

## ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK—STATEN ISLAND

*As we've learned from the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Irene and Lee, clean-up and recovery carries on long after the storms.*

*Rensselaer students can make a difference for 4 days during Spring Break, working side by side students from Wagner College to assist members of the Staten Island community in their ongoing recovery from the devastation and destruction of Hurricane Sandy.*



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-in collaboration with Wagner College on Staten Island which overlooks the Verrazano Narrows Bridge.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute students will visit Wagner College during Spring Break to assist their students with disaster relief. Areas on Staten Island devastated by Hurricane Sandy are dealing with issues of hunger, specifically access to hot and healthy foods, long term housing and employment as well as issues that require quick and immediate response like demolition and construction.

As the pressing needs are ever-changing in the affected community, Wagner College has arranged to work with the following organizations during the break:

- New York City Mayor's Office Department of Service
- Staten Island Interfaith Disaster Response Coalition
- The New York Restoration Center in Dongan Hills, Staten Island
- New York Cares
- The Salvation Army
- The American Red Cross

## ASB-SI Trip Details

**WHO:** Up to 20 Rensselaer students, staff and faculty

**WHERE:** Staten Island, New York; lodging is provided by Wagner College, located on a hill atop the island, overlooking the Verrazano Narrow Bridge.

**WHAT:** An overnight service trip to Staten Island, to assist that community in Hurricane Sandy Relief

**REGISTRATION:** No later than Monday, 2/25/13. See <http://doso.rpi.edu/sandy>.

**WHEN:**

- **MANDATORY INFO SESSIONS**— Tuesday, Feb 12, 4 p.m. & Wednesday, Feb 20, 4 p.m. *(participants must attend one or the other session)*
- **TRIP**—Depart Sunday, March 10, 1 p.m.—Return Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 7 p.m.

**COSTS:** Total cost is \$250 per person + \$25 security deposit, and payable as follows:

- **Deposit**—\$50 due Monday, 2/25, to be applied to total cost
- **Wagner Security Deposit**—\$25 due Monday, 2/25 (may be refundable following trip)
- **Balance**—\$200 due Monday, 3/4, includes room (campus dormitory, double occupancy) and board (three meals a day) + transportation. Service equipment including gloves, face masks, goggles, and t-shirts will be provided.

## Collaborating with Wagner

Wagner College is a liberal arts college and like RPI has a rich history of civic engagement. Rensselaer and Wagner have a shared experience as Periclean Colleges committed to include education for social responsibility and participatory citizenship as an essential part of their educational programs, in the classroom, on the campus, and in the community, to provide students with a foundation for social and civic involvement and a conviction that democratic institutions and processes offer each person the best opportunity to improve the condition of society.

Both RPI and Wagner have been actively engaged in hurricane disaster relief. It is our hope that by working together we will make an even greater impact for those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.



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