Greetings!

Many thanks to all our partners for providing our students with community-engaged learning opportunities. This semester 210 students are working with the following agencies:

Abilities First
Alzheimer’s Association, Hudson Valley Chapter
American Theatre Magazine
Anderson Center for Autism
Arthur S. May Elementary School
Arts Mid-Hudson
Barnes and Noble
Barrett Art Center
Boston Urban Teaching Initiative
Burgerville Workers Union
C&M Media
Catherine Street Community Center
Center for Veterinary Care
Center for Victim Safety and Support, Family Services
Children’s Center at Family Court, Family Services
Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie
Children’s Medical Group
Climate Action Alliance
Congressional Campaign for Anthony Delgado
Congressional Campaign for Gareth Rhodes
Congressional Campaign for Jeff Beals
D. Jen Brown Esq. Attorney at Law
Dutchess County Court
Dutchess County Family Court
Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services

Hudson River Housing: Middle Main Initiative

This semester, Vassar student Sophie Kaplan-Bucciarelli’ 20 is working with Hudson River Housing’s Middle Main Initiative as a Community Building and Engagement intern. Read below for more about her experience!

“...The organization is working on projects ranging from affordable housing to economic revitalization to community development, but Middle Main’s work is concerned specifically with de-stigmatizing and reinvigorating Main St. in downtown Poughkeepsie. As a part of their neighborhood branding work, my main project is designing branding and outreach materials such as brochures, flyers, and social...
media posts to promote the organization and their projects. By collaborating with the other employees in the Community Building and Engagement team in order to get a sense of how their efforts in the community should be best portrayed, my job is to accurately represent Middle Main’s goals and values through design while simultaneously learning about and getting involved in the Poughkeepsie community.”

-Sophie Kaplan-Bucciarelli ’20

Vassar students working with elected officials:

Students are working with elected officials in local, state, and national government. These include J. Lopez (Town of Poughkeepsie Board), R. Edwards and H. Black (Dutchess County Legislature) S. Serino (State Senate), D. Barrett (State Assembly), S. Maloney (U.S. Congress), and C. Schumer (U.S. Senate). Additionally, several students are working on three separate congressional campaigns in NY-19.

Briana Serradas ’21 is doing a CEL placement with Senator Serino’s District Office in Hyde Park.
Calendar for the Public Arts Commission

Annie Xu’19 continues a CEL placement this semester with the Public Arts Commission, City of Poughkeepsie, where, among her other duties, she maintains an Arts calendar.

News from Fall ’17

Last semester, exchange student from Singapore Jerald Lim investigated bike sharing in Vassar and Poughkeepsie as part of a Community-Engaged Learning placement with the Vassar Environmental Cooperative and Vassar Sustainability Office. In his project, he explores biking in relation to physical health, the environment, social life, economics, and effects on non-bikers. He also goes into detail about the general sentiments about and positive effects of bike-sharing.

His impressive and comprehensive article can be found at: https://medium.com/invironment/bike-sharing-in-vassar-poughkeepsie-41eaa0e622b.

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