

Volunteer Service (creativity, action, service): Students may receive credit for volunteer service they provide to respective local community organizations or agencies in their neighborhoods (i.e. soup kitchens, community centers, community gardens, health clinics, etc). Students must submit a letter from the organization/agency describing their volunteer service, the number of hours they contribute and their weekly or monthly schedule. At the end of each semester, participants are also required to submit an evaluation from their supervisor regarding their performance. All activities must be unpaid and without religious affiliation and/or intent.

Students in the Middle Years Program are required to complete 100 hours of Community and Service hours by the end of the tenth grade. Students in the Diploma Years Program are expected to fulfill 150 hours of Creativity, Action and Service hours in the eleventh and twelfth grades. All service hours must be approved by Peter Wilson in order to obtain credit.

SEE PETER WILSON IN ROOM 114 FOR ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY AND SERVICE/CREATIVITY, ACTION AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND INFORMATION.

FOR OTHER COMMUNITY AND SERVICE/CAS OPPORTUNITIES, CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

WWW.QUEENSCOUNCILARTS.ORG

WWW.VOLUNTEERMATCH.ORG

WWW.NY.COM/COMMUNITY

WWW.TEENLIFE.COM

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

QUEENS CULTURAL GUIDE 2011

RICHARD MINTZER'S VOLUNTEERING IN NYC: YOUR GUIDE TO WORKING SMALL MIRACLES IN THE BIG APPLE.

COMMUNITY AND SERVICE/ CREATIVITY, ACTION AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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Achilles Kids (action, service): As a part of this organization you will have the opportunity to walk and/or run with children who have disabilities. As a volunteer you will provide encouragement, assistance and support to these children. For more information, visit: www.achillestrackclub.org



After-School Programs at P.S. 150 or P.S. 199 (service): As part of Sunnyside Community Services after-school programs, from 3:00-6:00pm, participants tutor younger students, from kindergarten to fourth grade, on various school subjects such as English, math, science and history. Visit www.scsny.org or call Rita Manton (718) 784-6173 for more information.

After-School Music Classes (creativity): Facilitated by Diane Nikkolos, students at BSGE can participate in vocal, guitar, piano, and drum lessons in order to engage themselves in musical expression. The After-School Music Classes are held in room 410 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

AFS Intercultural Programs (service): Is an international, voluntary, non-governmental non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world. For more information visit: <http://www.afs.org/>

AIDS Walk (action, service): Participants take on the challenge of



raising funds for the AIDS Walk by asking friends, family members, co- main goal is for the kids to have a blast while they're on summer vacation! Activities may vary week by week, but they will generally include an education enrichment period, singing, computer times, arts and crafts and more. For more information visit: wisdomlandnyc.wordpress.com

YMCA Leaders Club: Long Island City Branch (action, service): Members are given opportunities for leadership training, personal growth, service to others and social development. One of the YMCA's most intensive and comprehensive teen programs, participants meet weekly in small groups, working with their peers and a counselor on skill and character building activities as well as planning and organizing club projects.

YouthCan (service): Composed of students from various grades at the Baccalaureate School, this program is meant to use research, technology and communication to inspire youth around the world in improving their environment. As part of YouthCan, participants can improve the environment with the use of technology. Students empower each other with knowledge about different ways to help the planet as well as teach the leaders of tomorrow.

to world news. We have photographers, web design, journalists, formatters, columnists and more. The reporters from the BaccRag go to parties, interviews, sport games and movies and all they have to do is write about it! We have meetings from 2:20pm-3:00pm on Mondays. Go to: www.theBACCrag.com or e-mail us at copydesk@theBACCrag.com. Aly Lakhane is the BSGE supervisor.

Lady Sting Girls Volleyball Team (action): A newly formed student team, the Girls Volleyball collective meets twice a week for practice. Female students from all grades and all skill levels are encouraged to participate in this new volleyball team that hopes to enter the developmental league this coming year. See Milena Mihalache for more information or to sign-up.

Walk Now for Autism Speaks (action): Create a school walk team and walk with us! Fundraise and raise awareness for autism. Students can gain community service credit by volunteering on walk day and throughout the year. For more information on how to get involved e-mail Lisa Springer at: couragelr@yahoo.com or visit www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/nyc.

WisdomLand Summer Day Camp Volunteering (creativity, service): Volunteers participate in an eight-week summer program starting July 5th. Wisdomland is a summer day camp program founded by the New York Theological Education Center (NYTEC), is in need of dedicated volunteers for its summer program. Wisdomland is a non-profit organization located at 132-03 Sanford Ave., Suite 1A, just blocks from the heart of downtown Flushing. Starting July 5, the eight-week program is in session Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students range from Kindergarten through 8th grade, and most are Chinese, but English is the main language spoken. Though there is an educational component to the program, their

workers, and neighbors to sponsor them for the 10 kilometers they will be walking. The AIDS Walk begins and ends in Central Park in New York City. The 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) route winds its way through Central Park and the Upper West Side. All contributions go towards the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). See parent coordinator to join the BSGE Team. Visit their website for upcoming events: <http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork/>.

Alley Pond Environmental Center (service): Participants help the Center and their community and further their own environmental interests, concerns and knowledge. As volunteers, students can be involved with animal care, maintaining the grounds and trails, clerical work, maintaining organization of library, assisting in presentation of lectures and guided walks, working at the gift shop and helping with special events. Volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 18. You can visit their website <http://www.alleypond.com> to learn more about the program.



American Museum of natural History (service, creativity): Volunteers work directly with the public by either staffing the information desks, teaching school children, or conducting tours of the Museum, and they act as explainers in the fossil halls and in the earth and space exhibit area. The volunteers behind the scenes provide a wide range of essential services. They provide special computer and clerical services, work with the collections of the science departments, catalog and handle new and rare books in the library, and accept a myriad of other assignments in both the administrative and science departments of the Museum. For more information visit: <http://www.amnh.org/join/getinvolved/volunteering>.

Animal Haven (action, service): Participants socialization and maintaining health for various animals living in the shelter's facilities in Flushing, Queens on Saturdays. Students must attend training sessions on animal care techniques before beginning their internships. For more information, visit: <http://www.animalhavenshelter.org>.

ARROW Community Center (creativity, action, service): Participants engage in a variety of programs including community garden tending, knitting classes, capoeira classes, break dancing, visual arts activities, working with the children's drama group, computer technology, film editing and tutorial opportunities. The location is ideal: right across the street from BSGE on 35th street in Astoria. http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_things_to_do/crc/arrow/index.html

Asian American Student Advocacy Project (ASAP) (service): ASAP's objective is to gather Asian American high school students in New York City to form a group that raises awareness and organizes fundraises in order to improve the Asian communities. ASAP students have already implemented the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at their school and contacted public officials to present their ideas for improvement. If you are of Asian descent and are interested in developing your leadership and teamwork skills, please contact (212) 809-4675 ext. 105.

Astoria Performing Arts Center (creativity, service): Internships are offered during performing season, September through May. Interns learn how to build sets, lighting skills, marketing skills and are assigned other technical duties during performances. Participants also interact with



interview for the Free Outreach Program. Visit www.stellaadler.com/outreach for more information.

Studio Art at BSGE (creativity):

After school, students have a chance to create their own artwork in room 416 with the supervision of Lucas Sheridan. Materials are supplied for the students. This time can provide you CAS hours as long as the work created is not affiliated with art class.



Sunnyside Community Services (service): Throughout the year, Sunnyside Community Services sponsors events that require volunteers on premises and in the local area. Students and their families can volunteer their time and effort at any or all of these events. Contact Rita Manton for information: (718) 784-6173 or visit <http://scsny.org/>.

TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour (service): Volunteers work on Tour Day, setting up and breaking down facilities, giving cyclists water, fruit and snacks, giving directions, and helping re-unite separated riders. See Peter to join the BSGE Team. Visit their website for updates: <http://www.bikenewyork.org/>.

The Beacon Program at I.S. 5 (service): Also a part of Sunnyside Community Services after-school programs, volunteers assist instructors, do clerical work and provide homework help for students. The Beacon is also open on Saturdays.

The BACCrag (creativity, service): The BaccRag is BSGE's official school paper. We cover everything from school events

Senior Council (service): Being a part of the Senior Council is a great way to be involved in your last year at BSGE. The Senior Council has four different committees, which are prom, graduation, senior trip and yearbook. The main goal is to raise money for all four categories. They meet on Tuesdays from 3:15pm-4:30pm.

Socrates Sculpture Park (creativity, action, service): Believe it or not, Socrates Sculpture Park was once an illegal dumpsite. With the dedication of community members and artists, it has been transformed into a beautiful culturally diverse location in Queens. Volunteers can be assigned to different tasks dealing with the cleanup of the park, helping artists, and/or completing office work. The park also offers weekly workshops that give volunteers a chance to work with children while making interesting pieces of art. For more information on volunteer work and possible opportunities, visit: <http://www.socratessculpturepark.org>.

Spirit Squad (service): Since BSGE has a very limited budget, the Spirit Squad has dedicated its time to raising money for the school and implementing school spirit throughout the classrooms. The Spirit Squad is a group of about 15 to 20 students from each grade who meet weekly on Thursdays. The group has already raised enough money to buy new textbooks for the school and is currently working on raising money to buy new computers.

Stella Adler Studio of Acting (creativity): Stella Adler Studio of Acting offers free acting classes throughout the year for low-income high school students in New York City. Participants build their acting skills as well as give performances. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm. Interested students should call (212) 689-0087 to schedule an

actors, directors, and other professionals in the APAC Repertory Company.

Avon Breast Cancer Walk (action):

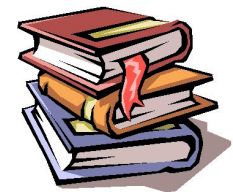
Volunteers will be part of a 2-day and 39 mile walk. They will have the opportunity to dramatically impact the lives of millions affected by breast cancer worldwide. By participating in the Avon Walk, medically under-insured women and men will receive the screening, support, and treatment they require. The walk will take place on the 4th and 5th of October. For updates and questions visit <http://walk.avonfoundation.org/>.



BSGE Boys and Girls' Basketball Team (action):

BSGE's basketball team is facilitated by Matthew Anderson and Christopher Potter. Students from ninth through twelfth grades participate in learning the fundamentals of basketball. Practices are held at P.S. 166 on Mondays and Fridays from 3-6pm. There is a girls' and boys' varsity team.

BSGE Tutorial (service): As part of BSGE's Academic Intervention Services Program, students can provide tutorial assistance to their peers for English, Mathematics, Spanish and Chinese. Schedules are coordinated with BSGE faculty for tutoring after-school or during lunch periods.



BSGE Yearbook (creativity): The main objective of BSGE's Yearbook Committee is to create a permanent way for the school community to remember past school events and people. Members of all grades work vigorously to include everyone and everything that creates our unique BSGE identity in the publication of a yearbook. Students learn to use cameras, layout and compile images as well as create different themes. Students meet Mondays after school from 3-6pm. Virge Ramos is the faculty supervisor.

The Cooper Union Saturday Program (creativity): A free art program for NYC students, Port Prep is an arts studio course that prepares seniors to apply to college. Students create portfolio-quality work in varied media for a professionally photographed 20-piece art final portfolio. Participants receive individual support with application procedures and visit a series of professional artists in their studios. The program is open to high school students who are considering attending an art or architecture college. Classes are held from 10am-5:00pm on Saturdays at Cooper Union College. For more information, call (212) 353-4108.

Crosslands Youth and Family Outreach Center (action, service): Volunteer mentors are matched with children on a one-to-one basis, engaging in homework assistance and recreational activities. Volunteer mentors must be willing to set aside some of their time to spend time with their mentee (at least 4 hours per month) and meet with the coordinator to discuss the mentor/mentee relationship. There is a 12-month commitment. If you are interested, visit www.crosslandskids.org

Noguchi Museum "Making Your Mark" (creativity): "Making Your Mark" is an after school studio art program. This program consists of twelve sessions that involve learning how to look at artwork, creating small bodies of work, and experiencing work with a variety of materials. The "Making Your Mark" program begins in the spring.

Queens Community House (creativity, service, action): The Queens Community House has created programs in which people from the age of 5-21 can develop and explore their interests along with taking part in projects that benefit their communities. There are also separate programs at the Queens Community House provided just for teenagers. To view all programs available, please visit: <http://www.queenscommunityhouse.org/index.php/programs-mainmenu-17.html>.

Queens Public Libraries (service): Various library branches offer students opportunities to volunteer, including assisting with filing, shelving books and educational materials and assisting with library tours and programs. Students must be at least 14 years of age. Visit here <http://www.queenslibrary.org> for more information.

Sarah Lawrence Creative Writing Program (creativity): Participants in this program work with Sarah Lawrence graduate students every Wednesday from 3:15-5:15pm. Every week participants receive prose and poetry to read as well as creative writing assignments. Students are required to workshop their own pieces of writing culminating in a public reading from their published collection "UNREAD."

assisting at the gift shop or clerical work. Participants must be at least 14 years of age. To get involved, visit <http://www.nyhq.org/>.

New York Teen Activist Project (creativity):

The Teen Activist Project (TAP) is an exciting youth program that engages New York City teens as organizers and peer educators on civil rights and civil liberties. TAP members work on reproductive rights issues and advocacy issues including the rights of pregnant and parenting teens, student's rights, racial rights, racial justice, LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights, freedom of speech and religion – and more! Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 in the NYC area. Meetings are held every Monday from 4-6pm in lower Manhattan. Visit www.nyclu.org/issues/youth-and-student-rights/teen-activist-project for more information.

Noguchi Museum Internship (creativity, service): The internship program at Noguchi Museum requires two interns. Rebecca Shulman Herz is the assistant at Noguchi and focuses upon project-oriented goals. An administrative intern is needed for data entry and photocopying. Work hours range from 3-5pm. www.noguchi.org

Noguchi Museum Teen Advisory Board (creativity, service): As part of the Noguchi Museum, participants look at and discuss the art of Isamu Noguchi and other artists, and explore materials and different methods of artwork. Teens working with the Noguchi Museum assist the educational staff with outreach and program development. Meetings occur on the last Thursday of each month.

Debate Team (creativity, service): Debate is a chance for the students at BSGE to examine and dispute about internal issues. Students are quite passionate about understanding how to create further complex arguments regarding worldly and significant



issues. Students who choose to join will participate in an ethnically diverse and competitive environment. Student's benefit greatly from the experience of debate as it enhances oratory and research skills. The supervisor is Mark Wolov; meetings

are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 303 from 3:15pm-4:45pm. For first year members, there are no community service hours and there is no community service for students in the MYP program. Saturday tournaments are from 8:30am-6:30pm, it may be longer is the tournaments are out of town. Varsity members are entitled to CAS hours.

Earth Day at Socrates Sculpture Park (service): Facilitated by Peter Wilson and the Helping Hands Committee, the entire Baccalaureate student community engages in several tasks to be completed throughout the day. These duties include organically fertilizing the lawn, weeding, planting of extra plants and vegetables available on the day, clearing of park paths, beach clean up, waterfront area clean up, waterfront boat sculpture weeding and planting, tree planting, water quality testing, soil testing, diversity sampling, site assessment for plantings, wisteria hanging and an art project. Community partners for the Earth Day Celebration are Socrates Sculpture Park, Plant Specialists and Partnership for Parks.



Elmhurst Hospital (service): Elmhurst Hospital hosts a volunteer program that allows teenagers to engage themselves in various leadership and teamwork building activities such as indirect patient care, organizing community events, and participating with the nursing unit team for the Immediate Care Centers. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old and must be able to commit to an initial 50 hours of service over a six-month period. If you are interested, please visit:

<http://www.emhc.org/about/volunteering/index.cfm>

El Museo del Barrio (service, creativity): Each spring, summer and fall, El Museo del Barrio encourages personal development by offering enriching internships and volunteer opportunities. Join the support programs for a few hours and help make El Museo an experience you can be proud of. Whether you're looking for an internship or volunteer opportunity El Museo is New York's leading Latino cultural institution, which welcomes visitors of all backgrounds to discover the artistic landscape of Latino, Caribbean and Latin American cultures. For more information visit: <http://www.elmuseo.org/en/content/about-us/volunteering>.

Forest Hills Community Service Center (creativity, service, action): This community center provides people of all ages to participate in different programs such as adult and youth enrichment classes, aquatic programs, and senior citizen programs. There are also several sports programs including swimming, tennis, and rugby. To learn more about this center, visit <http://www.enjoylearning.com/index.html>

Global Action Project's Urban Voices (creativity, service): On Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, Global Action Project hosts a pre-professional training program for high school-aged

MS Walk (action, service): Volunteers can join Walk MS in their community or the challenge to walk 30-50 miles over two to three days. This walk will help raise money as well as support awareness for Multiple Sclerosis. For more information and updates on events, visit their website at: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/index.aspx>.

Museum for African Art (service): Students can volunteer in the Education, Curatorial, Development and Human Resources Departments performing duties such as answering phones, making photocopies, mailing, filing documents or other general department support. Check out their website: <http://www.africanart.org> for more details.

Museum Studies Program at The Museum of Modern Art (creativity, action): Participants work behind the scenes at one of the world's most famous art museums, organize an exhibition of student art works and meet and work with museum staff. To learn more about the museum and program visit: <http://www.moma.org>.

New York Hall of Science Volunteer (service):

The New York Hall of Science is an "only hands-on science and technology center." There is a range of educational programs in which students can be a part of, such as the After-School Science Club. The science club is held every spring and allows students of all ages to explore the museum and participate in science related activities such as conducting experiments. <http://www.nysci.org/>



New York Hospital of Queens (service): Participants can engage in a number of volunteer opportunities, including the bedtime story program, the child life program, patient care,

others in a community to enjoy math. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursdays and the hours received fall under creativity. The supervisor is Mr. Jim Napolitano. It is a great experience for those who enjoy math!

Middle School Council (service): Being a part of the Middle School Council can give your grade a head start on raising money that will go towards your prom, graduation, senior trip, and yearbook. Please see the facilitator, Aly Lakhane, for the days and times on the meetings.

Mouse Squad (creativity, service): Through a program run by Making Opportunities for Upgrading Schools and Education, a corps of student volunteers learn the skills needed to troubleshoot technical problems in classrooms and computer labs. The Mouse Squad handles requests involving paper jams, log-on issues, installing hardware, cables, and software as well as creating directories on networks. The members will learn how to manage school-wide networks and take over the day-to-day management of the BSGE instructional network. The BSGE staff supervisor is Shantanu Saha.



Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens (service): Supervised by hospital staff, volunteers assist with filing, answering phones, faxing documents, greeting visitors, photocopying documents, rendering physical assistance to patients and tending to various hospital duties. Participants must be at least 15 years of age. To learn more about how you can get involved, visit <http://www.mshq.org/>

youth. Urban Voices' TV participants produce documentaries, PSAs, and fictional narratives about critical social issues. The youth producers present their videos in screenings and workshops as well as air them on their monthly television show on Manhattan Neighborhood Network. For more information, visit www.global-action.org/.

Global Kids Leadership (creativity): Every Friday from 4-6pm, Global Kids hosts a leadership group consisting of students from all over NYC to engage in interactive workshops focusing upon international issues and their direct connection to the world around them. Students discuss, deliberate, debate and share their varying opinions on a host of topics such as racism, gender expectations, labor rights, class division, ethnic conflict, media control, sustainable development and human rights. Through leadership, students build leadership skills, awareness of global issues, a sense of social responsibility and become empowered. For more information, visit <http://www.globalkids.org>.



Greenpoint Youth Courts (service): Youth courts train teenagers to serve as jurors, judges and attorneys, handling real-life cases involving their peers. The goal of youth court is to use positive peer pressure to ensure that young people who have committed minor offenses pay back the community and receive the help they need to avoid further involvement in the justice system. Youth courts hear a range of low-level crimes; many handle cases that would otherwise wind up in Family Court. Sessions start at 4:30 to last approximately until 6:30pm. Students who do well in training can earn spots on the court to begin hearing real cases in January. Hearings take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning at 4:30pm. Students serve

for six months (until late June), with the option to apply for additional terms. To be eligible for the upcoming training class, students must be 14 by January 2012. Students can also apply online at <http://www.greenpointyc.blogspot.com/> and learn more about CCI youth courts at <http://www.courtinnovation.org/project/youth-courts>

Habitat for Humanity (service, creativity): This organization offers a variety of opportunities worldwide helping to build homes for those without them. It works to bring together individuals and groups from different institutions, corporations, educational, and community groups to work to ensure that all New Yorkers have a home like yours. For more information please visit: <http://www.habitatnyc.org/volunteer.html>.

Helping Hands Committee (service): Students meet regularly on Mondays, after-school from 2:15-3:15pm, and during lunch to develop and coordinate school-wide initiatives to benefit others. Service projects include canned food drives, coat drives, penny harvests, toy drives and tending community gardens. Through their volunteer efforts, students have raised funds, supplies, and awareness around critical issues such as the genocide in Darfur, sexually exploited youth, poverty in developing nations, environmental sustainability, landmines, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, education and human rights. Peter Wilson is the BSGE facilitator.

History Ambassador Internship at the Mount Vernon Hotel and Garden (creativity): Learn skills such as public speaking, research, and behind the scenes at a museum. For people with a love for history! To apply, you must be a high school student and you must have completed 9th grade course work. You must be free to attend trainings and come in two days per month

during the school year. If you are interested please contact: d.settles@mvhm.or.

Joan Mitchell Foundation (creativity): Free Art Classes, Saturday Studio Class. Grades 3-12 are welcome. Technical Instruction and support for creative expression, explore ideas and concepts. Classes are taught by NYC artists. Classes are available in Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn. For more information, visit www.joanmitchellfoundation.org.

Junior Council (service): Be part of the planning for your junior year. Junior Council plans and discusses senior year and what they can do to make it more successful and enjoyable by thinking of ways they can raise money. Junior Council meetings occur on Thursdays at 3:15pm.

Lady Sting BSGE's Girls' Softball Team (action): Facilitated by Virge Ramos, BSGE's champion softball team is made up of about 15 girls. Practices are held throughout the week from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Lady Sting is an official PSAL team.



March of Dimes: Walk America (action, service): Participants raise funds for premature babies by asking friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors for donations. The March of Dimes begins in various locations in New York City. For exact dates check out their website: <http://www.marchofdimes.com/home.asp>.

Math Club (creativity): The Math Club is an organization that prepares students for math competitions and tries to engage

