GA for the Appalachia Volunteers Program (20-hours, full-time)

The Appalachia Volunteers ("Appa") – one of the nation’s first alternative spring break programs and BC’s largest service-immersion program – is seeking a graduate assistant (GA) for 2016-17. The GA works closely with the program director to provide practical and pastoral support to this year-long program, its student leadership, and its participants. The GA should be motivated by a desire to foster student formation in the Ignatian context of a faith that does justice. As outlined in the program’s mission statement, “The Appalachia Volunteers program is committed to building community through loving, learning, and serving those in Appalachia and beyond.” Through these goals, and our presence in struggling regions throughout the nation, Appa seeks to build a better future by entering into solidarity with the poor in the U.S. Please visit bc.edu/appa for more information on our program.

Qualified GAs have the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of coordinating this program of some 500 undergraduate students. Specifically, duties include (but are not limited to):

- Attending weekly council meetings (Mondays from 6-8 p.m.)
- Facilitating leader formation with the program director – through weekly meetings (Sundays from 4:30 – 7 p.m.), daylong workshops, and an overnight retreat
- Providing pastoral presence to student leaders and participants
- Advise and assist the student leadership council in tasks including site selection, meeting programming, PR and outreach, fundraising, etc.
- Specific availability from 4:30 – 7 p.m. on Sundays and 6 – 8 p.m. on Mondays required.

If interested, please e-mail cover letter and resume to: Ryan Heffernan, Campus Minister for Appa hefferra@bc.edu