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## Shoval Center set for annual spring SERVE experience

King's annual SpringSERVE (Students Engaged in Reflective Volunteer Experiences) trips will take place the week of spring break, March 2-9.

One SpringSERVE group will work at St. Martin's Ministries in Ridgely, Md. This trip, directed toward relieving rural poverty, is only for female students and staff, who will be helping the disabled and abused women of St. Martin's. Students will volunteer at a food pantry housed in a converted barn and will host a dance for the women.

The second group will volunteer with St. Joseph's Housing Repair Program in Clintwood, Va. Sister Jean Korkisch and the Sisters of the Holy Cross run this program, which endeavors to provide affordable housing for the poor in Appalachia. King's students and staff will work at several different sites to build low-cost trailers with fix-up floors for the region's disadvantaged.

The third SERVE group will travel to Pittsburgh to work with the Change A Heart Franciscan Volunteer Program, an outreach organization that provides meals and clothing to the poor. The service project participants will also volunteer in a soup kitchen and flea market.

This year's SpringSERVE comes two months after the WinterSERVE trips to Phoenix, Ariz., San Antonio, Texas, and South Bend, Ind., where students and staff worked with various poor and homeless relief programs.

Several students who have participated in SERVE trips before and will be participating in SpringSERVE spoke about what helping others means to them.

"Service is something that I hold very dear to my heart," said senior pre-med major Daniel Simpson. "It is, without a doubt, our responsibility to look out for our neighbors and communities near and far. I have found that I am able to learn more about myself by giving up my time and doing service for others.

Sophomore psychology major Nicole Lawler said of her experiences, "This spring I am really looking forward to returning to Pittsburgh, the first city in which I attended a SERVE trip, and serving the population I have already become accustomed to know. SERVE trips have allowed me to go outside of my comfort zone to serve others in all areas of the country."

Participating students, faculty and staff will travel to the three locations for the volunteer/service learning events.



*Mass communication major Alyssa Miller works with children at Providence Connections Family Support Center in Pittsburgh, one of the service trips coordinated during Spring SERVE.*

The process for King's faculty and staff who would like to attend a trip is separate from the thorough application process that all students must complete. Community outreach coordinator and associate campus minister Tammy Fritz said that currently, there is no true application process, as the Shoval Center simply sends out blind, campus-wide requests for faculty and staff members who would like to participate. In the future, she said, the Shoval Center would accept applications from actively interested faculty and staff so that they can be more accurately matched to a particular trip.

The Shoval Center runs SERVE trips every spring, fall and winter, and looks for students and staff committed to the service of others to attend the trips. For more information about how to participate in a SERVE trip, contact Tammy Fritz at ext. 6020 or e-mail [tammyfritz@kings.edu](mailto:tammyfritz@kings.edu) or.

- Article by Michael Ruth, Public Relations intern.

## Local photographer first solo showing held in Widmann



Lawrence Lang of Shickshinny will display a variety of landscape and macro photographs in the *A Closer Look* exhibition held in the Widmann Gallery from Monday, Feb. 25, through Friday, April 5.

The King's exhibit will be Lang's first solo gallery showing. A Northwest Area High School graduate, Lang earned an associate's degree in broadcast communications and is currently completing the photography certificate program at Luzerne County Community College.

Lang will discuss his craft during a meet-the-artists reception from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 15.

Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., as arranged. For more information, contact Michelle Leonard, Widmann Gallery Coordinator, at ext. 5328.

*Pictured: Tulip photograph by Lawrence Lang.*

## Call for alumni nominations

The Alumni Office is seeking nominations of distinguished graduates for four annual alumni awards: Outstanding Professional Achievement, Outstanding Service to Alma Mater, Service to Society, and the Leo Award.

Presented during Reunion Weekend (May 31-June 2), the awards were established on the occasion of King's Golden Jubilee, 1996-1997. Recipients are chosen by the president of the college with the assistance of faculty and staff.

The Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement is awarded to a graduate that has attained exceptional professional success. The Robert J. Ell Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater is awarded to a graduate or a current faculty or staff member who has shown outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to King's. This award is in honor of Robert J. Ell '50, the college's first director of alumni affairs.

The award for Service to Society recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated selfless and compassionate dedication to benefit others. The Leo Award is given to an alumnus within 15 years of their graduation who has displayed exceptional success in their professional or community activities.

Nominations can be submitted to [awardnominations@kings.edu](mailto:awardnominations@kings.edu). Provide the nominee's name, address, business, and business address. Information? For further information, call the Alumni Office at ext. 5879.

## Share your News with the King's Community

The next issue of *Monarch Notes* is scheduled for the week of March 11. Please e-mail event information to Joseph Giomboni at [josephgiomboni@kings.edu](mailto:josephgiomboni@kings.edu).

## People at King's

**Dr. William Irwin**, professor of philosophy, has recently published two articles, "When Did Ivan Ilyich Die?" in *Tolstoy Studies Journal* and "Liberation Through Compassion and Kindness: The Buddhist Eightfold Path as a Philosophy of Life" in *Journal of Philosophy of Life*.

**Dr. Bernard Prusak**, associate professor of philosophy and director of the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility, has had his book manuscript *Parental Obligations and Bioethics: The Duties of a Creator* accepted for publication by Routledge Press in the series *Annals of Bioethics*.

## Calendar of Events

### Daily Mass at the Chapel of Christ the King

Monday-Friday: 12:05 p.m. • Sunday: 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

### DVD Series: "Catholicism"

Thursdays: Feb. 28, March 14, 21 • 8:45 p.m.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes

### Taize Prayer

Wednesdays: Feb. 27, March 13, 20 • 8:30 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays • 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.; March 21 • 1-9 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays: • 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

### Evening of Reflection

Thursday, Feb. 28 • 4:30 p.m.

### Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 21 • 7:30 p.m.

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24 • 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

