



VP External Report – Mar 12 2014

ACE Committee

- embrACE Week is next week! Please check out the Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/events/355824714556880/>)
 - And the sign-up sheet here! <http://bit.ly/1sSOWJ>
- Here are some of the exciting events we have lined up:
 - March 17 - Preparing & serving a meal for around 50 homeless at the Benedict Labre House (<http://www.benedictlabre.org/newsite/>) (8AM-1PM)
 - March 18 – Helping facilitate the Small Friends Program with the Boys & Girls of LaSalle for both the morning & afternoon programs (<http://bgclasalle.com/>) (10AM-12PM & 2PM-3PM)
 - March 19 – A sports tournament with Olympiques Spéciaux Québec Special Olympics at the McGill Gym - snacks will be provided! (<http://www.olympiquesspeciaux.qc.ca/>) (2PM-6PM)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1436421769934835/?ref=22>

- March 20 - Alumni Mixer for graduating Arts students in Thomson House (5PM-7PM)
- March 21 – Make-A-Wish Foundation Fundraiser at Club LaBoom (10PM-3AM)

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- March 22 – Community Clean-Up within Milton-Parc (2PM-4PM)
- March 23 – AOII & ACE Go Blue – Salsa & Swing Dance Lessons for the Canadian Arthritis Society (<https://www.arthritis.ca/>) (1PM-3PM)
- March 24 – St James Drop-In Centre (<http://stjamescentre.ca/>)
- March 25 - Concordia Sustainability Fair
- March 26 - 1st Annual Campus Community Engagement Awards (6PM-8PM)

I would love it if everyone could take a second to help promote as well, so feel free to use this blurb!

EmbrACE Volunteer Week 2014 is just around the corner! Make sure to check out these great & diverse opportunities to give back to the Montreal community and get involved! Exciting events include a sports tournament with Special Olympics Quebec,



a charity club event & salsa and swing dance lessons, meal preparation at homeless shelters, activities with preschoolers & more!

**<https://www.facebook.com/events/355824714556880/> Certificates of appreciation will be distributed upon request for those participating in 2+ events & we are raffling off a free LSAT Prep Course (\$1000)! Sign ups can be made here -> <http://bit.ly/1lsSOWJ>
Hope to see you there!**

1st Annual Campus Community Engagement Awards

- To be held March 26th in SSMU, the CCEA will acknowledge 4 individuals from McGill (staff/student/alumnus) for their work in the community

Sponsorship Committee

- Blueprints for automated table booking system are done and it should be operational before the end of the semester, thanks Willie! (Webmaster)

SSMU

- Community Engagement Committee
 - Going through applications this week and looking forward to the awards on the 26th! Stay tuned for promotions!
- Accountability Committee
 - Working on 3 Exec Review for the upcoming meeting
- Ad Hoc GA Committee
 - SQ
- Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee
 - SQ
- We Need SEDE!
 - Seriously! With embrACE Volunteer Week & faculty & SSMU elections, communication channels are being packed to the brim so let's not let this effort get drowned out! Please sign our petition (<http://bit.ly/1hfulSk>) and check out <http://www.weneedsede.com/> for more information! Distributing the following blurb
 - We Need SEDE! McGill's proposed 2014-2015 budget will see major cuts to funding for the Social Equity and Diversity Education (SEDE) office. SEDE's budget has been consistently cut over the past few years and it has reached a point where it is struggling to exist as is. Due to these cuts, SEDE will see a dramatic reduction in the many services it will be able to provide both the McGill and Montreal community come September. Given SSMU's mandate to support SEDE, SSMU is launching the We Need SEDE campaign. Please sign our petition (<http://bit.ly/1hfulSk>) asking McGill to uphold its commitments to diversity and equity and maintain financial support of the SEDE office. Check out <http://www.weneedsede.com/> for more information and email ua@ssmu.mcgill.ca to get involved!

Muchas gracias!

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