

## AFSCME'S Alternative Union Break

Dear Faculty Member,

Do you know:

- Students with strong communication and leadership skills who are committed to fighting for social and economic justice?
- Seniors who want to explore a career in union organizing?

**If so, help us get the word out about AFSCME's Alternative Break!**

### 2008 Alternative Union Break Dates & Locations

#### **Spring Break Session 1**

Date: March 2 – 6, 2008

Campaign: Ohio, helping childcare workers build their union.

#### **Spring Break Session 2**

Date: March 16 – 20

Campaign: Kentucky, working with state workers fighting to win a union.

*Open to College Seniors and Graduates who are seriously considering a career in union organizing. Deadline to apply is Feb. 8, 2008.*

**How It Works** Travel to an active union organizing campaign for five days of intensive training and organizing. You'll learn the basics of union organizing in the classroom and get hands on experience while talking with workers in their homes. Program participants will be provided with lodging and transportation during the week as well as a \$125 stipend for food. Transportation to the program is the responsibility of the participant.

**What You'll Learn** A typical day might include learning about local labor history, talking with workers about improving their working conditions, and participating in campaign strategy sessions. All participants will learn the AFSCME organizing model, which links grassroots organizing with a rigorous analysis of the power relationships that influence workers' lives.

Candidates who successfully complete AFSCME's Alternative Break program will be given priority consideration for AFSCME's year-long Organizer-in-Training positions (starting pay is \$34,212 and excellent benefits are included).

**Who We Are** The 1.4 million members of AFSCME (the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) provide the vital services that make America happen. With members in hundreds of different occupations — from nurses to bus drivers, child care providers to sanitation workers — AFSCME advocates for fairness in the workplace, excellence in public services and prosperity and opportunity for all working families.

**How to Apply** For more information about AFSCME's Alternative Break and to apply, check out our website at [www.unionbreak.org](http://www.unionbreak.org). For questions contact Rachel Panciera at [rpanciera@afscme.org](mailto:rpanciera@afscme.org).