

## 2013 Higher Education Community Service Awards

### *Individual Student Award Recipients*

- **Keshia Ashe**, a Ph.D. student in chemical engineering at the **University of Connecticut**. Ashe founded ManyMentors which encourages middle and high school students, especially minorities and girls, to enter STEM fields. A native of Hampton, Virginia, Ashe created a mobile mentoring application and is developing a social media-based platform in which students and professionals can serve as virtual mentors and mentees.
- **Rose D’Amico**, a junior from **Fairfield** at **Southern Connecticut State University**, for her leadership as chair of the SCSU Service Team and Commissioner on the Student Government Association Service Commission. Under D’Amico’s helm, the Service Team participated in over 15 service projects and logged more than 3,000 service hours. The Service Team Executive Board has created an innovative model for coordinating community service events on campus and the surrounding community.

### *Student Group Award Recipients*

- **Jumpstart at UConn, University of Connecticut** – a national AmeriCorps program in which 44 UConn students provide literacy-focused community service at pre-schools. School teachers have reported that children participating in the Jumpstart have out-performed their peers in literacy and social development.
- **Socially Responsible Investment Initiative, Dwight Hall, Yale University** – the nation’s first undergraduate-run Socially Responsible Initiative. Twenty student volunteers have contributed over 1,440 hours to raise funds and manage a portfolio of investments with positive environmental and social impact. A portion of the \$80,000 portfolio is directly invested in Connecticut community loan funds that support affordable housing and low-income home ownership loans in New Haven and Bridgeport.

### *Special Award Recipient*

- **Jennifer Turner** of the **University of Bridgeport**. An AmeriCorps VISTA member serving at UB and a **Bridgeport** resident, Turner has strengthened the culture of service on campus by starting several new service opportunities, including a 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, a Challenge Day of Service, a Domestic Violence Vigil and a Sexual Assault Awareness Walk, all of which raised student service hours from 7,800 to 10,000 hours in one year.