

# NICHOLS HUMANITARIAN FUND

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Forty-two students have been selected to receive the Nichols Humanitarian Fund Award to pursue humanitarian projects during the summer of 2017.

The award will enable students to work with communities on humanitarian efforts including human rights, public health, immigrant rights, early childhood education, and environmental sustainability. The average GPA of the student recipients is 3.46, and the countries where they will work include Ecuador, England, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Israel, Morocco, Palestine, Peru, Russia, South Africa, the United States, and Vietnam.



## **NANCY ANOSIKE**

Dallas, TX | Economics, African American  
Diaspora Studies | 2018

Nancy Anosike is a junior in the College of Arts & Science at Vanderbilt University. She is from Dallas, TX although she was born in Imo State, Nigeria. Nancy is a double major in Economics and African-American and Diaspora Studies with a minor in French. This summer, she will be joining the OACS Service Learning Experience cohort in South Africa. This program focuses on community development within a nation in transition. Along with her cohort members and local staff, Nancy will be training students at a local academic institution in various skills in order to expand their future economic and educational prospects.



## **ZOE BROWN**

Denville, NJ | Sociology, Computer  
Science | 2019

Originally from Denville, New Jersey, Zoe is a sophomore studying Sociology and Computer Science. She is also studying Arabic and hopes to further develop her knowledge of the language while she lives with a host family in Rabat, Morocco this summer. While living in Rabat, Zoe will partner with a local NGO to aid in women's rights initiatives in the region alongside a small cohort of other Vanderbilt students. Once she has returned, Zoe hopes to utilize her experience in foreign aid to support service projects in the Nashville community.



## **NAOMI CHAN**

Pleasanton, CA | Cognitive Studies | 2018

Naomi Chan is a junior from the San Francisco Bay Area, and is a Cognitive Studies major. This summer, she will be working with Operation Groundswell (OG), a service that provides ethical volunteering opportunities, educational programming, and fully immersive experiences. Through OG, Naomi will be volunteering with Rabbis for Human Rights, an organization that advocates for the rights of marginalized members in Israel and Palestine. Additionally, Naomi will be volunteering with Shorashim, an organization that creates programming between Israeli and Palestinian families in order to foster understanding and nonviolence between the two populations.



## **SOPHIA DRUFFNER**

Dallas, TX | Applied Mathematics, Violin Performance, Pre-Med Track | 2019

This summer, Sophie will volunteer for three weeks in Camden, New Jersey at the Camden Health Care Coalition and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic hospital. She is extremely interested in how effective preventative health care systems can lower emergency room visits in patients with chronic health conditions. To do this, she will compare her experiences at the two organizations via daily blog posts and weekly analyses of her experiences, especially in the light of Catholic social teaching about the dignity of the human person, regardless of poverty level or social status. She is looking forward to the opportunity so that she can learn more about health care to be the best Catholic physician that she can be.



## **AGATHA FENECH**

Cedar Falls, IA | Political Science, English, Women's and Gender Studies | 2019

Agatha, originally from Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is majoring in Political Science with minors in English and Women's and Gender Studies. This summer, she will be going on the Vanderbilt Office of Active Citizenship and Service Trip to Rabat, Morocco, to work with organizations advancing human rights and women's rights in Morocco. She is very excited and grateful for this opportunity to learn and serve.



## **RAQUEL GIBSON-STARKS**

Chandler, AZ | Child Development | 2018

Raquel Gibson-Starks is a junior from Chandler, Arizona. She is in Vanderbilt's Peabody College of Education and Human Development and will be graduating with a degree in child development in the Spring of 2018. This summer, Raquel will be serving in Rabat, Morocco alongside local organizations. Raquel is looking forward to attending pre-trip seminars that will help her learn about the community she will be living in and how to best serve them. She hopes to focus on empowering women and instilling a passion for learning in young students.



## **BRI GRANTHAM**

Gainesville, FL | Medicine, Health and Society,  
Pre-Nursing Track | 2017

Bri Grantham, from Gainesville, FL, is a MHS major who is working toward a degree on the Pre-Nursing tract. Due to the funds provided by the Nichols Humanitarian Fund, she will be traveling to Quito, Ecuador through the Office of Active Citizenship and Service. This summer, she will have the opportunity to serve the Ecuadorian community alongside members of the Yanapuma Foundation. Bri and her cohort will be working with various schools to aid disadvantaged or disabled children and adolescents while living with local families. She is excited about the prospect of serving the global community, working with children and adolescents, and to learn from the individuals she will be serving.



## **MCKENZIE GREEN**

Austin, TX | Human & Organizational  
Development, Public Policy | 2020

McKenzie is a first year student from Austin, Texas. She is double majoring in Human & Organizational Development and Public Policy. McKenzie will be working with Project Rishi in Pamulaparthi, India. Her team will be working with primary and secondary schools in this village to promote health and education by extending plumbing and electricity. They also plan to provide informative workshops and collect further data on the area to organize future sustainable projects.



## **LAURYN HARDY**

Chantilly, VA | Economics, Medicine,  
Health and Society | 2018

Lauryn is from Chantilly, Virginia. A member of the class of 2018, Lauryn is double majoring in Economics and Medicine, Health, and Society. In the summer of 2017, Lauryn will be living in Rabat, Morocco as a part of the OACS Global Service Program. While there, Lauryn will be volunteering with an NGO that focuses on human rights and economic development.



## **JEREMY BRITT HATCHER**

Dacula, GA | Human and Organizational  
Development, Health and Human Services | 2017

Britt Hatcher is a senior in Peabody College at Vanderbilt University. He is from Dacula, GA. Britt is an HOD- HHS major and will be attending medical school next year. His Nichols Fund Project involves participating in an internship with Primeros Pasos, a rural health clinic in southwestern Guatemala. While there, he will be working with the organization as a volunteer with their clinic and rural health initiatives, as well as conducting research and contributing to strategic business planning, organizational development, and grant writing for Primeros Pasos.



## **JORDAN HENDERSON**

St. Louis, MO | Engineering Science | 2018

Jordan Henderson is a junior, Engineering Science major from St. Louis, Missouri. This summer, Jordan will be serving communities in London, England through Vanderbilt's Office of Active Citizenship and Service (OACS) Summer Service Program. This two-part program includes pre-trip training and informational sessions followed by six weeks of on-site service. In London, the service projects will address issues ranging from education to community development among minority populations.



## **AZEEM HERNANDEZ**

New York, NY | Neuroscience | 2019

Azeem Hernandez is a current sophomore from New York, NY and a potential neuroscience major. In addition to his job in Residential Education, he is a member of Hidden Doers and Posse. In his free time at home, Azeem works with organizations like Avon Walk for a Cure and NYCLU. Azeem will be participating in the Global OACS London experience and serve with one of the London program community partner organizations.



## **MALIK HOLLINGSWORTH**

Memphis, TN | Engineering Science, Women's and Gender Studies | 2017

Malik D. Hollingsworth is a senior majoring in Engineering Science and Women's and Gender Studies. He is extremely excited to be part of the OACS South Africa Cohort. He will be spending six weeks between Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, and Cape Town learning about the history and culture of the nation and working to support a local community through numerous avenues such as the medical clinic and primary school.



## **SHELBY HOUSE**

Blackshear, GA | Middle Eastern & South Asian Studies, Comparative Politics | 2017

Shelby House is a senior from Blackshear, Georgia. She is double majoring in Middle Eastern & South Asian Studies and Comparative Politics. During the spring semester, she will be studying Urdu at the American Institute of Indian Studies in Lucknow, India. During her time in Lucknow, she will be volunteering with the Association for Advocacy and Legal Initiatives (AALI), a feminist activist NGO which seeks to attain equal rights for women in South Asia by offering legal aid, conducting policy analysis, and organizing for state accountability. She will conduct policy research and translate materials between Hindi, Urdu, and English as needed.



## **AUSTIN ISAAC**

Alpharetta, GA | Neuroscience, Spanish | 2016

Austin Isaac graduated from Vanderbilt in December 2016 and is planning to attend medical school in the fall. In his gap semester, he is addressing the lack of neurology care in Northern Honduras by collecting relevant data from patient charts in the region's hospitals and clinics and writing a grant to fund diagnostic equipment for a new neurology department at Hospital de Occidente in Santa Rosa de Copán. In Guatemala, he is serving as a health education volunteer through Primeros Pasos, a children's clinic that is the sole healthcare provider for the twelve rural communities surrounding the city of Quetzaltenango. Austin is excited to finally combine his degrees in Neuroscience and Spanish to achieve his mission of providing healthcare to medically underserved communities in Latin America.



## **ANNALISE JIRIK**

Cabot, AR | Human & Organizational Development,  
Financial Economics | 2019

Annalise Jirik is a sophomore from Cabot, Arkansas. She is a Human and Organizational Development major with a minor in Financial Economics. This summer, Annalise will be participating in a service trip to Vladimir, Russia where she will work with local non-profits and grass roots initiatives. Annalise hopes to address the contentious relationship between America and Russia by forming direct relationships with the Russian people and serving their communities through these service projects. Her overarching goal is to embrace new perspectives and challenge viewpoints while fostering a cross-cultural understanding that spans from Russia to Nashville.



## **JULIE JONES**

Muskegon, MI | International Development and Social  
Change, Theatre, Human and Organizational  
Development | 2018

Julie Jones is a junior from Muskegon, Michigan. She created her own interdisciplinary major in International Development and Social change and has two minors in Theater and Human and Organizational Development. Julie will be working with the Melissa Network, an organization started by settled refugee women to aid newly-arrived refugee families in Athens, Greece. The network promotes empowerment, communication, and active citizenship through a range of skills-building workshops and language classes.



## **ALEC JOTTE**

Denver, CO | Biochemistry | 2019

Alec Nicolas Angelo Jotte is a sophomore from Denver, Colorado. He is majoring in Biochemistry. Alec will be working with Fundación Esperanza in Quito, Ecuador, an organization that reaches out to the needs of economically, physically, and mentally challenged children, teens, and young adults by providing education, medical services, rehabilitation, and vocational training. Alec looks forward to gaining a stronger grasp of the Spanish language and to gain insight into analyzing societal issues that are rooted heavily in the political and economic history of the place in which they exist. Alec hopes to use these skills in his future career endeavors in healthcare and social services.

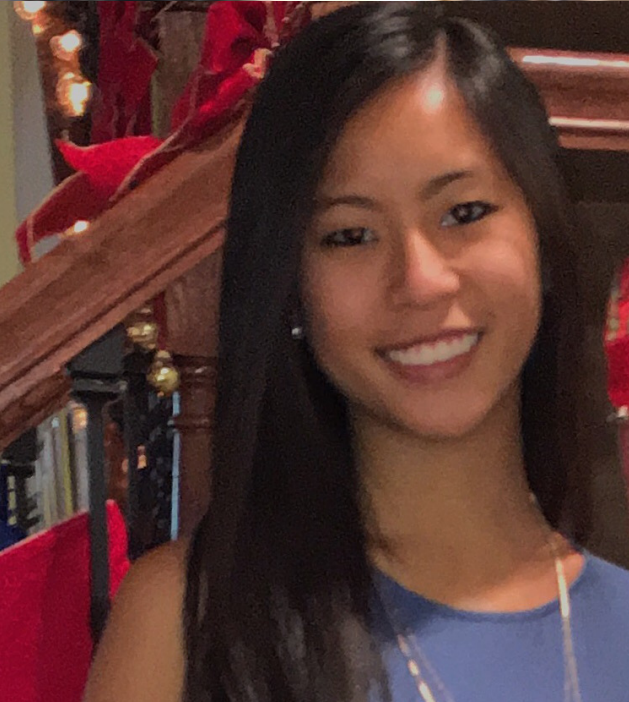




## **PRIYANKA KADARI**

Hometown, World | Medicine, Health, and Society, Pre-Med track | 2019

Priyanka Kadari is a sophomore majoring in Medicine, Health and Society on the pre-medical track. Her service project will be focusing on developing the primary rural school in Pamulaparathi, a village on the outskirts of Hyderabad, India. This summer, the goal is to provide the primary school with running water, electricity and a safer way to cook midday meals. She is representing Project RISHI, Vanderbilt, which has partnered with this village to strengthen its educational system over the next five to ten years.



## **CAITLYN KO**

Mundelein, IL | Medicine, Health, and Society, Pre-Med track, Spanish, Chemistry | 2017

Caitlyn Ko grew up in Mundelein, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. A member of the class of 2017, Caitlyn is majoring in Medicine, Health, and Society on the pre-med track, and is minoring in Spanish and Chemistry. Through the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, Caitlyn is extremely excited to participate in their Global Service Project to London. Here she will be working with a non-profit organization in the borough of Newham to help address issues on community healthcare and health education within the immigrant populations of East London. She hopes to learn about the most efficacious ways for healthcare systems to address racial and ethnic health disparities, and apply them to her future academics and career.



## **AUSTIN KONKLE**

Columbia, SC | Political Science, Communication Studies | 2019

Austin Konkle is a sophomore from Columbia, South Carolina double-majoring in Political Science and Communication Studies in the College of Arts and Science. He is beyond excited to join the Office of Active Citizenship and Service this summer for their annual trip to Morocco. He will be working with local human rights organizations to provide necessary education and civil services to men, women, children, and refugees.



## **GARRETT LAPPE**

Big Rock, IL | Economics, Russian | 2019

Garrett grew up primarily in the small town of Big Rock, Illinois. This is his second year at Vanderbilt, and fourth year of college. He is an Economics major and is adding a Russian minor. His project includes many opportunities for service in the small city of Vladimir, 120 miles east of Moscow. Focused projects include trips to a hospital for handicapped children and a dog shelter, and he'll also have the chance to volunteer at a local preschool and veterans' home.



## **NARIKO LEE**

Queens, NY | Human & Organizational  
Development, Medicine, Health, and Society | 2020

Nariko Lee is a freshman from Queens, New York. She is majoring in Human and Organizational Development with a tentative second major of Medicine, Health, and Society. Nariko is participating in the OACS Global Service Program in South Africa where she will be learning about the history and ramifications of Apartheid. On top of gaining this knowledge, she will also be volunteering in a health clinic, primary school, and other community centers. Nariko is excited to learn more about the history and culture of South Africa and also hopes that her service work helps solidify her career choice.



## **HENRY LU**

Edwardsville, IL | Molecular and Cellular Biology, Medicine,  
Health and Society | 2020

Henry Lu is a freshman from Edwardsville, IL. He is double majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Medicine, Health, and Society. Henry plans on attending medical school and eventually becoming a medical practitioner, all while helping others by working on domestic and global health policies and volunteering as a doctor around the world. This generous grant from the Nichols Humanitarian Fund will help Henry set up mobile clinics across Peru, aiding those who lack medical supplies and setting up a foundation for future volunteer work to come.



## **JULIA MANCINI**

Andover, MA | Human & Organizational Development,  
Community Leadership and Development track | 2019

Julia is a sophomore from Andover, Massachusetts who is majoring in Human & Organizational Development with a track in Community Leadership and Development. She has a passion for service work and education, and is hoping to further this as she travels to London this summer as a member of the Office of Active Citizenship and Service's Global Service Program. She will be working alongside community members in local organizations that tackle immigration, poverty, and public health issues within East London.



## **LO MEISEL**

St. Louis, MO | Human & Organizational Development,  
Public Policy Studies | 2019

Lo Meisel is a sophomore from St. Louis, Missouri double majoring in Human and Organizational Development and Public Policy Studies. Lo is incredibly excited to participate in the OACS Global Service Program trip to Morocco for six weeks over the summer, where they will learn more about Morocco's culture and experience human rights activism in different global contexts. Lo hopes to bring this new knowledge and experience back to Vanderbilt, where they will continue to be involved with various service and activism organizations like Alternative Winter Break and the Vanderbilt Lambda Association.



## **SARAH NASH**

Anderson, SC | English | 2018

Sarah Nash is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt, pursuing an English major. She is from Anderson, South Carolina. Her service project will be in Vladimir, Russia, where she will spend time with World War II veterans and will help to maintain the facilities of the town's small Youth Education Center. She hopes to not only increase her understanding and appreciation of Russian culture through meeting those that she will be helping, but also hopes to improve her Russian language skills.



## **ASHLEY NMOH**

Nashville, TN | Psychology, Medicine, Health and Society | 2019

Ashley NMOH is a sophomore from Nashville, TN. She is double majoring in Psychology and Medicine, Health, and Society with hopes of going to medical school after graduation. She will be using the money awarded to her from the Nichols Humanitarian Fund to participate in an OACS service learning trip in South Africa this summer. She will be working with the Missionvale Care Centre and volunteering at their primary school, medical clinic, garden, and other community resources while examining the effect the Apartheid still has on South Africa today.



## **TUNMISE OLOWOJOBA**

Atlanta, GA | Medicine, Health and Society, Pre-Med track, African American Diaspora Studies | 2018

Tunmise Olowojoba is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is pre-medicine, majoring in Medicine, Health, and Society and minoring in African American Diaspora Studies. This summer, Tunmise will work on a service project addressing racial and ethnic health disparities in multicultural boroughs of London. Through the Vanderbilt Office of Active Citizenship and Service (OACS) Summer Service Program, Tunmise anticipates that the time spent in London will allow her to learn from various models of health service delivery to diverse populations.



## **BONNIE PANG**

Honolulu, HI | English, Russian, Asian Studies | 2019

Bonnie Pang is a sophomore from Honolulu, Hawaii in the College of Arts and Science. She is currently a English and Russian double major with a minor in Asian Studies. Bonnie will be going to several places in Russia such as Vladimir, Moscow, and St. Petersburg to interact with native speakers there and to learn about the culture and history of Russia. In Vladimir, she will be living with a host family as well as doing community service at an orphanage, veterans' home, and dog shelter. She hopes her time in Russia will both teach her many things about modern-day Russia and its history, as well as improve her skill in the language.



## ARAMINTA RAY

Knoxville, TN | Medicine, Health, and Society, French | 2018

Minta is a junior from Knoxville, Tennessee majoring in Medicine, Health, and Society with a minor in French. While Minta's future dreams involve attending medical school and providing healthcare for the underserved in rural Appalachia, her time at Vanderbilt and serving in the Nashville community has instilled a deep appreciation for education as a tool for improving all aspects of society. Minta plans to further explore the power of education while spending her summer teaching English to fellow college students in Da Nang, Vietnam. The project is a cultural exchange, and she will also be taking Vietnamese courses and spending time with locals.



## SARAH ROBINSON

Atlanta, GA | Musical Arts, Music History | 2018

Sarah Robinson, originally from a suburb of Atlanta, is a member of the class of 2018. Sarah is pursuing a major in Musical Arts with a concentration in Music History. She will be serving in Rabat, Morocco with OACS this summer. The two-part program includes pre-trip trainings and informational sessions followed by six weeks of on-site service. While in Rabat, she hopes to gain a deeper understanding of Moroccan culture while examining the role and status of women in Islam in light of ongoing, modern social changes.



## EMMA STEWART

Kansas City, MO | Political Science, History | 2018

Emma is a junior from Kansas City double majoring Political Science and History. She is passionate about issues of civic engagement, homelessness advocacy, and cultural competency. This summer, Emma will travel to Rabat, Morocco with the OACS Global Service cohort. While in Morocco, she will work with local NGOs focused on human rights, immigration, women's rights, and education. The six-week program features a living-learning homestay and reflection sessions focused on identifying and addressing issues of inequity and justice on a global scale.



## AJIKE SUMPTER

Chicago, IL | Sociology, African American Diaspora Studies | 2018

Native to Chicago and its south suburbs, Ajike is a 3rd year student in the Sociology department. She is also pursuing an African American and Diaspora Studies minor. In the upcoming summer, she will be participating in the Global OACS Service-Learning Program in South Africa. Ajike will be mostly serving in the Missionvale Care Centre, which provides health and wellbeing services to community members in Port Elizabeth. Ajike is grateful to Global OACS for her participation, and cannot wait to embark on this amazing journey.



## IZABELA TYSZKA

Grayslake, IL | Human & Organizational Development | 2017

Izabela will be serving at Missionvale, a holistic care center that sustains a whole community facing systemic barriers by providing everything from food and medical services to education. She will not only have the opportunity to work alongside community partners, but also to support to her peers experience intentional engagement and reflection as a student leader with the OACS Global Service South Africa cohort.



## DENISE WANYANA

Rwanda, East Africa | Medicine, Health, and Society | 2018

Denise Wanyana is a rising senior at Vanderbilt majoring in Medicine, Health, and Society. Denise is an international student from Rwanda, East Africa. This summer, she will be participating in a London Global Service program through Vanderbilt's Office of Active Citizenship and Service. Denise will be working with local organizations in East London that address community healthcare, well-being, leadership, and self-management. She hopes to learn more about the healthcare system and bridge the gap between her course work and the real world.



## BRIANNA WATKINS

Decatur, AL | Political Science, Human & Organizational Development | 2018

Brianna Watkins is a junior from Decatur, Alabama. She is double majoring in Political Science and Human and Organizational Development. The Nichols Fund will help Brianna serve the community of Newham, a borough in London, through the OACS London Service Learning Program. The program specializes in healthcare policy, immigration advocacy, women's rights, and youth development, while serving alongside members of the community.



## CAROLYN YEE

Honolulu, HI | Cognitive Studies, Neurology | 2019

Carolyn Yee is a member of the Class of 2019 from Honolulu, HI. She is pursuing a double major in Cognitive Studies and Neuroscience. Carolyn is honored to be a part of the Vanderbilt OACS Global Service Immersion Program in South Africa. She will be serving alongside community members in the Missionvale Care Centre and Kurios Trend Community Resource Center in Port Elizabeth. She hopes to gain a deeper understanding of the systematic injustices caused by the Apartheid and the ways which education can be a transformative tool out of poverty.



## CLARA YIP

Tampa, FL | Computer Science, Mathematics | 2017

Clara is a senior from the sunny skies of Tampa, FL. She is studying Computer Science and Mathematics. This summer, Clara will be participating in the OACS Global Service Program to Quito, Ecuador. She will be engaging with the local community to learn about education inequality and sustainable community development.



## **LAURA GRONAUER**

Winchester, VA | Vanderbilt University Law School

Laura is a rising second-year law student from Winchester, VA. This summer, Laura will be working for the Justice Defenders Program at the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights in Washington, DC. The program provides pro bono legal assistance to human rights advocates who suffer harassment in retaliation for their advocacy efforts. Laura's work will support the program's mission of advocating for fundamental rights, including access to justice, fair trial standards, and respect for freedom of association and expression. Prior to attending Vanderbilt Law School, Laura worked with members of underserved communities who were victims of financial crimes during her tenure at the New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney's Office.



## **YUGUANG LEI**

Hunan, Changsha, China | Vanderbilt University Law School

Yuguang is a law student in the class of 2019 from Hunan, Changsha, and majored in Philosophy at the University of Kansas with a specific interest in symbolic logic. This summer, Yuguang will work as a legal intern at the Mental Hygiene Legal Service of Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department. Yuguang will assist client interviews and depositions, write legal documents, and aid attorneys in their contact with the clients.



## **HYDN PARK**

Tigard, OR | Vanderbilt University Law School

Hydn Park is a law student with a background in psychology and music. This summer, she will be working for the Maryland Office of the Attorney General in Baltimore, in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. As a law clerk, Hydn will conduct research, write memos and briefs, and otherwise support the Attorney General and the Assistant Attorney General.