

# OACS Alumni Newsletter

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## Alumni Spotlight



*Marley Kern,  
class of 2017*

Marley participated in the 2015 OACS Global Service Program in Ecuador, where she worked at a school for children with severe disabilities. Building on her experience in Ecuador, Marley is now an elementary school special education teacher at a school that has a high Spanish-speaking population. In Ecuador Marley says she “learned what special education looks like in a different country, and it also helped me decide what type of students I work with.” Marley continues to participate in service through volunteering with Ballet Folklórico, an organization that celebrates traditional Hispanic dances, and GOAL, a soccer team for under-privileged children. She remembers some of her favorite moments in Ecuador by noting, “On my trip, we spent the weekend in Sinchiwarmi, a village that was maintaining the spirit of their culture by educating visitors through their museum, traditional housing, and dancing. Learning about their way of life expanded my knowledge of the world. We also went on a hike to a waterfall through the rain forest, which was easily one of the most amazing experiences I’ve ever had!” Marley’s trip to Ecuador directly impacted her career choices, and she continues to live out the OACS motto: Explore. Act. Reflect.

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## OACS Events



### Homecoming Reception

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our OACS Alumni Reception during Reunion weekend! We loved catching up and hearing how each of you continues to give back to the community (and eating some local No Baked cookie dough!) We had over 50 alumni and current students join us. Anchor Down!



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## Vanderbilt Named a Pillar of Academia for Service

Vanderbilt University was ranked as the Pillar of Academia for the state of Tennessee, as well as being ranked #12 nationally, because of its commitment both to scholarship and service. As alumni, this is your legacy. You have shown students the importance of active citizenship both during your time at Vanderbilt and as you have gone out into a career. OACS wants to help you continue to connect and grow as you seek to be a change agent in our world. Because we know that service doesn't stop at graduation —our alumni rank community service as one of their highest values post-graduation.

So why wait? Connect with other alumni today and let's talk about how we can continue serving our community with a focus on empathy, accountability, and critical reflection in service.

<http://pillrs.com/blog/pillars-academia-top-us-national-universities-state-produce-altruistic-students/>

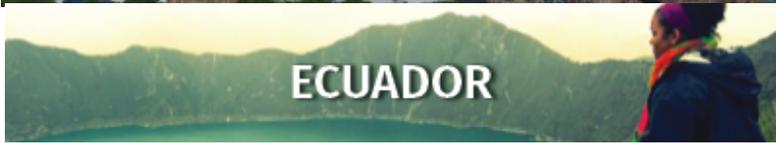
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## Launch of Global Alumni Pages

OACS announces the launch of its Global Service Programs alumni pages, an opportunity for alumni reflect on their transformative experiences and to be a part of our OACS community after their service has been completed. The summer 2016 and 2017 alumni sites are now live!

We will be creating pages for each of the previous cohorts from 2013 - 2017. If you have a picture or quote about your experience you would like included, email those to Lauren Moon at [lauren.moon@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lauren.moon@vanderbilt.edu).

*Know a current student who might want to get involved?  
Our Global Service Program applications are now open!*



Did you know...?

OACS has an Alumni Network on LinkedIn!

We want to connect with you! The OACS Alumni LinkedIn page serves as the social media hub for alumni seeking opportunities to engage and connect. With weekly updates of information and articles relevant to community engagement and action, the LinkedIn page provides alumni with an opportunity to network around service and active citizenship. Alumni can connect with each other and OACS staff as professional resources.

Join the "Office of Active Citizenship & Service Alumni Network" group on LinkedIn today!

## Job Opportunities



### The Martha O'Bryan Center

The Director of Service Learning at the Martha O'Bryan Center is looking for Americorps Members to add to their team. They have openings for their Youth Education Specialist, High School Education Specialist, Digital Inclusion Specialist, and Family Support Specialist. Learn more at [www.marthaobryan.org/careers](http://www.marthaobryan.org/careers) or by emailing Adam Strizich at [astrizich@marthaobryan.org](mailto:astrizich@marthaobryan.org).

### Hands On Nashville

Hands on Nashville (HON) is seeking a Community Relations Coordinator. The HON Community Relations Coordinator supports communications with key HON constituencies, including volunteers, community partners and others. The Coordinator oversees external relations platforms such as social media, newsletters and day-to-day correspondence. Learn more at [www.hon.org/HON\\_CurrentJobOpenings](http://www.hon.org/HON_CurrentJobOpenings).

### Safe Haven

Safe Haven Family Shelter is looking for a Career Coach. The Career Coach will guide clients in their search for employment by assessing their abilities, helping them create resumes, and providing community resources. They will also cultivate relationships with community leaders and local organizations to support the program. Learn more at [www.scooter.cnm.org/JobDetail.aspx?id=15240&rtn=s](http://www.scooter.cnm.org/JobDetail.aspx?id=15240&rtn=s).



## Nashville Public Library Foundation



The Nashville Public Library Foundation is looking for a part-time Outreach Assistant for its Bringing Books to Life! program. The program utilizes the Library's unique troupe of performing artists and historic collection of marionettes to foster reading readiness through literature-based theater presentations, classroom lessons, and family literacy workshops. The Outreach Assistant will participate in the preparation for and delivery of all program activities, especially parent workshops. Learn more at [www.scooter.cnm.org/JobDetail.aspx?id=5893&rtn=s](http://www.scooter.cnm.org/JobDetail.aspx?id=5893&rtn=s)

Have a job you'd like OACS alumni to know about?

Email [lauren.moon@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lauren.moon@vanderbilt.edu) to have it included in our next Alumni Newsletter.



## Give to Service

Donate **here** to continue contributing to the OACS community .

We want every interested student to have the chance to experience one of our Local or Global Services Programs. If you would like to contribute a donation towards student accessibility for these immersive experiences, follow these quick steps:

- Go to the Vanderbilt Giving page **here**.
- Select a designation of "Other."
- On the next page, make sure to enter "Office of Active Citizenship and Service" as the designation.

**Thank you for continuing your commitment to the OACS community!**

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