



*A World of Opportunity*

**Service Learning Placements  
Spring, 2020**

# **CAUSE**

## ***Center for Allied and Unified Sport and Exercise***

The Center for Allied and Unified Sport and Exercise (CAUSE) at Daemen College provides opportunities for people with disabilities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience the camaraderie and sportsmanship that comes with athletics participation. In addition, CAUSE provides a supported venue for caregivers to access athletic-based care, participate in health and wellness programs, or simply experience the joy of watching a loved one compete.

Under the supervision of Daemen Athletics Coaches and Faculty, Daemen Students and Student-Athletes will be paired with participants to engage in activities that promote sport, exercise, and socialization. During the sessions, caregivers can enjoy some time to themselves, free use of Daemen's Fitness Center or socialize with other caregivers.



Daemen service learning students will work with participants in the CAUSE program. Students will be paired with individuals in the program and engage in various sports and exercise activities during the sessions. In addition, students will help support participants' goals and write progress notes after each session. Students are required to get certified in CPR and First Aid for this placement (free training will be provided and will count towards required hours). Students will also receive additional training specifically focused on the experience of individuals with disabilities.

Check out this video about the program:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=UW0JPIKKEVM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=UW0JPIKKEVM)

<https://daemenwildcats.com/sports/2017/8/22/daemen-college-cause.aspx?path=cause>

# **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

## ***@ Response to Love Center***

### **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)**

Buffalo Schools Adult Education Division offers over 50 ESL classes for non-native speakers who need to develop better skills in English. Classes run five days a week and are free of charge at 10 different locations throughout the city of Buffalo. We offer English language instruction for all levels of competency, from the low beginning level to advanced academic English.

Each class highlights speaking, listening, reading, and writing in English, with a concentration on vocabulary-building, conversation practice and grammar. Adults 21 and older can start anytime during the year.

<http://www.upskill.org/learn-english>



Daemen students will work in classrooms to provide extra support to students learning English by reading, tutoring, and helping with classroom activities. Daemen students have the opportunity to work in one of two possible locations:

Response to Love Center - 130 Kosciuszko St. - Buffalo, NY

<https://responsetolovecenter.com/>

# Family Promise of WNY

**Mission:** Family Promise of Western New York, alongside our partners, keeps families experiencing homelessness together by offering emergency housing and compassionate support as they work to find their way back home.

**Vision:** Family Promise of Western New York seeks to build a community that wraps homeless children and their families in hope.

**Website:** [fpwny.org](http://fpwny.org)



Family Promise is an emergency shelter for homeless families in Buffalo. **FPWNY is one one of only two shelters in Erie County that keep families together** which include fathers and teenage sons. On any given day in Erie County, there are twice as many families who need shelter as there are shelter beds and typical shelter models separate men from women and children. In times of crisis,

family unity provides critical support to all our guests, **70% of whom are children.**

**With only three families in our program at a time,** we run a small-scale model that allows us to focus a lot of personal attention on each of our guests. We strive to create a family-like environment based on compassion, respect and shared community. **We know each person here by name.** Our Case Manager is able to provide intensive case management to make sure our kids are in school every day and our parents are receiving the services they need to succeed.



Daemen College Service Learning students will be spending Saturday mornings with guests of Family Promise. Playing games and leading activities with the children and parents, assisting staff with meals, providing support with shelter operations, providing friendship and a listening ear to families in crisis.

# Peace of the City Ministries

*Creating a Community of Courage by Loving our Neighbors as Ourselves.*

Motivated by Christ's call to "love your neighbor as yourself", dedicated staff and volunteers offer a range of relevant programs designed to provide young people with the skills, tools and values needed to succeed educationally, break the cycle of poverty, and lead meaningful, productive lives and hopefully become community leaders and role models. Since 1992, Peace of the City Ministries has been a "roll up your sleeves and get to work" outfit. We feel constrained by the call of Christ to care for those our society would rather forget. Our ministry seeks to provide for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the poor and working poor.

**LITERACY FOR ALL:** Literacy For All at Peace of the City is an opportunity for children reading below grade level to receive 1:1 and small-group literacy intervention services. Through SBRR methods, the program targets the "five pillars" of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, in addition to writing. SRA's Corrective Reading, a Writing Workshop based on the 6-Traits, and Literature Circles are all incorporated into instruction each week for a balanced program of direct, explicit, systematic phonics instruction and authentic reading and writing experiences. There is regular progress-monitoring so the program can be tailored to the individual needs of each student.

**HOMEWORK CLUB:** Homework Club is our foundation program, over 22 years in existence and logging over 700 hours of time with our kids in a year. Homework Club is a holistic after-school stop for children of the West Side...basing programs on what every child needs—love, structure, playtime, academic support, attentive adults, creative exploration and more and more LOVE!



Daemen students will work with the homework club and literacy for all programs and help the kids at POTC with their homework and offer tutoring help when needed. When homework is done, Daemen students will be able hang out with the kids and participate in other activities.

<https://peaceofthecity.org/>

# ***Seneca Babcock Community Services***

## **Schiller Park Senior Program**



### **Stay Fit Dining**

We serve hot, nutritious, delicious noonday meals, Monday through Friday. You or your spouse must be 60 years of age or older and the suggested confidential contribution is \$3.00, but no one will ever be denied a meal if they are unable to contribute. Advance reservations are required.

### **Retired Senior Volunteer Program**

Help others by sharing your experience, abilities and skills - join the team of senior volunteers making a difference. You've gained a lifetime of experience. Now is the time to put your skills and talents to good use by volunteering through our Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.



### **Recreation**

In addition to the nutritious, noon meal, we provide activities that promote socialization, health, wellness, nutrition, disease prevention and risk management, mobility, and flexibility, including specialized exercise/workouts for persons with disabilities or mobility limitations in a group setting.

Daemen College Service Learning students will spend two mornings per week supporting the activities coordinator at Schiller Park and enjoy time socializing with seniors at the Center.

<https://senecababcock.com/senior-services>

# **Seneca Street Community Development Corp.**

The Seneca Street Community Development Corporation (SSCDC) partners with our neighbors in the Seneca Babcock community to provide a supportive environment to overcome educational, social and economic barriers. We provide opportunities for the entire community to acquire skills that build resilience and self-reliance, enhancing the quality of life and potential for current and future generations in the neighborhood.

Right off the school bus, our students walk into a safe and welcoming environment at after school @ Seneca Street. Our K-8 grade and high school students come in to the CDC, grab a snack, and sit down to chat with our volunteer mentors and cool down from the long school day. Students transition to homework time with encouragement from our volunteer tutors. Once homework is done, students gather for a free, healthy, home-made dinner followed by various enrichment activities including: Yoga, Girls on the Run, Cooking Club, Computer Lab, Sewing Club, Engineering for Kids, Environmental Club, or Field Trips. All programs at the CDC are offered free of charge.



Daemen students at SSCDC work with the kids throughout their afternoon at the afterschool program. Activities include homework help, tutoring, and enrichment. The SSCDC depends on Daemen students to offer the help, support, and care the kids need.

<https://www.senecastreetcdc.org/what-we-do/after-school-program/>

# **Somali Bantu**

The Sisters of St. Mary of Namur run an after school tutoring program for Somali Bantu children on the West Side of Buffalo.

The Somali Bantu refugees came to Buffalo in many waves. They began coming to Buffalo from the refugee camps of Kenya in the summer of 2003. Most Somali Bantu children were raised in refugee camps without much traditional schooling. In Buffalo, they often share classrooms with American children and can easily fall behind without the tutoring they receive.

The afterschool program serves about 40 students every day and is reliant on help from local colleges to offer the needed support to the students who come there.



Daemen Students placed at Somali Bantu will have the opportunity to provide homework help and tutoring to the children in the afterschool program. Once homework is done they will be able to get to know the kids through games, art activities, and special programs.

Here is a Buffalo News article about the great work Somali Bantu is doing:

<https://buffalonews.com/2017/10/14/sean-kirst-buffalo-relentless-sisters-harvest-hope-west-side/>

# The Teacher's Desk

The Teacher's Desk is the store where teachers shop free for books, school supplies and teacher resources for students in their classrooms. Its mission is to distribute free school supplies to students in need, to encourage teachers and to provide purpose through volunteerism.

Teachers shop for free. 6000 teachers shopped with us in the last academic year. It's a wonderful way to let them know that God and community care. The quote heard most often throughout the academic year is "It's like Christmas when we come to The Teacher's Desk."

The Teacher's Desk annually distributes \$6,000,000 in free school supplies to students in need throughout the Western New York community.



Daemen students can work as store assistants, inventory sorters, warehouse assistants, and product packagers at various times from Monday-Saturday.

<http://www.theteachersdesk.org/>



# ECBA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT

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## SPRING 2020 DAEMEN COLLEGE & ECBA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT SERVICE LEARNING

*Students MUST be able to stay for the full shift*

### Attorney of the Morning (Eviction Defense)

**Buffalo City Court - 50 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY**

The Attorney of the Morning program (AOM) provides full representation to low income clients facing eviction in Buffalo City Court. This highly successful program, replicated across the country, helps vulnerable families in our community avoid homelessness. Pro-Bono and staff attorneys provide direct representation to qualifying individuals appearing in court on landlord/tenant matters. Prospective clients are interviewed by paralegals and student interns for intake and initial screening purposes. Intake workers are responsible for obtaining income and demographic information, as well as performing preliminary issue spotting. During this intake process, students are able to develop important issue spotting skills while assessing clients' legal needs. Following intake, interns are expected to provide relevant case information and collaborate with the Pro Bono attorney. In addition to performing intake, students are able to observe the parties negotiate, assist in drafting settlement agreements and observe court proceedings.

**Shifts available :** Monday 9am-12pm; Wednesday 9am – 12pm; Friday 9am – 12pm

### Niagara County Family Court Help Desk

**Niagara Falls Family Court Building – 775 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY**

**Wednesdays 10:45am – 1:30pm**

The Family Court Help Desk provides limited-scope advice to individuals with Niagara County Family Court matters. Prospective clients with Family Court related questions are welcome to visit the help desk to seek advice from Pro-Bono and staff attorneys. Qualifying individuals go through initial screening and intake with paralegals and student interns. Intake workers are responsible for obtaining income and demographic information, as well as completing preliminary issue spotting. Once this process is complete, the intake worker will collaborate with the handling attorney to review the client's file, and identify the client's legal needs. Students experience direct client contact, build issue spotting skills, and work closely with the handling attorney.

**Shifts available:** Wednesday 10:45am – 1:30pm

### Erie County Family Court Help Desk

**Erie County Family Court Building – One Niagara Plaza, Buffalo, NY**

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**Shifts available:** M-T-We-Th-F 11:15am – 2:15pm

### Positive Individuals and Families Program

**ECBA Volunteer Lawyers Project – 438 Main Street, 7th Floor, Buffalo, NY**

VLP's Positive Families and Individuals Program provides free legal services to individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Attorneys provide full representation on a variety of civil legal issues including family law, housing, bankruptcy, and public benefits. The program has a special focus on end of life planning. Students will provide support to attorneys on pending cases and may participate in various outreach events with community organizations.

**Shifts available:** Students MUST commit to at least one 3-4 hour continuous block of time – M- F - 8am and 4pm

# West Side Community Services

West Side Community Services improves education, financial capability, health & wellness, and prevention across the lifespan for a diverse membership through activities and programs that identify and build on the strength in our community

WSCS offers a variety of afterschool and Saturday morning programs that separately introduce kids ages 6-12 & teens ages 13-20 to new things. These activities help all youth develop a talent or a skill, widen their areas of interest, meet others who share their interests and make new friendships, find protection from destructive habits like alcohol, tobacco and drugs, burn up their excess energy, and explore their creativity.



Students at WSCS will work in one of two areas:

**Homework Help** - Daemen students work with kids at WSCS complete their homework and offer tutoring help when needed. When homework is done, Daemen students will be able hang out with the kids and do art, sports, and games.

**Science Club** - New in Spring 2019, we are looking for three Daemen students who are education or natural science majors to work with staff of WSCS as well as community volunteers to start a Science Club for the kids. Daemen students will be working with kids at WSCS to do science experiments and will be mentors for their end of the year project.

<http://wscsbuffalo.org/services/kids-teens/>

# **YALT - Young Adult Life Transitions Program**

YALT, a program of People, Inc., is a community-based program offering young adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity to experience life on a college campus while developing functional skills. The program focuses on independence in the community, preparation for employment, continuation of the learning process, and establishing and maintaining friendships. The program is for individuals with developmental disabilities ages 18-23.

The YALT program has sites at Buffalo State College, Canisius College, Daemen College, Erie Community College South Campus, Niagara County Community College, and University at Buffalo (South Campus).



Daemen service learning students will work with the YALT program on Daemen's campus. Students will have the opportunity to work one on one with and mentor the young adults in the program. The YALT program runs from 9:30-2:30 Monday through Friday - you work directly with the program to set your schedule.

[https://www.people-inc.org/vocational\\_services\\_home/young\\_adult\\_life\\_transitions\\_program\\_yalt/index.html](https://www.people-inc.org/vocational_services_home/young_adult_life_transitions_program_yalt/index.html)