

# Rochester Center for Community Leadership

► The Rochester Center for Community Leadership (RCCL) at the University of Rochester educates students to become engaged citizens and leaders capable of creating positive social change in their communities on campus, throughout Rochester, across the country, and around the world.

Through sustainable university and community partnerships, the center develops initiatives that cultivate the skills, experiences, and resources necessary to achieve innovative solutions to complex societal issues. Students are encouraged to get involved in service or political activities with academic and research projects, to participate in the social and cultural life of the community, and to seek out jobs and internship placements.

## Hallmark Programs

### Wilson Day

A service experience for River Campus freshmen, Wilson Day started 25 years ago. As part of the University's orientation program, it is geared

toward creating connections among students while introducing them to Rochester and the many volunteer opportunities the city has to offer.

### Rochester Youth Year

This yearlong program allows recent graduates of Rochester-area colleges to work with various youth-serving agencies in Rochester in an effort to expand their capacity to fight poverty and create opportunities for youth and their families. The University of Rochester hosts the program in partnership with the Rochester Regional Network, a consortium of seven local colleges. Each fellow receives a living-allowance stipend.

### Urban Fellows

This summer program emphasizes civic engagement and provides current undergraduates opportunities to work with a community-based organization in Rochester while gaining an understanding of vital urban issues. Each fellow receives a living-allowance stipend during this 10-week program.

### Compass to Personal Success

This program develops student leadership skills by enhancing self-awareness and self-knowledge. It is rooted in the idea that all people are potential leaders who can create positive change for the betterment of others. Students apply to this three-year program and, if accepted, then attend classes, engage in mentoring relationships, and participate in community- and civic-based leadership activities.

### Meliora Leaders

This new program provides support to students who are prepared to make a yearlong, intensive commitment to the community. Students will serve 300 volunteer hours during the academic year at a host organization and receive in-depth training in leadership and civic engagement. Ten students will be selected each year and will receive a stipend toward their educational expenses.



*“RCCL has given me incredible leadership opportunities, ones that have taught me how to adapt to and contribute in truly meaningful ways to a variety of new situations. The skills I’ve learned here will serve me well regardless of what I do after graduation.”*

**Jonathan Johnson '14**  
political science and anthropology major



*Our message to students is,  
“You are here;  
this is your community;  
get involved now.”*

### **Monroe County Election Fellows**

Established in 2010, this fellows program engages college students in the democratic process not just as voters but as election inspectors on Election Day. Based at the University, it is a partnership with the Monroe County Board of Elections and several other area colleges. Each fellow receives a stipend.

### **Learning and Exploring at Play (LEAP)**

Through this partnership with Rochester City School District’s Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29, undergraduates tutor preschoolers and kindergarteners to promote literacy, math skills, and social development.

Undergraduates receive more than 60 hours of early childhood education and also leadership training through workshops and meetings. Each student contributes about 250 hours of service throughout the year, totaling 10,000 hours of service program-wide.

### **How You Can Help**

Help sustain RCCL’s vital programs. Make a gift and make a difference in the lives of our students and in our communities.

### **Students**

Supporting students is one of the University’s highest priorities. The center does this through

its innovative, service-oriented programs. With limited funds to support leadership development, civic engagement, and community-service initiatives, consider supporting fellowships associated with the center’s hallmark programs.

### **Faculty and Programs**

Another University priority is supporting faculty and staff through endowed programs and positions. Consider endowing the RCCL directorship, a professorship in community-based scholarship, or the center itself. This essential support will help the center educate engaged citizens and leaders who can create positive change.

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