



CCY Chronicles

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Why CCY?

The Coalition of Campus YMCAs is a fairly robust name, but what does it really mean? What can we do for each other and as a united team? CCY strives to create a support system for all student and university YMCAs around the nation and to help our voice to be heard by the YMCA of the USA. As individual Ys our presence is easily overlooked, but as a coalition we have power and a presence at the national level. Among other things, this presence helps to secure our funding for future generations of student leaders. On the individual level CCY acts as a resource for connecting program directors, staff, students, and volunteers from around the nation. Being able to share fundraising tips, recruiting strategies, and new program proposals is vital the growth of our YMCAs. The annual conference is our main opportunity to gather, create networks, and learn about each other. The conference and coalition make it possible and realistic to achieve our goal of being "one Y".

2007 Conference

When: 3:00pm May 14th- 11:00pm
May 18th

Where: University of Illinois-
Champaign/Urbana

Registration: Available mid February

Theme: 007- Y...CCY

Details: Get ready for four fun-filled and educational days. There will be seminars and speakers during the day and crazy cool events at night!

Notes

Website: We have heard some really positive feedback about the website since its' unveiling in September.

www.ymcasp.org.vt.edu/CCY

Fundraiser: Look for information about the Bowl-A-Thon (national fundraiser) to be coming soon.

ASB: The trip plan will be presented at the conference in May.

Spotlight on...

Washington University in St. Louis

Written by: David Shepard

Our Campus Y has been an incubator for innovative ideas on campus since we were founded in 1912.

Campus programs we have initiated in the past include freshman orientation, career counseling, personal counseling, racial integration on campus, and a weekly campus speaker series.

Today we continue in the role of innovator on campus. We pride ourselves on being able to adjust the types of community service opportunities that we offer to the current needs of the community. Currently we offer 22 community service programs, three of which have been founded in the past year. All new programs are proposed by Wash. U students.

Our Campus Y is also playing an integral role in a new movement to create a vision for community service on campus. We recently co-chaired the first campus-wide Community Service Forum, in which service leaders from different service organizations brainstormed several ideas.

Spotlight on... (continued)

To inspire our 60 Program Leaders and to encourage them to understand how their actions and experiences through the Campus Y impact the social issues that their programs address, we recently completed our Program Leader reflection process. Every Program Leader completed a written reflection and met for 20 minutes with two members of the Executive Council to reflect on their experiences.

Letter from the Exec Board

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to dive right back into school and YMCA activities! We just spent the weekend planning the annual conference this May. It promises to be a fun filled week with wonderful speakers and insightful workshops. We hope to see everyone there. Have a great month.
-Cassie, Melissa, Shannon, and Molly