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## Upcoming DC Event: Kick Off the New Year Right!



Join DC Connect on Thursday January 7, 2016 for a happy hour to benefit the District Team Charities and [the Daily Do Good!](#) The event will take place at Black Finn Ameripub (1620 I St NW, Washington, D.C) from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A donation of \$10 will aid the [Daily Do Good](#) in their continued efforts to provide free advertisements for featured non-profits.

- Thursday, January 7th
- 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Location: Black Finn Ameripub (1620 I Street, NW)
- Metro Stop: Farragut West (orange line)

Please register in advance using [Eventbrite](#), Facebook, or [Meetup](#).

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## Thank a Fed! Nominate them for a 2016 Service to America Medal



Know a federal employee in need of recognition for their exemplary public service? Nominate them for the Sammies! Dubbed the Oscars of government service, the Partnership for Public Service's [Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals](#) provide inspiring examples of the positive contributions federal employees make on our behalf every day.

Submitting one or more nominations is a great way to thank the outstanding civil servants you know for all of their hard work this year. [Start a nomination today.](#)

**Where can I find more information?** [Visit our website](#), where you will find eligibility criteria, category descriptions and profiles of past honorees. You can also check out our [guide to writing a winning nomination](#) or watch our ["How to Write a Winning Nomination" webinar](#).

**Why should I accept this invitation?** Even if they don't win the grand prize, all nominees receive a letter to thank them for their service and congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Nominations are open through January 15. There is no limit to the number of nominations an agency or nominator may submit, so tell your coworkers and friends about this program!

Questions? Contact Amy Mayer at [sammies@ourpublicservice.org](mailto:sammies@ourpublicservice.org) or (202) 464-5382.

## Upcoming DC Event: Graduate School Fair

Are you ready to make the next game-changing move in your career? Come explore your options at the QS World Grad School Tour. Network with admissions directors from some of the world's top grad schools, gain access to exclusive scholarships and attend free sessions from experts. Check out the [QS website](#) to get more info on which schools will be in attendance.

- Thursday, February 4, 2016
- 2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Location: National Press Club (529 14th Street, NW)

Register using [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) to receive [free entry](#).

## Kudos to the Greater Kansas City Chapter



Kudos to the Greater Kansas City Chapter of YGL for their successful Holiday Service event benefiting the City Union Mission. City Union Mission has provided food and safe shelter for thousands of poverty stricken men, women, and children in the Kansas City area for over ninety years.

Also, congratulations to the new leadership of Greater Kansas City YGL:

**President: Danielle Abbott** (Department of Labor)

**Vice President: Miesha Carr** (Department of Homeland Security)

**Director of Outreach: Amanda Hart** (Department of Homeland Security)

**Director of Membership: Keisha Clay** (Federal Aviation)

**Director of Communications: Bradley Jenkins** (Department of Homeland Security)

## Kudos to the Los Angeles Chapter!



Kudos to YGL Los Angeles for ending 2015 in service to others with their 2015 Holiday Drive! Members of the chapter spent the evening collecting donations for [My Friend's Place](#), a non-profit organization that provides vital services to over 1,000 homeless youths each year. Great job!

## We want to hear from you!

Did your chapter do something awesome this month? Have a member who deserves to be featured in an upcoming newsletter? Want to share information about a nationally-available event?

Contact Elizabeth Fischer Laurie at [efischerlaurie@younggov.org](mailto:efischerlaurie@younggov.org) to share your story. Content and photos may be featured in our monthly national newsletter.

## Upcoming DC Event: Start your New Year with YFPF

Kick off 2016 with [Young Professionals in Foreign Policy](#) (YFPF) at their 2016 Happy Hour, taking place on Monday, January 11, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Located at the Iron Horse Tap Room (507 7th St, Washington, D.C.), members and non-members alike are encouraged to come learn about all the career and network building benefits of YFPF. Non-members who register at the event will be extended a time-limited membership discount. We hope to see you there!



- Monday, January 11th
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Iron Horse Tap Room (507 7th Street, NW)
- Metro Stop: Gallery Place - Chinatown (red, yellow, and green lines)

Click [here](#) to RSVP.



## Did you know that GEICO offers YGL members discounts on auto insurance?

To complete your free, no-obligation rate quote, simply visit [geico.com/fed/ygl](http://geico.com/fed/ygl) or call **1-800-368-2734** to speak with an agent. Make sure to mention that you are a member of YGL so that you get the special discount.

# Know a Federal Employee in need of Recognition?

Nominate them for the Arthur S. Flemming Awards this year. [Nominations will be accepted](#) between November 2, 2015, and January 31, 2016.

The purpose of the [Arthur S. Flemming Award](#) is fourfold:

1. To recognize outstanding and meritorious achievement in working for the federal government;
2. To encourage the highest standards of performance in the federal service;
3. To enhance appreciation of our form of government and the opportunities and responsibilities that it presents; and
4. To attract outstanding individuals to a career in federal service.

Under the sponsorship of the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and in partnership with the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission, the Arthur S. Flemming Award is one of the most prestigious awards for service in the federal government. The [distinguished roll of honorees](#) includes several whose names have been in the public limelight: Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Paul Volcker, John Chancellor, Neil Armstrong, Elizabeth Dole, Harrison Schmitt, Robert Gates, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dr. Francis Collins, and William Phillips (Nobel Prize laureate).

Eligibility is restricted to individuals currently engaged in federal government service and who have served 3-15 years. Only years directly on the federal payroll are considered service.

[The nomination form](#) and more information about Arthur S. Flemming and the Awards program are available [on the website](#).

Feel free to contact Anna Duncan, Flemming Awards Coordinator, at [FlemmingAwards@gwu.edu](mailto:FlemmingAwards@gwu.edu) with any questions. Answers to frequently asked questions regarding the process can be found [here](#).



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