

SOURCE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE STUDENT OUTREACH RESOURCE CENTER

SOURCE Service Awards

The 2007 SOURCE Service Awards were presented at SOURCE's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 20th, 2007. A committee of students selected winners in 6 different categories (one individual and one student group from each of the three schools: Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health). There were many nominations, all showcasing the great community work students are doing. The winners were chosen for their outstanding commitment to service, breadth and depth of involvement, and the creative ways they fostered service through community partnerships.

2007 SOURCE Service Award Winners:

School of Medicine

GROUP: *Service & Awareness through Geriatric Education (SAGE)*

INDIVIDUALS: *Daniel Bowers, Melissa Dattalo*

School of Nursing

GROUP: *Nursing Students United for Advocacy & Action (NSUAA)*

INDIVIDUAL: *Elizabeth Billings-Whitfield*

School of Public Health

GROUP: *Epidemiology Student Organizations (ESO)*

INDIVIDUALS: *Jay Graham, Emma Tsui*



Photo: Members of Service & Awareness through Geriatric Education (SAGE) accept the SOURCE Service Award as a SOM student group for their outstanding commitment to service.

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*"We rise by
lifting
others. "*

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*Robert
Green
Ingersoll*

National Volunteer Week

SOURCE hosted a variety of National Volunteer Week activities during the week of April 16-22nd, 2007. Events included:

-**Information Tables** at each of the three schools

-A successful **Toiletry Drive** (in cooperation with the JHU Women's Network, with toiletries going to Project PLASE)

-**Toxic Tour**, an environmentally focused tour of East Baltimore, led by Glenn Ross and co-sponsored by the Environmental Health Sciences Student Organization (EHSSO) and the Environmental Justice Partnership (EJP).

-**SOURCE CBO Seminar Series:** Dr. Kyu Rhee from Baltimore Medical System spoke on the history, trends, and current issues around community clinics.

-**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and SOURCE Service Awards.** A celebration of all those who are involved in the community. This luncheon included the presentation of the SOURCE Service Awards, as well as a SOURCE "Year in Review" presentation, and presentations from student groups on the great work they've done this year in the community.

-**National Volunteer Week Happy Hour.** Co-sponsored by JHSPH Student Assembly, this event kicked off our Tri-School Day of Service.

-The week concluded with the **Tri-School Day of Service** (see story below).



Spring Tri-School Day of Service

On April 21st, 2007 volunteers donned red SOURCE t-shirts, boarded vans, and set out to 8 different community-based organizations across Baltimore City for the Spring Tri-School Day of Service. The day was an all-around success, with almost 90 volunteers serving about 320 volunteer hours at 8 different sites across Baltimore City! From sorting books and deconstructing playgrounds, to planting, painting, and getting dirty, students, faculty, and staff from each of the three schools came together to make a difference for our community by assisting these great organizations: Baltimore American Indian Center, Baltimore City Parks and Recreation, Baltimore Reads Book Bank, Irvine Nature Center, Parks & People, South East Youth Academy (SEYA), Tench Tilghman Elementary School, and Villa Maria.

SPARC & SOURCE Conducting JHSPH Student Survey

SOURCE is partnering with Students for a Positive Academic PaRtnership with the East Baltimore Community (SPARC) to once again conduct a survey of students in the Bloomberg School of Public Health. This survey inquires about the students' opinions on community involvement issues, including the current opportunities that JHSPH provides, and the interests and needs that students have in this arena. This information will guide both SOURCE and SPARC as they continue to develop programs and initiatives that encourage institutional awareness of community needs, curricular and co-curricular service/service-learning, and community partnerships. JHSPH students can go to www.jhsph.edu/source/sparc to find a link to the survey.

SOURCE Creates New Blog

SOURCE is riding the technology wave and has now added a blog! This online communication tool will help SOURCE to disseminate information, while also giving students, faculty, staff, and community members a forum to voice and discuss questions, concerns, and opinions. Visit the blog today to keep up to date on current issues and to contribute to these conversations.

Check it out at: <http://BaltimoreSOURCE.blogspot.com>

New LCME Standard on Service-Learning for School of Medicine

The Liason Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has issued a new standard on service-learning to be met by medical schools by July 1, 2008. This standard states that "medical schools should make available sufficient opportunities for medical students to participate in service-learning activities, and should encourage and support student participation." While the standard does not require every student to participate in service-learning, it does mandate that schools provide structured and purposeful opportunities for those who do wish to strengthen their educational experience through service-learning. SOURCE is working with administrators, students, faculty, and community orgs to develop a plan for realizing this new standard. For more information on service-learning and the LCME standard, visit the SOURCE blog at:

<http://BaltimoreSOURCE.blogspot.com>

PICTURE: **Glenn Ross, SOURCE Community Consultant, points out a stop on the Toxic Tour, an environmentally focused tour of East Baltimore.**



"Believe that there's light at the end of the tunnel. Believe that you might be that light for someone else"
--
Kobi Yamada

SOURCE: YEAR IN REVIEW

Accomplishments and Events of 2007



2006-2007 was a busy and exciting year for SOURCE. In addition to events such as National Volunteer Week, the Volunteer Fair, Tri-School Days of Service, the Monthly CBO Seminar Series, quarterly drives, and Community Tours, SOURCE continues to create new venues to promote community knowledge and involvement, such as contributing to Baltimore Week and World AIDS Day, starting the SOURCE Blog, and forging new relationships in the community. Here, we discuss some of the other great things that have happened with SOURCE and our collaborators this year:

SOURCE Expands Staff

In October, 2006, SOURCE welcomed a new staff member to the team, Seth Christman, as SOURCE Coordinator. In this role, Seth has taken on event planning, counseling, advising service-based groups and one-on-one student appointments. This has allowed Mindi Levin, the Director, to focus on incorporating service and service-learning into the curriculum and further developing SOURCE's services.

The Connection: Community Consultants

The Connection, a group of students who come together in small teams to work with community-based organizations on short-term projects, completed its second successful year. Students collaborated on 8 projects, listed and briefly described below. For more information on The Connection, or to become involved, visit:

www.jhsph.edu/source/Students/Connection

2006-2007 Connection Projects:

Baltimore Medical Systems, Inc – Analyzed Data from a non-English speaking patient satisfaction survey.

Blueprints for Youth, part of MD Mentoring Partnership – Worked toward development of policies and procedures for the organization.

Irvine Nature Center – Created a grant template.

Planned Parenthood of MD – Aided in searching for new funding sources and composed a grant calendar.

Shepherd's Clinic – Created a community marketing campaign.

Students Sharing Coalition, Inc. – Performed a financial audit.

Tench Tilghman Elementary School Family Support Program – Worked on database development.

Youth Opportunity (YO!) Center – Designed community outreach aimed at increasing youth membership.

Programa Salud

This year Programa Salud, a student run service group dedicated to meeting the needs of the Latino community, has had several accomplishments. First, the group opened its doors to new members and leadership in each of the schools: Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health, thus becoming a successful tri-school organization. As such, they began offering TB screenings, as well as follow-ups for those that test positive for TB and referral services. Also, Programa Salud taught English to non-native English speakers at the Hispanic Apostolate, a SOURCE CBO. Finally, the group supports several one-time service projects, including stroke screening, Latinofest, Provision, and more. Visit: www.jhsph.source/programasalud

*"Everyone
can be
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because
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*Martin
Luther King,
Jr.*

SON Community Outreach Program

Each year in the SON, faculty member Lori Edwards teaches “Community Outreach to the Underserved Communities in Urban Baltimore.” This course introduces students to issues pertaining to working with vulnerable populations, collaborating with non-profits, and understanding Baltimore’s health issues. Additionally, students that enroll in the course are eligible to participate in the SON Community Outreach Program. The program provides community health nursing services to individuals, families, communities, and populations in several underserved areas in Baltimore. Students are mentored in the role of “Community Outreach Student Interns” by various Community Health faculty members and preceptors at community-based organizations.

This year, close to 90 SON students were placed with community organizations through the Community Outreach Program. Through an online application process, **SOURCE** worked along side SON faculty members Lori Edwards and Kati Kluckman-Ault to place students in a variety of positions. Placements included year-long commitments to the following locations: Amazing Grandmothers, Apostolic Towers, Baltimore Medical System, Inc., Caroline St. Clinic, Chase Brexton, Experience Corps, House of Ruth, International Rescue Committee, Julie Community Center, Planned Parenthood of MD, Project HEALTH, South East Youth Academy, Shepherd’s Clinic, St. Bernadine’s, Wald Clinic, and WIC at Wald. This exceptional program has been rewarding for students, faculty, and community organizations. We congratulate all of the students for their outstanding commitment and dedication to these organizations.

SOURCE and Academic Courses

Many people recognize SOURCE as *the* place to turn to when seeking community service opportunities. However, SOURCE does much more than just volunteerism. SOURCE works to connect students to a wide range of community involvement opportunities. At times, students will be required to complete community-based projects as a part of an academic course. SOURCE can help match students with interested community organizations.

Some of the courses that SOURCE has assisted with include the following:

- Communication Strategies for Health Education and Health Promotion
- Ethnographic Research Course
- Practicum in Community Health for undergraduate Public Health students
- Quality Assurance
- Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health
- Health Promotions
- Population-Based Public Health Nursing

This is just a sampling of courses in which SOURCE worked to find community-based organizations that had a need for the various student projects that were conducted. Faculty and students are encouraged to contact SOURCE for assistance with experiential-learning and service-learning courses. We’re happy to help!

"To care for anyone else enough to make their problems one's own, is ever the beginning of one's real ethical development "

***--
Felix Adler***



New MPH Community Practicum Course

During the 2006-2007 school year, a new formal 16-week course known as the "MPH Community Practicum" was introduced in the Bloomberg School of Public Health. The course is a non-paid, for-credit practicum program sponsored in partnership with **SOURCE**, JHSPH's Interdepartmental Program in Applied Public Health and the MPH Program Office (Course Directors: Mindi Levin and Henry Taylor).

The course supported student projects involving a defined population designed to meet the organizational priorities of participating community-based organizations (CBOs). Students spent 4-12 hours per week on their projects, with assistance from their community preceptors. Concurrently, students participated in a weekly seminar covering basic methods of outreach to the community, values on the role of professionals in community-based work, the social contract required of service professionals, and the attitudes required for effective public health practice.

The purpose of these experiences was to provide students an opportunity to practice the application of their classroom learning to real-world situations. The students functioned as student/practitioners within their sites. The course resulted in a mutually beneficial experience to the sites, the students, and most importantly, to the community/population served by the sites. Congratulations to the inaugural class of JHSPH students and CBOs who participated in the course:

Maggie Hawthorne (Maryland Citizens Health Initiative/Health Care for All!)

Lily Horng (House of Ruth, MD)

Roopa Kalyanaraman (HERO)

Shan Qiao (MD Food Bank)

Tara Ramanathan (IRC)

Sarah Rau (Planned Parenthood of MD)

Simran Sabherwal (Planned Parenthood of MD)

Kelly Sarti (The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning)

Michael Sauder (Baltimore HealthCare Access)

Deidre Thompson (Maryland Citizens Health Initiative/Health Care for All!)

Erin Whitney (House of Ruth, MD)

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Course

SOURCE Director Mindi Levin has been a certified RAD instructor for approximately 5 years. During that time, Mindi has taught this women's self-defense course at area colleges and community-based organizations. In 2005, Mindi looked into bringing RAD to the JHMI campus. This required working with Legal Council, Security, and other divisions within the institution in order to gain approval.

Additionally, Dennis Jones (SON faculty) found Mindi through the RAD website, and looked into becoming a certified instructor. This year, Levin and Jones teamed up to offer the first RAD course at JHMI. SOURCE provided start-up costs for the course, including student workbooks and equipment. Additional support came from Homewood, where Sergeant Bruce Miller also started to offer RAD courses (and received financial support from Dean Susan Boswell).

RAD is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The RAD System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. The objective of the course is "to develop and enhance the options of self defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked."

For the first ever JHMI RAD course, Levin and Jones trained approximately 20 students in the RAD system. The course filled almost immediately, as many female students from the JHU Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health were quite interested in the 4 week course. The course will continue to be offered in the future and more information about Fall dates will come from SOURCE.

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Kudos to SOURCE Faculty, Staff, and Students...

2007 was also a successful year for many of the individuals that SOURCE partners and works with, including staff, faculty, students, and community partners. Congratulations to the following individuals for their accomplishments this year!

Mindi Levin, SOURCE Director, received the Mid-Level Outstanding Professional Award through the Commission for Student Involvement in ACPA (an international organization of student affairs professionals), which was presented at the ACPA/NASPA joint meeting in Orlando on April 2, 2007.

SOURCE is pleased to announce an upcoming addition to our staff...**baby Levin!** Yes, Mindi Levin, and her husband Brad, are expecting their first child in early August. Keep a lookout for upcoming announcements on baby welcoming activities. Congratulations to the Levins!

Seth Christman, SOURCE Coordinator, was elected as a Member-At-Large of the Maryland College Personnel Association (MCPA) executive board. MCPA is a professional organization for Student Affairs educators, and is the state branch of ACPA, College Student Educators International.

Lori Hackett, SOURCE Administrative Coordinator, was recognized for her contribution to "Fixing the Academy" Tapping Black Excellence on White Campuses, the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) 2007 Regional Conference, held at the JHU Applied Physics Laboratory April 13-14, 2007.

Lainie Rutkow (SOURCE Governing Board, SPARC, and The Connection) and **Emma Tsui** (SPARC) won the competition for the Abell Award in Urban Policy for their paper entitled "An Integrated Approach to Recovery from Drug Addiction: Creating Linkages Between Drug Treatment and Employment Services in Baltimore." More about the award is available at jps.jhu.edu/abell/index.htm.

Dr. Jim Yager (senior associate dean for Academic Affairs at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and SOURCE Governing Board Member) was named the Edyth H. Schoenrich Professor in Preventive Medicine.

Lori Edwards, MPH, BC, APRN, RN, (SOURCE Governing Board Member and SON Faculty) was named the top 2007 Daily Record Nurse Health Care Hero. She was honored for her work in local communities, particularly through her leadership of the school's Community Outreach Program, which educates, trains, and places 150+ volunteer student nurses to provide health-related services to the underserved in Baltimore.

Marguerite Baty, MSN/MPH (SOURCE Governing Board) has been awarded a \$16,000 predoctoral Clinical Research Training Grant from the JHU School of Medicine to study intimate partner violence in pregnant and parenting women.

Amanda Vogel (SPARC) won a 2007 scholarship competition from the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society in the Practice category for her work: "Service-learning programs in health professions education: what contributes to their sustainability and what is their long-term impact?"