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### UNITE Chapters

For many, January brings new beginnings and resolutions. For UNITE Chapters, January marks a transition from one leadership to the next. Congratulations to the newest members of UNITE Chapter leadership.

#### *Indiana University at Bloomington*

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Co-Webmaster – Jenna Grites

Congratulations and welcome to the new UNITE leadership. We look forward to a great year with you at the helm.

# UNITE

### UNITE Volunteers

On Saturday, January 15th, several UNITE members volunteered their morning to help paint the auditorium at Bateman Elementary School in time for their 2011 graduation. All volunteers had a great time and connected with other organizations in the Chicago area.





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### Project 43. Project Complete.



48 participants, \$10,000, 8 incredible public service announcements, 18 boxes of pizza, 6 cases of Red Bull, and 43 hours. These are the numbers from this year's Project 43. Project 43 is a 43 hour education-athon in which participants discuss and analyze the drop-out rate of Chicago Public School, which was 43% in 2009. This year's participants were divided into teams and visited four different communities in Chicago in search of public opinions surrounding the causes and cures for the drop-out rate. Each team created a video public service announcement about how the drop-out rate coincides with the community. Read the whole story at [www.urbanneeds.blogspot.com](http://www.urbanneeds.blogspot.com).

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### Grant Writing Workshop

UNITE hosted the First Annual Grant Writing Workshop on March 17th, 2011 and had student teachers from Illinois State University and many current teachers from City Year Corps in North Lawndale in attendance. UNITE offered a unique experience for young teachers to learn how to effectively find, apply, and write grants under the facilitation of Katie Hallberg, a history teacher at Collins Academy.

All participants in attendance were eligible to apply for the UNITE \$500 classroom grant. Throughout the workshop, attendees collaborated to develop new and innovative ideas to be used in grant proposals. UNITE would like to thank all participants who submitted a proposal - all were very exciting and engaging for students!

Congratulations to this year's winner, Carmela Balice! Ms. Balice is a student teacher at McCormick Elementary in Little Village in third grade. She will be using grant funds to transform the outside space of McCormick into a safe and exciting area through Project PLAY (Planning Lifestyle Activities for Youth). Look for her work along the blacktop space of McCormick.

UNITE would like to thank Katie Hallberg for facilitating, Daniel Wascho for helping participants plan, Collins Academy for providing space, and all participants for making the Grant Writing Workshop a success!



Register Now!

### **“All I Need Is A Classroom”**

Participants will attend two different sessions focusing on preparing them to get a teaching job! All in attendance will participate in a resume writing workshop. National Board Certified Teachers will be on hand to help critique resumes and lead small group discussions. Principals from grades schools and high schools all across Chicago will also be conducting one on one interviews followed by a debrief session of how to improve on your interviewing skills!

Saturday, May 28th  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
Wells Academy High School

Register online at [www.urbanneeds.org](http://www.urbanneeds.org)