

The Pace Center for Civic Engagement and the Princeton University Class of 1969 Community Service Fund announce a new partnership to support Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS). Founded by the Community Service Fund and supported by Princeton alumni, PICS places students in substantive summer internships in non-profit organizations across the country. By partnering with the Pace Center, the program expects to expand the internship opportunities available for students, while at the same time broadening the outreach to Princeton alumni with a commitment to civic engagement.

The Pace Center and the Community Service Fund will work closely together to enhance the PICS program as PICS becomes the umbrella program for alumni-sponsored civic engagement summer internships. The Pace Center will be the gateway through which students will become part of the PICS program, and all student contact with the program will be through the Pace Center. The Community Service Fund will continue to be responsible for creating PICS internships, including recruiting potential organizations, awarding internships to organizations, overseeing funding of the opportunities, involving alumni in the student interview process, administering an alumni mentor program and communicating with classes and other alumni organizations.

"We are delighted to partner with the Class of 1969 Community Service Fund to support PICS, and expect this collaboration will enable us together to expand the number and quality of opportunities available to Princeton students," said Kiki Jamieson, Class of 1951 Director of the Pace Center. "We have seen already some positive outcomes of such a partnership, reflected in the increased student and alumni interest in public service internships. We want to sustain and increase the momentum, and believe an integrated program of public service internships will serve the students, will welcome participation by more alumni, and will support and enhance the University's commitment to service and civic engagement."

Chuck Freyer, a member of the class of 1969 and chairman of the Class of 1969 Community Service Fund adds: "The Class of 1969 Community Service Fund is very pleased to be partnering with the Pace Center to improve access to the PICS program for Princeton undergraduates, and most gratified by the encouragement that we received from senior members of the University administration for this initiative to build on our 15 years of successfully enlisting alumni from a number of classes and regional associations to help meet the growing demand among Princeton students for summer internships in community service."

The partnership of the PICS program with the Pace Center will further expand summer internship opportunities for students. The PICS internships are selected to increase public service activity by Princeton students and to enhance their education by providing related experiential opportunities while simultaneously providing Princeton alumni with opportunities to become involved with both students and non-profit organizations. Organizations participating in the PICS program provide significant projects for the interns that make substantial contributions to the missions of the host organizations. Organizations represent a wide range of national and international programs, including legal services, public policy, group advocacy, health and social services, community development, education and outreach through the arts.

Students who are interested in more information about the PICS internship program or who would like to apply should contact Laura Spence-Ash, senior program coordinator at the Pace Center, at

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The PICS program began in 1996 when the Class of 1969 Community Service Fund sponsored its first 13 summer internships. In 2006, the Princeton Project 55 internship program was consolidated with the Community Service Fund's program to form the PICS program. The program continued to expand and now is an initiative of the Classes of 1969, 1970 and 1977 along with other alumni classes and regional associations as well as individuals from 29 other Princeton classes who serve as board members, mentors and sponsors. These alumni, including many young alumni who have been PICS interns, provide financial support, outreach to organizations and support to students. Since 1996, over 600 interns have been placed with 157 non-profit organizations. In summer 2010, the PICS program received applications from more than 400 students and 65 students were placed in summer internships.

The Pace Center for Civic Engagement supports efforts by undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni to identify and address issues of public concern, to be actively engaged citizens, and to practice effective public leadership for the purpose of building stronger communities and societies throughout the world. Last year, the Pace Center offered more than 1800 opportunities for civic engagement, including summer public service internships arranged specifically for Princeton students in non-profit organizations. These opportunities are made possible by partnerships with alumni, community partners, and University departments. Students develop and enhance their leadership and citizenship skills while exploring their interests by immersing themselves in communities and organizations, to act on a broad range of public issues from the arts and humanities to public interest law and criminal justice.

Pace connects individuals and groups with opportunities to thoughtfully address civic problems and have an impact through activities including direct volunteer service, civic action break trips, social entrepreneurship, political action, public service internships and fellowships, and volunteer teaching and tutoring. The Pace Center is the University's central resource for civic engagement. Other Pace programs include Breakout Princeton, Community Action, Community House, Prison Teaching Initiative, and the Student Volunteers Council.

For more information about the Class of 1969 Community Service Fund or the PICS internship program, contact Seva Kramer, Executive Director, 69CSF at skramer@69csf.org or (609) 924-2890 or visit the website www.princetoninternships.org.

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