OACS November Newsletter

Each month the Active Citizenship & Service Newsletter will feature upcoming service events, immersion programs, trans-institutional partnerships, and learning opportunities from our office, our student organizations, and our community partners. Stay tuned in to OACS as your resource for community service at Vanderbilt!

Global Service Immersion Programs – applications due November 17

Applications are now available for each of the OACS Global Service Immersion Programs. This summer, OACS will be leading service-learning trips to London, Morocco, Ecuador, and South Africa and all interested students are encouraged to apply. You can find more information about each program here. We will also be hosting information sessions in the OACS Lounge, Rand 305. The next session will be:

Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30

Any questions can be emailed to individual site leaders or to oacs@vanderbilt.edu
Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington – applications due November 14

The Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington (VIEW) provides students with 8-week internships with leading non-profit agencies and congressional offices in D.C. over the summer. Each VIEW student also participates in a living-learning community and is paired with an alumni mentor for the summer. Applications for the VIEW 2015 program are due November 14!

For more information and to apply, visit the website!
Nichols Humanitarian Fund – applications due November 17

The Office of Active Citizenship and Service encourages all students to consider applying for the Nichols Humanitarian Fund. The Fund enables students to volunteer for domestic or international humanitarian service opportunities by making support available for educational, travel, and living expenses during their time of service.

For more information and the application, please visit the Nichols Humanitarian Fund website or visit the application directly here. If you have any questions about the Nichols Humanitarian Fund or the award application process, please contact Erika Larson in Vanderbilt University’s Office of Active Citizenship and Service at erika.l.larson@vanderbilt.edu.

Applications for the Nichols Humanitarian Fund service awards are still available! The Application Form will be available until November 17th, 2014 at midnight.
Save the Date: MLK Weekend of Service, Jan. 16-19

Make sure to mark your calendar for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend of Service and Action. This important event connects Vanderbilt students with the larger Nashville community in the spirit of peace and cooperative service Dr. King is remembered for. Join OACS and our affiliated student organizations January 16-19.

LIFE'S MOST URGENT QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Serve in Nashville

There are many worthwhile organizations operating in and around Nashville where dedicated people may volunteer their time. The Office of Active Citizenship and Service strongly urges all Vanderbilt students and employees to serve in a capacity that will be meaningful and impactful to the community. We often find the best parts of ourselves through helping others. To see a calendar of upcoming events where you can get involved, check out our webpage.

Community Partner Spotlight: Second Harvest

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee opened its doors in 1978. The purpose of the organization is to provide a central distribution center for companies, groups and individuals who wish to help provide food for hungry people in Middle Tennessee. Second Harvest's mission is to feed hungry people and work to solve hunger issues in our community.

Today, Second Harvest is one of the largest and most comprehensive food banks and food distribution centers nationwide. During the 2013/2014 fiscal year, Second Harvest distributed 28,010,520 pounds of food to over 450 Partner Agencies, providing more than 23 million meals to hungry children, families and seniors throughout their 46-county service area.

Second Harvest needs volunteers every day to help sort and pack food donations, prepare backpacks for hungry children, and assist with special events and administrative support. When you donate your time to Second Harvest, you become a partner in the fight against hunger in Middle Tennessee.

Those interested in volunteering should call 615-627-1570 or email volunteer@secondharvestmidtn.org
Student Spotlight: Ellen Rutherford

Holly Jones had the chance to interview Ellen.

**Holly:** What are your plans after graduation?

**Ellen:** I am graduating early, in December, and I'm looking forward to continuing my education in graduate school, studying either international relations or security studies.

**Holly:** Could you tell us a little about what you do with the organizations you're involved with?

**Ellen:** The two organizations I'm predominately involved in are Vanderbilt Animal Welfare Society (VPAWS) and the Vanderbilt College Democrats. As president of VPAWS for the last year and a half, I basically do a little of everything, from planning campus events and helping manage the finances to actually volunteering with our local animal rescue partners. Our members and my fellow board members are fantastic, and it's been the highlight of my time at Vanderbilt to work with both them and the wonderful people in the community who dedicate their time and effort to help animals.

I really started getting involved with Vanderbilt College Democrats last year and ended up being treasurer for the organization this year. It's rewarding, as a political science major, to participate in the democratic process with such a great group of people.
Holly: What is another highlight you've had at Vanderbilt?

Ellen: Another highlight of my time at Vanderbilt would have to be the VIEW (Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington) program. Through the program, I was able to spend last summer living in D.C. and working for a government relations firm. The internship not only helped me decide what I wanted to do with my life and gave me valuable experience working in politics but was also a lot of fun. I made both fantastic professional connections and great friends, and the program was very influential in shaping my future plans.

Ellen, we all wish you success in your future endeavors. You are AWESOME!
Project N.A.K.E.D.

Join Project N.A.K.E.D. for the Nearly Naked Mile 5k Race! Show up in layers of clothes you’re ready to donate to those in need, then take them all off (down to your running clothes) and RUN! Free t-shirts for everyone who donates 3+ items!

Friday, November 14th at 4pm

Proceeds and clothing will be donated to the Nashville Rescue Mission. They offer food, clothing and shelter to the homeless and hurting of Middle Tennessee.

Glamour Gals

Want to add glamour to another person's life? Glamour Gals is looking for more volunteers to go on Friday afternoons to retirement homes in the Nashville area and do the makeup and nails of the lady residents. Not only is this a wonderful community service opportunity, but you also brighten up the day of women who love having visitors and, like any gal, looking glamorous.
Please sign up through Anchor Link if you're interested!

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**Students for Change Against Power-Based Personal Violence**

**What:** Come hear about a new student initiative aimed to foster culture change on campus about issues related to power-based personal violence and sexual violence. A new group has been formed to discuss these issues and to organize student-lead initiatives to generate dialogue and change. Join us to help shape the direction of this new group!

**When:** Wednesday, November 12th, 8:30-9:30 pm

**Where:** Sarratt 189

**Who:** All students are welcome and encouraged to attend! Interested students should contact Abby Shachar at abigail.n.shachar@vanderbilt.edu for more information.
Common Sense Action

Common Sense Action is beginning to work on immigration policy proposals for our national summit. The national summit brings young people together from all over the country to discuss policy and make recommendations that are then advocated to our congress. Vanderbilt policies always perform well at the summit and we look forward to crafting new solutions this semester. Anyone who would like to be involved should contact Eugenia Perry at eugenia.c.perry@vanderbilt.edu or Madeline Gootman at madeline.a.gootman@vanderbilt.edu.
Graduate Assistants' Seminars

OACS is proud to have hosted the first of a series of monthly seminars by and for Graduate Assistants and Graduate Student Workers. These seminars will help increase awareness about the work done in Dean of Students offices. Janessa Dunn and Catherine Kelly presented details of their projects and answered questions about their experiences in OACS. This illuminating series will run through the year.
International Education Week & Passport Fair

International Education Week will be November 11-20. The schedule of events for the week can be found [here](#).

There is also a passport fair on November 19, where any student, faculty, staff, or community member can get their passport in one week and save $80! Check out the flier below.
PASSPORT FAIR
HIBI Expedited Service
HIBI On-Site Delivery

When: November 19, 2014 (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Where: Tennessee State Capitol, 315 5th Avenue South, Level 2, Room 1

Please bring the following with you on November 19, 2014:

1. Completed form DS-11 (if you are applying for the first time) or DS-82 (if your card has expired).
2. Two (2) passport-sized photo prints (2 x 2 inches) taken within the last 6 months, with white background.
3. A check or money order for the applicable fees: $140 for Basic services, $225 for expedited services.
4. A piece of primary identity that is valid after the passport expiration date.

Visit us online at: http://www.travel.state.gov for more information on all the Passport Fair.

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