



AMERICORPS NEW JERSEY BULLETIN

January 2023 - Special Dr. MLK Jr. Day of Service Issue



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Day of Service



The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is a defining moment each year when Americans across the country step up to make our communities more equitable and take action to create the Beloved Community of Dr. King's dream. While Dr. King believed the Beloved Community was possible, he acknowledged and fought for systemic change. **His example is our call to action.**

Observed each year on the third Monday in January, MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a **national day of service** to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. **AmeriCorps** has been charged with leading this effort for the past quarter century.

MEET NJ CNCS BOARD MEMBER JOHN MULHOLLAND, JR.

John J. Mulholland, Jr. is the Executive Director of ASAH, a not-for-profit organization of private schools and agencies which provide highly specialized services to more than 10,000 infants, children, and young adults with special needs. He previously served as the Director of the Governor's Office of Constituent Relations, as well as, Outreach Director, Director of Public Policy and Legislative Counsel, and Chief of Staff for several South Jersey legislators. In 2020, Insider NJ named him a "Millennial to Watch" and South Jersey Biz included him on their "20 under 40" list in 2021.

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Calendar

February



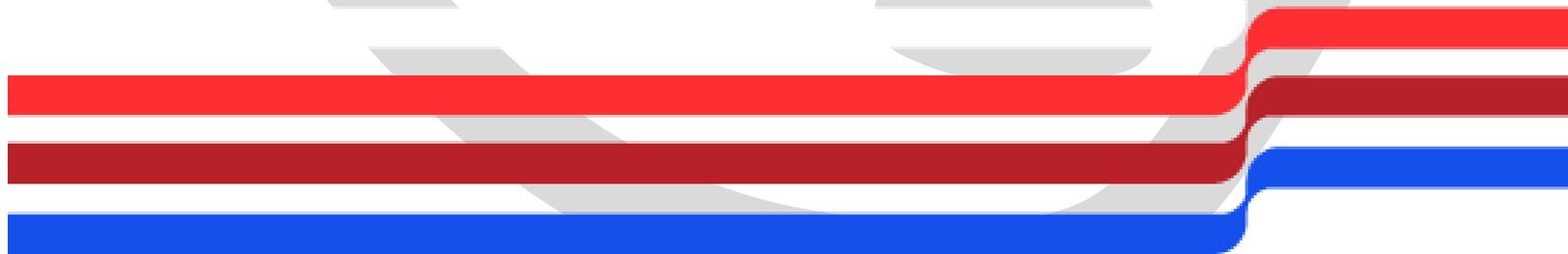
- 2 - DEIA Council Meeting
- 3 - FY 23/24 Formula NOFO Released
- 25 - Program Directors' Monthly Meeting
- 20 - President's Day Observed



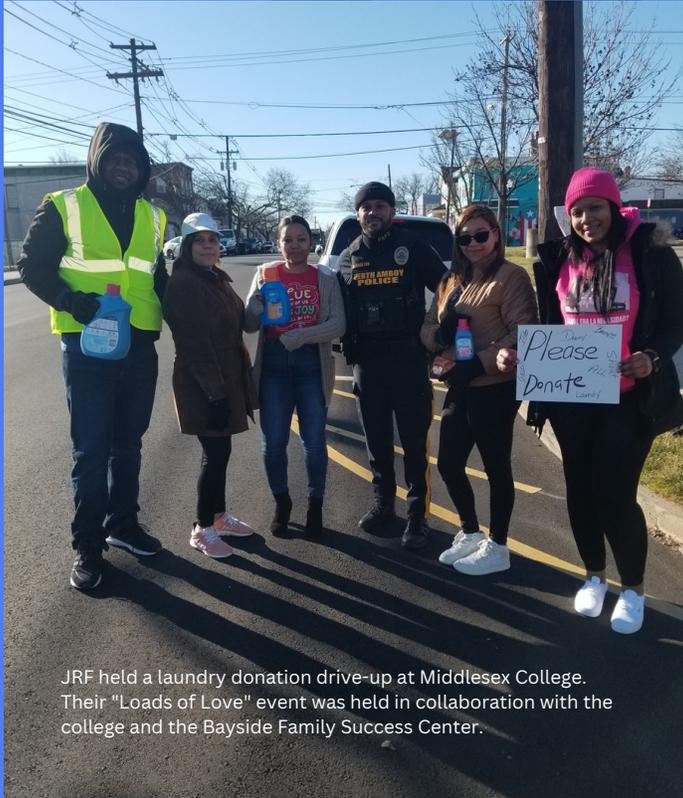
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Rutgers PHA joined forces with the Mayor's Office in the City of Camden at the Cramer Hill Community Center where they helped with Community Clean up.



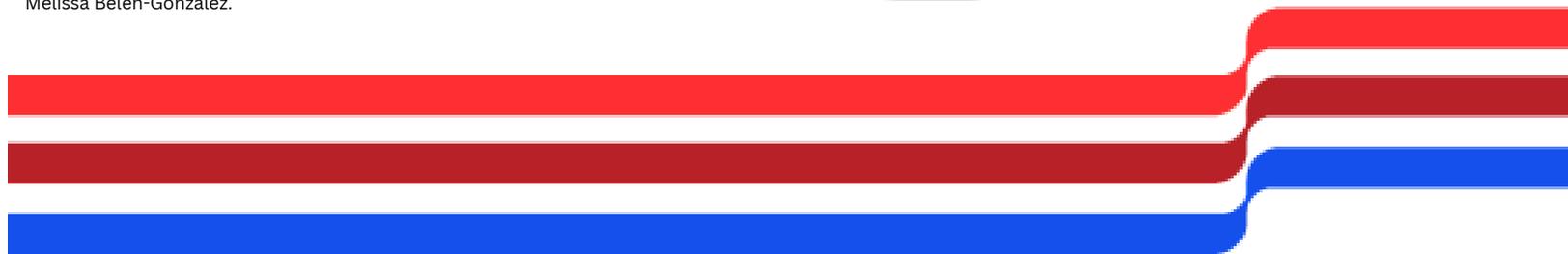
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JRF held a laundry donation drive-up at Middlesex College. Their "Loads of Love" event was held in collaboration with the college and the Bayside Family Success Center.



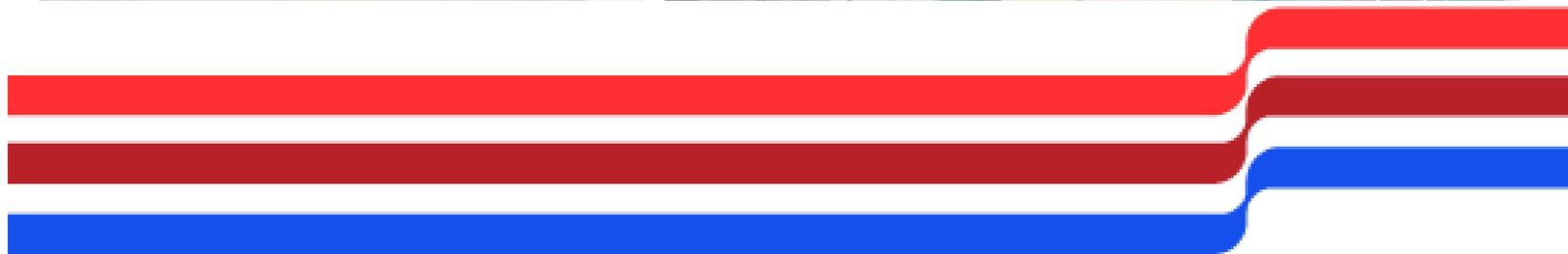
Ambassadors partnered with Newfield Terrace Community Center in Newfield, NJ. In the morning, Ambassadors cleaned, organized and painted the center for the public. In the afternoon, Ambassadors led a Family Fun Day event, where they ran tables around the room featuring live macroinvertebrates, interactive EnviroScape watershed model, coastal specimens, arts and crafts, writing letters to veterans through the program Thanks a Million, and a table with information about the Program. Approximately 30-40 children and parents attended over two hours. The event was organized by NJWAP Team Leader Melissa Belen-Gonzalez.



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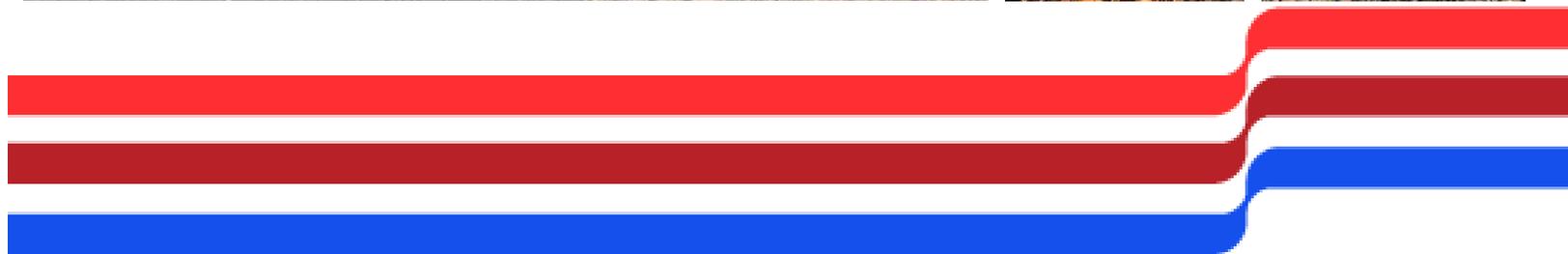
More than 230 Montclair students and alumni answered the call to give back, participating in Montclair's MLK Day of Service on January 16 in a big way. Students gathered at University Hall for breakfast and to reflect on the words and messages of Dr. King before being deployed to various locations both on and off campus – in Montclair and the surrounding area – for their volunteer assignments, which included everything from making blankets and sandwiches for shelters to distributing fire safety information with the Montclair Fire Department.



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DEP Watershed Ambassadors partnered with South Jersey Land and Water Trust and Camden PowerCorps to clean up Farnham Park in Camden, NJ. Ambassadors and volunteers removed approximately 100 bags of trash, 5 tires, 5 TVs, 1 bike wheel, 1 aquarium tank, 1 bed frame, and 2 discarded trash cans. This is approximately 1.5 tons of waste. The area targeted was mainly the wetlands, where hundreds of floatables were stuck in the mud due to the tidal nature of the area. The event was organized by NJWAP Team Leader Mason Kramer.



AMERICORPS' UPDATE ON TELESERVICE

AmeriCorps State and National recognizes the COVID-19 pandemic changed the landscape of work and service in our communities across the country in a permanent manner. ASN also recognizes that adapting to the changing nature of work/service is necessary as the program moves forward, while it maintains and upholds its program's place-based element of service and limits risk. This policy addresses the parameters by which ASN grantees determine whether their AmeriCorps member can teleserve. This policy replaces Policy 2017.01: AmeriCorps State and National Guidance - Teleservice dated January 19, 2017.

Members requesting teleservice arrangements under the auspices of reasonable accommodation of a disability are excluded from this policy, as those requests are covered under other laws and policies.

The following guidance is provided for those situations in which a grantee determines that teleservice is appropriate or when a number of a member's service hours can properly be accrued through teleservice. Teleservice is appropriate only when the activity can be meaningfully supervised and the hours verified independently. If a grantee or subgrantee determines that its AmeriCorps members will be allowed to teleserve, the grantee must establish a policy that addresses the following:

- Written authorization of teleservice in advance
- Expectations of the communication requirements between supervisors and teleserving members

- Mitigation of the increased risk of time and attendance abuse
- Appropriate supervision including validation of the activities to be performed, and
- Verification of hours claimed.

Further, the grantee should consider updating its insurance coverage to address legal liability attribution (for the grantee or teleserving member) for incidents that occur during teleservice.

Grantee or subgrantees should be aware that their staff may be subject to legal sanctions for erroneously certifying that AmeriCorps members have sufficient valid service hours to complete their terms of service. In addition there are legal penalties for knowingly submitting false claims to the government.

Remote service is NOT permitted under the AmeriCorps State and National program. Remote service is defined as an arrangement in which an AmeriCorps State and National member is not located within the commuting area of the geographic community where the service is to occur and is not expected to be physically present at the service site and/or community events. Virtual service sites are NOT permitted under the AmeriCorps State and National Program. Virtual service sites refer to organizations that do not have a physical location.

No additional approvals are required by the Office of Regional Operations for such arrangements. However, if ASN grantees decide to allow teleservice, they must establish a teleservice policy, be able produce it upon request, and demonstrate fidelity with the policy.

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Mulholland from Pg. 2

Mulholland is an elected member of the Cherry Hill Board of Fire Commissioners, where he was chosen by his fellow Commissioners to serve as Commission Treasurer and the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. He was appointed by the Governor to serve on both the New Jersey Commission on National and Community Service and the New Jersey First Employee Residency Review Committee, where he also serves as its Chairman. He is also a member of the School Law Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the St. Anselm School Board of Limited Jurisdiction.

Mulholland received his Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, in both Political Science and History with certificates in Political Economy and University Honors from Temple University. He received his Juris Doctor from the Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, where he was named a fellow in the Rubin Public Interest Law Honor Society for his significant volunteerism. He is currently licensed to practice law in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



FY23.24 Formula NOFO

TARGET DATES	ACTIVITIES
February 3	Dissemination of NOFO flyer announcing the 2023/24 AmeriCorps Formula competition. NOFO goes live on the NJ Department of State (NJ DOS) website
February 16	NOFO Technical Assistance Session via ZOOM. Live at 10:00 am . Click title to register and receive link to attend both TA sessions. Recording of session will be posted on NJ DOS website. Mandatory for applicants.
February 22	Technical Assistance Session: Theory of Change, Evidence, Logic Models and Performance Measures via ZOOM. 11:00 am . Click title to register and receive link to attend both TA sessions. Recording of session will be posted on NJ DOS website. Mandatory for applicants.
March 16	Notice of Intent to Apply due to Commission by 6PM. Click title to submit form (NEW and RECOMPETING applicants only). <i>For information only/not binding.</i>
March 28	Formula applications due to Commission on eGrants by 4:00 pm. (NEW and RECOMPETING Applicants only).
March 29	Staff review of applications and budgets are begun (NEW and RECOMPETING ONLY)
March 31	Technical Assistance session for readers via ZOOM. Independent reader review begins (NEW and RECOMPETING only)
April 4	Formula applications due to Commission on eGrants by 4:00 pm. (Continuation Applicants only).
April 5	Staff review of applications and budgets are begun (CONTINUATIONS ONLY)
April 17, 18 or 19 TBD	Reader Arena Session via ZOOM. Arena scores and final rankings. Notification of applicants selected begun pending final Commission Board vote.
April 28	Revisions requested by staff due back from applicants
May 3	Commission board vote on selected applicants and continuations
May 10	NJ Commission target date for submission of Formula package to AmeriCorps.
May 17	Final due date set by AmeriCorps

Note: Dates are subject to change.

