Help meet Centennial service challenge: Log your hours

BGSU, it's time to log on and record your service hours.

The University has set itself a challenge of contributing a million hours of service this year in honor of its Centennial. To keep track of that, it's important to go to the Centennial Service Challenge Web page and log your hours.

The challenge is open to faculty, staff, students, retirees and alumni. Volunteer hours can be recorded both individually and for groups and organizations. "All sorts of volunteer hours can be recorded. It can also be a great community-building activity for departments or groups, to set their own challenge," said Dr. Jane Rosser, director of the Office of Service-Learning and coordinator of the Centennial service effort.

Hours can be added at any time till the end of the year, and weekly totals will be posted on Monday mornings. One strategy for timely tracking might be to set a personal email reminder for Fridays to log on and post any volunteer hours, or for groups to designate someone to be the poster.

Simply go to http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/service-learning/page76045.html and follow the links.

Student Paul Hemminger, a member of the service challenge organizing committee, said, "I believe that service is to be the core of our studies and our morality. It should be ingrained in each of us that service to the world and the community is needed, necessary, and mandatory for personal and collective growth. With six degrees of separation between each one of us, that should spur each soul to own our civic responsibility to care for one another through actions, words and simple smiles."

"The BGSU community has always been active in civic engagement," Rosser said. "This is a way to celebrate what we're already doing but also to challenge ourselves to move to the next level. We can use this year as a time to think more long range about what we'd like to do as a campus and to demonstrate our commitment to public engagement."

One advantage of the online recording system is that it will eventually yield a picture of the impact BGSU has in its communities, both on campus and off. The site asks for brief descriptions of the type of service provided and the area of impact, such as the elderly or disaster relief.

"People are active in their faith communities and their children's schools. One of our committee members is going on a mission trip this spring and another is on the board of the Humane Society, for example," Rosser said. "With our new system, we will be able to see who has benefitted from our work."

Students will also be able to use the record of their service for scholarship and job applications, she added, or as part of BGSU's new Leadership Certificate Program.

Rosser hopes the site will encourage the campus to strive for the national President's Volunteer Service awards, which go to individuals and groups. The campus will hold a celebration event at the end of the year to recognize its volunteers' efforts.

On a deeper level, Rosser said she hopes the challenge will encourage faculty and staff to talk about their own volunteerism with their students. "Many students don't see us as whole people who are actively engaged," she said. "If you talk about what you do and what you care about, you might inspire students to think about what they're passionate about and to get involved."
A service activities calendar with listings of volunteer opportunities is in the works and should be up shortly as part of the University’s main online calendar.

The community can share its service activities with others on the Centennial Memories site, http://memories.bgsu.edu/cm10/, where they can post photographs, emails, videos stories and more. “This is a fun way to share our experiences,” Rosser said.

IN BRIEF

BGSU and public library to host financial aid workshop

The Office of Financial Aid is teaming up with the Wood County District Public Library to present a free workshop on college financial aid. Financial Aid 101 is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the library, 251 N. Main St. in Bowling Green.

Financial aid specialists will discuss and answer questions about filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the types of aid available, including grants, loans, scholarships and employment. They will also provide information on finding and applying for scholarships.

The workshop gives anyone considering college—high school juniors, seniors and their parents, returning students and adult learners—an opportunity to explore a variety of ways to finance a college education.

CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 15
Architecture Lecture Series, “ReadyMade Studio,” featuring Katerina Ruedi Ray, director, School of Art, and principal of ReadyMade Studio, an interdisciplinary art and design practice, 6:30 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater. Series sponsored by the American Institute of Architecture Students.

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Tuesday Night Film Series, “One, Two, Three” (U.S., 1961), directed by Billy Wilder, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall. Taste of February, “Black History: A Century in the Making” with alumnus Dr. John Scott, 6-9 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Classified Staff Council, 10 a.m. to noon, 136 Perry Field House. Black History Month Forum, “Whites in Black History: A Choice of Legacies,” black history discussion, 9-10:30 a.m., 314 Union. NAACP’s Black Blockbuster and Discussion II, 7:30-10 p.m., Union Theater. A Black History Month event. Brown Bag Series, “Mammy/Jezebel/Hottentot/Hood-rat ... Everything but Me: The Destructive Politics of Representation,” with Dr. Maisha Wester, English, noon, 107 Hanna Hall. A Black History Month event. Faculty Artist Series, with cellist Alan Smith and pianist Thomas Rosenkranz, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Feb. 18
Popular Culture Colloquium Series, with Dr. Christopher Williams, department fellow, popular culture, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 201A Union. MFA Reading, with Melissa Shaner, poetry, and Jessica Vozel, fiction, creative writing, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.
International Film Series, "Sturm (Storm)" (Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands, 2009), 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Humanities Troupe Presentation, "Performances in Race and Religion," 1-2 p.m., Union Ballroom. A Black History Month event.

Friday, Feb. 19
Hockey vs. Notre Dame, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Women's Professional Development Series, "Staying Rooted in Shifting Sands," with Joya D'Cruz, 1:30-3 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall. Co-sponsored by the Classified Staff Council Professional Development Committee.

Saturday, Feb. 20
Hockey vs. Notre Dame, 5:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Sunday, Feb. 21
Fourth Annual Bowling Green Chamber Music Competition Finals, 3 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, Feb. 22
Black History Month Theatre Production, "I Am That I Am: Woman, Black," one-woman show by award-winning actress Adilah Barnes, 7-9 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

There were no jobs posted this week.

Labor Postings
http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html
OBITUARY

Justine Magsig, 88, died Feb. 7 in Perrysburg. She came to the University in 1979, retiring as assistant director of environmental programs in 2006.