OACS News

Upcoming OACS Events

November 2nd, 4:00pm – Global Service Immersion Information Session #3
November 8th, 12:10pm – Global Service Immersion Information Session #4
November 16th, 3:30-5:30pm – Global Service Symposium
November 15th – Global Service Immersion Applications Close
November 15th – Nichols Humanitarian Fund Applications Close
November 30th – Local OACS DIVE Closing Celebration
December 1st – Local OACS DIVE Applications Close

OACS Alumni Network LinkedIn Group
OACS encourages all students to join the Office of Active Citizenship and Service Alumni Network group on LinkedIn.

**Vanderbilt Named Pillar of Academia in Producing Community-Minded Students**

OACS and Vanderbilt are thrilled to hear that Vanderbilt University was recently named the Pillar of Academia in Service for producing the most altruistic and community-minded students!

**Keegan Traveling Fellowship**

Info sessions for students interested in the Keegan Traveling Fellowship will be offered in the OACS Lounge on November 2nd (12:45 – 1:15pm), November 14th (12:15 – 1:30pm), and December 8th (4:45 – 5:30pm).
Applications for the OACS Global Service Immersion Programs are now open until November 15th.

**Call for 2018 Global Service Immersion Site Leaders**

OACS is seeking qualified candidates to serve as co-site leaders for the 2018 OACS Global Service Programs to Ecuador, South Africa, and Norway. Applications available on Anchorlink.

**Nichols Humanitarian Fund Applications Open**
Applications for the Nichols Humanitarian Fund 2017-2018 are open until November 15th. The Nichols Humanitarian Fund enables students to volunteer for local, domestic, or international humanitarian service opportunities by making support available for educational, travel, and living expenses during their time of service.

**OACS in Bulgaria and Norway**

The mission of OACS’ new program, OACS in Bulgaria and Norway, is to examine the mechanisms of well-being in Bulgarian and Norwegian culture, with the goal of extrapolating actionable ideas that could be scaffolded to work on campus and in our local schools, businesses and communities here in the US.

**Local OACS DIVE Update**

The Local OACS DIVE programs addressing Affordable Housing and Food Waste/Food Deserts in Nashville are well underway!

**Applications for the Spring DIVE Cohort are Open Now!**
OACS is recruiting for the Spring 2018 DIVE Project: Empathizing with the Lived Experiences of Refugees. In this co-curricular DIVE Project, students will engage in the current global crisis of human displacement through a local lens in the Nashville community.

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**OACS November Student Spotlight**

Kyle is a hard working student with a heart of gold. I wanted Kyle to be highlighted in the OACS newsletter because I want others know what a special person he is!

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**OACS Vehicle Loan Program**

The OACS Vehicle Loan Program offers students access to 6 vehicles for transportation to service sites. For information on how to register to become an OACS certified driver, please visit our [website](#).

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**Student Service**
**Vanderbilt Makeathon**

Vanderbilt is hosting the first annual TOM makeathon at Vanderbilt’s brand new Wond’ry, January 19-21.

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**MEDLIFE Spring Break Service-Learning Application Open**

MEDLIFE is currently accepting applications to their spring break trip to Riobamba, Ecuador. Applications are due Tuesday, November 7th at 11:59pm.

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**The Wells Project “The 10 Days” Fundraiser**

From November 6th-15th, join the The Wells Project in giving up all beverages besides water. Then, donate what you would have spent on those drinks to The 10 Days, a campaign that builds wells in communities in South Ruhango, Rwanda.

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**Global Brigades Spring Break Service Trips Application Open**
Global Brigades is a nonprofit that sends college students on Spring Break service trips with the goal of making a lasting impact on communities throughout Latin America. Our Vanderbilt chapter currently offers three types of brigades: Medical, Engineering, and Business. Applications are live on Anchorlink and are due November 6th at midnight.

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The Art of Resistance

November is Native American Heritage Month and NATIVE and VAISES will host an event on November 13th called The Art of Resistance.

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Community News

Upcoming DIVE Bootcamp
The next DIVE Boot Camp on November 12, 2017 from 12:30pm – 5:00pm at the Wond'ry.

KIPP Recruiting Tutors

KIPP offers opportunities for undergraduate volunteers throughout the school year to tutor students and is currently recruiting for volunteers.

Hispanic Family Foundation Seeking Interns

The Hispanic Family Foundation is seeking a Communications and an Office Intern. Candidates must be bilingual.

Martha O’Bryan Center Seeking AmeriCorps Members

The Martha O’Bryan Center is seeking AmeriCorps Members to provide direct service in one of four areas – K8 Youth Development; High School; College & Career and Family Support. Members tutor, teach, plan curriculum and enrichment programs, perform community outreach and engagement, build relationships, and so much more.

Humanity in Action Fellowship
The Humanity in Action Fellowship is open to students and recent graduates of U.S. colleges and universities who are passionate about active citizenship, diversity and human rights. Current sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as graduates from the undergraduate classes of 2016 and 2017 are eligible to apply. Applications for students and recent graduates from European universities will open in late fall.

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**Salama Urban Ministries Seeking Volunteers**

Salama Urban Ministries is seeking volunteer tutors weekly and bi-weekly.

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**Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Seeking Volunteers**

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation of Chicago is hosting its fourth biennial international health care conference on pulmonary fibrosis from November 9-11 in Nashville. The Foundation is looking for approximately 15 people to serve as wayfinders during the Summit.