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Spring 2026 Volunteer Fair at CUNY Hunter College

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What motivates students to dedicate their time and talents to humanitarian causes? This question came to life at the Spring 2026 Volunteer Fair at CUNY Hunter College, where ATOP MeaningfulWorld represented by Dr. Ani Kalayjian, trauma expert and Founder and CEO, together with Intern Coordinator Annika Jawanda, participated in a dynamic gathering of students, nonprofit organizations, and community groups committed to service, outreach, and social impact.

Throughout the event, MeaningfulWorld had the opportunity to meet with many students who were passionate about volunteering and humanitarian outreach. Our table itself became a point of curiosity and connection; decorated with vibrant materials, colorful visuals and unique gifts such as

earrings and heart stickers, reflecting MeaningfulWorld's mission. Several passersby even stopped to say, *"We just had to come over and find out what you do, your table is so colorful and different from the others, it's standing out beautifully."* This inviting space opened the door for meaningful conversations with students eager to learn more about humanitarian work. Students from a variety of academic backgrounds, including history, psychology, women and gender studies, sociology, and other disciplines, visited our table to learn more about the organization's mission of trauma-informed outreach, peacebuilding, EI, and global humanitarian work. Many students shared their desire to contribute their unique perspectives and academic interests to MeaningfulWorld's initiatives, emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary approaches to addressing trauma, promoting resilience, and supporting communities.



The fair also created a valuable opportunity to connect with other volunteer and nonprofit organizations present at the event. These conversations opened the door for potential future collaborations, including contributing to volunteers, sharing resources, and inviting

representatives from partner organizations to serve as guest speakers at MeaningfulWorld's monthly workshops.

The atmosphere of the event was energetic and collaborative, reflecting the strong commitment among Hunter College students to engage in meaningful service. Their curiosity, openness, and enthusiasm demonstrated a growing interest among students not only in professional development, but also in applying their knowledge and diverse perspectives toward humanitarian work and community well-being.



Dr. Ani Kalayjian shared “Hunter College was the host of an amazing career and intern fair where students would embark on a journey to give back to humanity through volunteering!” while Annika Jawanda stated, “It was empowering and exciting to see so many students excited about volunteer work and humanitarian relief and taking steps to do that work.”

We extend our sincere appreciation to CUNY Hunter College and the organizers of the Spring Volunteer Fair for creating a platform that connects students with organizations dedicated to service and social change. Events such as this help cultivate the next generation of volunteers and leaders working toward a more

compassionate and meaningful world.

To learn more about ATOP MeaningfulWorld, our educational programs, and internship opportunities, please visit www.meaningfulworld.com. We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming workshop on Saturday 28 March on Disaster Relief and Mindfulness, as we continue fostering personal growth, healing, and meaningful connection. Our upcoming programs are:

1. UN CSW Program on AI & EI: Challenges for Empowerment of Women & Girls Globally. Thursday, 12 March 2026. 2:30-4 pm. Register by 8 March 2026.

<https://meaningfulworld.com/our-work/un/2026-12-march-ai-ei-challenges-for-empowerment-of-women-girls-globally>

2. 30th Annual Krieger Contest on How to Prevent Genocides & War. Submission by 24 April 2026 -

<https://meaningfulworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-Kreiger-Essay-film-Contest-Preventing-Genocide.pdf>

3. Workshop on Saturday, 28 March 2026 on Disaster Relief & meaning making.

<https://meaningfulworld.com/our-work/global-humanitarian-ambassador-certification/2026-28-march-disaster-relief-mindfulness>

4. Saturday, 25 April 2026, Genocide prevention Program, upholding United Nations Human Rights Declaration and SDGs. At Fordham University. More details at

<https://meaningfulworld.com/our-work/global-humanitarian-ambassador-certification/2026-25-april-genocide-prevention-upholding-united-nations-human-rights-declaration-and-sdgs>

5. Humanitarian Mission to Senegal, April 4-17, 2026, focused on trauma healing, emotional intelligence, empathy, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, ecology, and peacebuilding.

<https://meaningfulworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-4-17-April.-Senegal-MeaningfulWorld-Humanitarian-Mission-pre-press.pdf>

Our motto: “*When one helps another, BOTH become stronger!*” a reminder that acts of service are never one-sided. In supporting others, we also cultivate our own resilience, purpose, and sense of shared humanity, strengthening individuals, communities, and the world we build together.