kinds of people. Here at Concordia, thanks to the C.A.L.L. Center, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved for any and all students!

The C.A.L.L. Center stands for Community Action, Leadership, and Learning Center. It is a student engagement office where students can find service learning and volunteer opportunities both on campus and in the community, whether locally or abroad. In addition to that, there are plenty of study abroad programs and service trips, both of which are very great opportunities for all students to take advantage of while in college.

Kelly Matthias, C.A.L.L. Center Director, explains that there are several benefits to getting involved on campus. "Your Résumé will stand out against other candidates." Getting involved also helps introduce students to diverse groups of people. And last, but also most important, "it's fun!" says Matthias.

When it comes down to what kind of volunteer opportunities and service learning events that exist, "the sky's the limit," according to Matthias. "There are over 100 places that we have partnered with and we'll work with students to match them with businesses." Students can serve individually, with clubs, with courses, and on service trips.

This year, the C.A.L.L. Center's service trips are to Nicaragua, Hawaii and Florida. Along with that, the featured short-term study abroad programs for this year are to London, Mexico, Israel, and Nicaragua. Matthias clarifies that the difference

between service trips and study abroad programs is that "service trips are not for credit, but they are more affordable because fundraising opportunities are provided." However, don't let that stop you from traveling! It is important to know that all short-term study abroad and service trip applications are due Oct. 1, 2015. So get started as soon as possible.

Students interesting in joining any activities of the C.A.L.L. Center should stop by the C.A.L.L. Center immediately. They are located in Meyer Hall, Room 115. Students can also email call@csp.edu for any questions regarding study abroad, service, or volunteer opportunities. Don't sit and wait; listen to the "C.A.L.L." and get involved!



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