**What is Alternative Spring Break?**

An alternative break is a trip where small groups of college students engage in community-based service and cultural immersion for about a week. Each trip focuses on a particular social issue, such as (but not limited to) poverty, education reform or the environment. The trip also emphasizes other aspects of life such as community, mindfulness or wellness. Students learn about the issues and then perform weeklong projects with local nonprofit organizations related to these topics. Groups also take time to reflect on their service projects and overall experiences during the alternative break trip. Student and faculty/staff trip leaders facilitate the individual and group reflection process, and help students focus on the eight components of alternative breaks: direct service, abstaining from alcohol and other drugs, diversity/social justice, orientation, education, training, reflection, and reorientation.

**Why should you Alternative Spring Break with us?**

You get to be a part of WCC’s first ever Alternative Spring Break group, enjoy free food and housing accommodations, give back to the community, meet new people and add on to your student and individual achievements!!

Need more reasons to join us??

**IT MAKES YOU STAND OUT**

**IT IS AN ADVENTURE**

**YOU WILL GAIN PRACTICAL SKILLS**

**YOU CAN GET MORE INVOLVED**

**YOU WILL MAKE AN IMPACT**

***Alternative Spring Break Application***

### **2018 Alternative Spring Break Topic:**

***Food Insecurity***

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### **To apply:**

### 1. Complete this application by Friday, February 5th at 3:00pm.

### 2. Applicants will be notified around Monday, February 12th

### 3. You must be in good academic and judicial standing and have paid the student activity fee (at least 1 registered class on the Valhalla main campus.)

### **Required Meetings:**

### If selected, you will attend three meetings between February and April. These are vital to the success of the ASB trip - you will meet other participants, become informed of the trip location, and you will become better educated on the trip's social issues.

### Thursday, February 22nd, 4:00pm-6:00pm - 1st Pre-Trip Education (PTE) Meeting

### Thursday, March 8th, 4:00pm-6:00pm 5pm - 2nd Pre-Trip Education (PTE) Meeting

### Thursday, March 22nd, 4:00pm-6:00pm Post Trip Meeting

**Mandatory Alternative Speak Break Week Dates:**

In order for your application to be considered you **MUST** attend all dates below:

* Sunday, March 11th
* Monday, March 12th
* Tuesday, March 13th
* Wednesday, March 14th

\*Please note all accommodations are covered and that all participants are required to stay at our accommodations.

***Alternative Spring Break Application***

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| **Name:** | **Student ID:** |
| **Email:** | **Phone:** |

### **QUESTIONS:**

It is important to know that all applications will be evaluated equally. There is no preference given to early submissions so please take your time with the answers and include all information you would like the committee to consider when reviewing your application.

On a separate document, please type your responses.

1. **Briefly tell us why you would like to participate in an Alternative Break trip.**
2. **Please describe one prior community and/or service experiences and how it influenced you.**
3. **Name and describe two qualities that you possess that make you a positive, collaborative team member?**
4. **Describe your experience in working with people from different backgrounds than your own.**
5. **Tell us about a time you faced diverse opinions and perspectives. How did you respond to these differences?**

**Agreement and Verification of Information:**

**I understand and agree that if I am selected to participant in the Alternative Spring Break Trip that I must attend the three required group meetings and the four alternative spring date weekdays. I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form and all other application materials for the position are complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge.**

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| **P Print Name:** | **Si Signature:** | **D Date:** |

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE**

**STUDENT INVOLVEMENT OFFICE (STUDENT CENTER ROOM 108)**

**OR SUBMIT THROUGH EMAIL TO** [**getinvolved@sunywcc.edu**](mailto:getinvolved@sunywcc.edu)

**\*NO LATER THAN Monday, February 5th 2018 AT 3:00PM\***

**INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE, between February 5th -9th 2018.**

**\*LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\***