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CAN'T MISS EVENTS



February 13 - Breakfast with Lt. Governor Sheila Simon – Education Reform in Illinois

Illinois Lt. Governor Sheila Simon will address the Association of Fundraising Professionals Chicago on Education Reform in Illinois – New Directions for State-Nonprofit Partnerships **Wednesday, February 13** – just weeks before the state's budgeting season kicks into high gear.

Lt. Governor Simon, a passionate education advocate, has visited each of the state's 48 community colleges and 12 public universities. Over several months visiting each corner of Illinois, Simon gathered students, educators and the best educational minds in Illinois to discuss revamping higher education in our state. She will share the innovative ideas that she has compiled, and how the state must work with the private and nonprofit sectors to improve and reform higher education – especially at a time when we are all doing more with less. [Click here](#) to register for this program.

37th Annual AFP Chicago Philanthropy Awards Luncheon Honorees Announced

AFP Chicago will honor the area's top philanthropists and nonprofit leaders on **Friday, May 10, 2013** at the Hilton Chicago Hotel (720 S Michigan Ave). More than 700 professional and civic attendees will celebrate this year's honorees, each of whom has championed philanthropy and contributed invaluable resources to Chicagoland communities.

We are pleased to announce the slate of honorees for 2013:

Executive Leader - **Allan B. Muchin, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP**

Distinguished Philanthropist - **John & Rita Canning**

Outstanding Community Leader - **Grant Achatz & Nick Kokonas**

Professional Grantor - **Bradford Ballast, BMO Harris Bank**

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy - **Nate Pautsch**

Benjamin Franklin - **Penelepe Hunt, University of Illinois Chicago**

Outstanding Volunteer - **Bob Lee**

Emerging Philanthropist – **Kerry and Sarah Wood, The Wood Family Foundation**



Please join us in congratulating the 2013 recipients. Invitations for the Philanthropy Awards Luncheon will be mailed in March. [Click here](#) to view all sponsorship opportunities.

Save the Date: 18th Annual AFP Chicago Midwest Conference on Philanthropy

The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont is *the place* to be on **Tuesday, October 8, 2013!** Please mark your calendars for AFP Chicago's Midwest Conference on Philanthropy- the region's premier learning event for fundraising professionals. Follow us [here](#) to stay up-to-date on what's to come this October.

NEWS & UPDATES

[Call for President's Award Nominations](#)

Beginning this year, AFP Chicago will present the **President's Award** at the annual Midwest Conference on Philanthropy (previously presented at the AFP Chicago Philanthropy Awards Luncheon). The award will be presented to a fundraising professional who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to AFP Chicago. To nominate a deserving individual please [click here](#). **The deadline for all nominations is Friday, March 29, 2013.**

[Welcome to the 2013 AFP Chicago Fellows](#)

AFP Chicago welcomes the five members of the 2013 AFP Chicago Fellows Program: **Amy Cheng**, Year Up; **Adrienne Glover**, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago; **Madalyn Messer-Brooks**, CommunityHealth; **Jessica Rodriguez**, La Casa Norte; and **Michael Wren**, Art Resources in Teaching (A.R.T.). Congratulations!

[Peer Mentoring Application Deadline Approaching](#)

In March, The AFP Chicago Peer Mentoring Program will kick off a new class of mentors and protégés. Protégé applicants, with a minimum of one year in development, are matched with mentors who have a minimum of five years of development experience. For full program specifications and the application process for both mentors and protégés, visit us [here](#). Application deadline is **Wednesday, February 13.**

[Peer Mentoring: A Successful Match](#)

Wesley Lindahl, Dean of the School of Business and Nonprofit Management at North Park University, recently completed a year-long match with **Walter Grandberry**, Director of Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. The match was successful and a positive experience for both mentor and protégé. Walter said "Working with Wes provided a tremendous jumpstart to my career... [read more](#)

AFP Chicago appreciates the sponsorship of this [program](#) from the **School of Business and Nonprofit Management at North Park University**. For 2013, AFP Chicago members will be offered new benefits from this partnership. Details soon!

[AFP Offers Member Dues Installment Plan](#)

Take advantage of this membership dues payment opportunity - the installment plan breaks dues into six payments. Please contact Joseph Roadarmel, AFP Manager of Membership Services, at mbrship@afpnet.org or (800) 666-3863 for details.

AFP CHICAGO JOB BANK

[Making a Career Change? Take a Look at the Positions Available on the AFP Chicago Online Job Source](#)

Are you a member planning a career change? Visit the AFP Chicago Online Job Source and review job postings from Chicago area not-for-profit organizations looking for skilled development professionals. Posting includes a full description of the organization, the position and expectations; salary range; benefits; and contact information. Take a look today - [click here](#) for more information.

Members will need to log in using their user name (email address) and passwords to see job postings on the website.

[Looking for Skilled Development Professionals for your Open Position? List your Jobs in the AFP Chicago Online Job Source](#)

Have an open position within your organization? Consider listing it in the AFP Chicago Online Job Source. The Job Source connects Chicago area not-for-profit organizations with skilled development professionals. This cost-effective listing reaches the right people in the philanthropic community. Your posting includes a full description of your organization, the position and expectations; salary range; benefits; and contact information, and the online format allows you to reach your targeted audience quickly. For more information, [click here](#).

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

Members on the Move

Find out who has recently joined AFP Chicago or changed jobs [here](#).

Community Current Events and Announcements

- **A Force for Good Mentoring Program Seeks Mentors for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) – – Application Deadline Extended through June 30, 2013.**
The Chicago Police Department and its partner agencies have developed this program to provide 35 Chicago CBOs with skill-building classes, technical assistance and mentorship to increase their capacity to identify, obtain and manage grants and other funding. For more access the application, please [click here](#)
- **Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management Awards – Deadlines February 1 and March 1**
*The Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management at North Park University is requesting applications for its prestigious **Alford-Axelson Award for Nonprofit Managerial Excellence**. The award comes with a \$7,500 unrestricted grant. The deadline for the initial (short) application is February 1, 2013. This award is given annually to two nonprofit organizations that serve the Chicago region and exhibit exceptional managerial practices. For more information on this award, please [click here](#). Please find the application [click here](#).*

*They are also accepting applications for **the Excellent Emerging Organization Award** (due March 1, 2013). This award is given annually to a smaller, grassroots organization that demonstrates the potential to become a major contributor to Chicago's robust nonprofit community. This award comes with a \$2,500 cash grant and approximately \$50,000 in capacity-building services. For more information on this award [click here](#). Please find the application [here](#). Awards will be presented at the Axelson Center Symposium on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.*
- **Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Chicago (YNPN Chicago)**
YNPN Chicago serves local nonprofit professionals (generally in their 20s and 30s) who make up a substantial segment of the Chicago area's nonprofit workforce. Interested in learning more about YNPN? [Click here](#) for information and a list of their upcoming activities.
- **North Park University Offers AFP Members 40% Tuition Scholarship**
To learn more about this great opportunity, [click here](#).