

Community Outreach Committee

2007-2008 Chairs: Kevin Abdo ('11) and Cory Riley ('08)

Description: Helps those individuals within and outside our own community. It promotes service to the school, as well as to the greater parts of Emmitsburg, Frederick, Thurmont, and Gettysburg.

Primary Contacts: SGA Advisor, Sean Adams; Dining Services, Dawn Alexander

2007-2008 Goals and Accomplishments:

Service List: A list of service opportunities in the surrounding areas was created and put on the Mount website for clubs and teams to readily access for their off campus service projects.

How It Was Accomplished: Completed research using the internet of various organizations in need of temporary service volunteers in and around the Mount campus. The name of the organization as well as contact information including mailing address, email, and website URL were collected and logged.

Casino Night: Is a program in its fourth year at the Mount. A night of food, fun, and prizes, the proceeds raised at this event are donated annually to a local charity. The past two years donations have been to the Casey Cares Foundation, a small non-profit in Baltimore that aides critically ill-children and their families.

How It Was Accomplished: Contacted Sean Adams about setting a date for the event (previous years it has occurred in February). A place to hold the event was then selected (Purcell has worked well in the past). The casino game company was contacted and craps, roulette, and blackjack tables were ordered for the event. A pair of five dollar tickets was sold at the door for each person in attendance (one for admission and one worth 1000 chips). A budget was provided through SGA to fund the event and prizes were purchased (iPod shuffle, gift cards etc, bookstore gear etc.). Food was ordered through Dawn Alexander in Dining Services, and a contract was drawn up (Nacho Bar and dessert). CD's were created to avoid the cost of a DJ as well.

Advice From Prior Chairs: Plan well in advance for Casino Night. Set a meeting time with Sean and place the food order with Dawn to allow adequate time to purchase decorations and prizes for the event without having to worry about your budget. Also, try to set a weekly objective in order to complete tasks efficiently. A day of service specifically geared for SGA and planned by the Community Outreach Committee did not occur for 2007-2008, and steps should be taken to ensure this occurs. They also would encourage smaller optional service projects to be created throughout the year for the campus as a whole.

Executive Board Goals for the 2008-2009 Community Outreach Committee: We would like to see you plan and coordinate a service day for SGA either on campus or in the surrounding community. Also, we would like to see some type of charitable program created around the holidays (can food drive, adopt a family, etc.), in addition to your own goals.