

# A Call to Action:

**Serving the Community, Building a Legacy**

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## Youth Round Table Discussion

On January 26th, the Center for Service hosted a youth round table discussion. A panel of youth workers from the Northern Berkshires gave tips and strategies on how to aid in the development of the youth students in the area. "Leave your ego at the door," stressed Annie Rodgers, an MCLA alum and Northern Berkshire Neighbors Program Director, explaining that students have a lot going on in their lives and when they lash out, it is part of a deeper issue, potentially having nothing to do with the youth worker. The panel also included Joe Aidonidis and MCLA alums Mike Vogt and Jessica Sweeney. The Center for Service thanks them and everyone who made this event such a success!



## Spread the Love!

Don't let the date fool you, love is *still* in the air! The Center for Service encourages you to spread that love in anyway you can! Volunteer a little bit of your time this month to give back to the community. Don't know how to get started? Not a problem! We at the Center are always looking for volunteers. Programs STEM in Action, YMCA, and Adams Youth Center especially need a little extra love so stop by the Center for Service on the third floor of the Amsler Campus Center room 324B or LIKE us on Facebook at MCLA Center for Service for more information!

## Program Spotlight: Write Stuff!

“It’s got the right stuff!” Program Coordinator Adazae Shepard-Edwards exclaimed when asked about her and Allison Meehan’s program. “It takes creative writing and doesn’t limit it just to those who have the ‘skills.’” The Write Stuff is an afterschool creative writing program where middle school students are paired with college mentors and they have an opportunity to interact, learn about each other and “write stuff.” The program meets every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:45 and they are always looking for volunteers. Please contact Allison Meehan or Adazae Shepard-Edwards on Office 365 for details!



## You Better BELIZE It!

On March 14th to March 21st, the Center for Service will be having their annual Alternative Spring Break trip. Participants include Marra DeJesus, Kenya Joseph, Svetlana Morrell and nine other women. These students along with Spencer Moser will spend their spring break doing service and exploring Belize. “I am super excited for this amazing opportunity,” participant Monica Vogel exclaimed when asked about the trip. The Center for Service wishes these students the best of luck and thanks them for their service!

## Contact US!

The Center for Service is always looking for volunteers and new program ideas. If you would like to help with any of these events or more, contact us!

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- ♦ Adams Youth Center
- ♦ College Cadets
- ♦ YMCA
- ♦ K.E.E.P

“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.”