

# Cali VanCleve

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## Education

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Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

December 2025

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

- Studied abroad at the London School of Languages and Cultures, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Service Hours: 1,320

## Awards and Achievements

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- David L. Boren Scholar
- Phi Beta Kappa Key into Public Service Scholar
- Mertie W. Buckman International Internship Recipient
- The Centre for Asian and Pacific Islanders (CAPI) Public Policy Initiative Fellowship
- First & Second Year Excellency in Russian
- Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Scholar

## Work Experience

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### Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)

*Executive Assistant*

*June 2022 - Present*

- Collaborate alongside the Executive Director on funding projects related to immigrant and refugee rights.
- Assist senior leadership with preparation of materials for board meetings and presentations.
- Manage incoming and outgoing correspondence for the Executive Director, including screening and directing of email communications.
- Garner responses to relevant policy changes, campaign, and services to community groups.
- Phone banking to listen to voters on their opinions regarding asylees and anti-Blackness sentiments.

### Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAHA) and Memphis Wesley

*Community Organizer, Board Member, & Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Intern* February 2023 - Present

- Powerbuild through community event planning, conversation creating, strategic planning, and relationship building as lead organizer within MICAHA's Immigration and Inclusivity Team and city of Memphis.
- Co-Founder of NOISE (Network of Organizing and Igniting Student Empowerment) bringing colleges in the Memphis area together and powerbuilding around city and statewide issues.
- Initiate and lead student-led campaigns and actions on local immigration issues advocating for policy change.

### TIRRC Votes

*Civic Engagement Coordinator*

*June 2022 - November 2022*

- Organized Vote Together Parties and door canvassing in Nashville and Memphis to mobilize immigrant and refugee communities to the polls and increase voter turnout for underrepresented communities.
- Canvassed over 2,500 doors and blasted over 10,000 texts to increase voter engagement and turnout.

### Refugee Empowerment Program (REP)

*Tutor for DreamKeepers High*

*August 2022 - February 2023*

- Increased knowledge on refugee youth power building and supported immigrant and refugee high schoolers on all subjects.
- Developed professional and college resources for high school seniors.

## Extracurriculars

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**Amnesty International Chapter at Rhodes College**

*Event Coordinator*

*May 2023 - Present*

- Organize presentations that vocalize the non-majority opinion on certain human rights issues.
- Promote and coordinate upcoming events by managing event information in the online platform Presence and create engaging outreach flyers.

### **Bonner Scholars Program**

*Bonner Leadership Team*

*September 2022 - Present*

- Supervise the Alumni Relations team which involves planning meetings, setting agendas, and communicating with upper-level staff coordinators.
- Organize and execute events for first-year students and Rhodes Bonner alumni in addition to attending Bonner Congress and hosting a workshop on *This is What Democracy Looks Like: Power Building*.
- Communicate with over 300 Bonner Scholars alumni to collect data while encouraging participation in upcoming events.

### **Rhodes Ambassadors**

*Philanthropy Committee*

*September 2022 - Present*

- Host events to increase donations to our Annual Fund, which ensures that tuition does not inflate.
- Attend monthly meetings to plan events and secure ways of high student engagement.

### **Rhodes Student Government (RSG)**

*Election Commissioner Class of 2026*

*September 2022 - Present*

- Ensuring all RSG elections are fair and equal—that no vote weighs more than another—through voter analysis.
- Configuring mathematically whether or not candidates reach the threshold.