

Ingram Scholar Alumni Spotlight

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Austin, Texas

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CURRENT OCCUPATION

Project Lead, Texas Open Education Resources

DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER PATH

Social sector strategy consultant to public service.

HOW DID THE INGRAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM PREPARE YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING TODAY?

Ingram Scholars, as a program, gave me a vision, tools, and network for a career in public service, and a community of people who, despite distance and differing paths, inspire and encourage one another. Perhaps more importantly, the other Ingram Scholars introduced me to new ideas and realities that continue to shape my ideas about all of life.

IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE THE INGRAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM IN THREE WORDS WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

Integrity, exposure, growth

WHAT DOES THE INGRAM SCHOLAR COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

A community where rigorous, often uncomfortable interrogation of purpose, means, and outcomes is met with mutual care and commitment to one another.

BEST INGRAM SCHOLAR MEMORY

25th Anniversary, seeing the large network of scholars and the people they have become, and what Vanderbilt and the Ingram Program meant to them, made me so very grateful to be a part of the community.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR CURRENT SCHOLARS WHO WANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR INGRAM SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE?

Seek out other Scholars who have very different life experiences and ideas about the world, and, with gentle curiosity, learn from them and about them. Serve the people in the Ingram Scholar Community with a similar degree of thoughtfulness as you seek to serve your community in Nashville and elsewhere.