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## OACS News

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### MLK Weekend of Service



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of Service begins today. Join students, staff, and faculty from across the university in a weekend of action and reflection as we honor the efforts and contributions of Dr. King in challenging the discourse on civil (dis)obedience and justice for all humankind. Visit the [website](#) to see a list of projects and to get involved. OACS also encourages students to participate in the MLK Joint Day of Service, joining 300+ volunteers from Belmont, Fisk, Lipscomb, Meharry, Nashville State, Tennessee State University, and Trevecca. Click [here](#) to learn more.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Series was established in 1985 at Vanderbilt University as a celebration of the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorating Rev. Dr. King's life and legacy, the University community will gather together on this national holiday for a series of programs including: participation in the city-wide march, community service, educational forums, and lectures. In honoring Rev. Dr. King, Vanderbilt University affirms its own

commitment to the goals of peace and racial justice to which Rev. Dr. King dedicated his life.

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## OACS Global Service

The poster is a vertical stack of four images, each representing a different global service location. At the top, it says 'OACS GLOBAL SERVICE SUMMER 2017'. The first image is of London, showing a street scene with a statue. The second is South Africa, showing a large, curved structure. The third is Ecuador, showing a person sitting on a boat on a lake. The fourth is Morocco, showing a lighthouse on a cliff overlooking the ocean. At the bottom, there is a table of information sessions and an application due date.

INFORMATION SESSIONS: RAND 305		APPLICATION DUE:
October 10	5:00 pm	NOVEMBER 15
October 24	12:10 pm	
November 2	4:00 pm	
November 9	12:10 pm	

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DEAN OF STUDENTS | Arts & Citizenship & Service | VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

OACS enrolled 54 students into the four [Global Program](#) cohorts, our largest group ever! Seminars will begin shortly and students will participate in the MLK Weekend of Service and MLK Joint Day of Service activities. OACS Service Programs challenge students to question their perspectives and roles in the shared human experience through pre-service curriculum, intensive service, post-service skills application, and continuous reflection. The programs are prudently planned in order to best facilitate students' abilities to connect meaningfully with people different from themselves through humble engagement and reciprocal dialogues within host communities. Through this exposure to firsthand knowledge and lived experiences, students will examine the deeper issues related to equity and justice and identify systematic barriers to equality

and inclusivity. Students with a sincere desire to grapple with the complexity of human connectedness, to challenge their known values, and to reconcile academic knowledge with an authentic exploration of social and environmental injustices are encouraged to apply for an OACS Service Program.

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## Redefine

REDEFINE

SERVING LOCALLY, CONNECTING GLOBALLY

*Spring Semester 2017*

OACS, ISSS & the Nashville Food Project  
invite you to explore the meaning of service

Applications due December 16th  
Seminars and service begin January

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DEAN OF Students | Active Citizenship & Service

Nashville FOOD Project

DEAN OF Students | International Student & Scholar Services

[Redefine](#) has enrolled 16 students from 7 countries into the 2017 cohort! Our first activity will see students participating in a meal service at Trinity United Methodist Church in East Nashville next Tuesday evening. Our first seminar will take place January 23<sup>rd</sup> as we welcome Tallu Quinn, Executive Director of The Nashville Food Project, to lecture on the mission and scope of TNFP. In Redefine, students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the global conceptualization of community service, comparing and contrasting across cultures. This is done thematically through partnership between OACS, ISSS, and the [Nashville Food Project](#). Students will serve with a non-profit organization

that is delivering real impact in Nashville through its mission of cultivating community and alleviating hunger. This means that global conceptualizations of community service are explored through the twin themes of hunger alleviation and community cultivation with the additional layers of local/global relationships and friendship building.

## Cultivating Roots

**Cultivating Roots:**

• ACCESS • EQUITY • EDUCATION •

This spring semester immersion combines community-based learning with seminar reflections to better understand the impact quality education and access to the workforce can have in the Nashville community.

*Seminar Topics*

- Access to Equitable Education
- Programming, College Preparation and Youth Development
- Discrimination in the Workforce and Barriers to Success

*Community Partners*

- Susie Brannon McJimpsey Center
- Stronger than my Father
- OASIS College Connection Center
- NICE
- Salama Ministries

**AnchorLink Applications due December 5th**

DEAN OF Students | Active Citizenship & Service

[Cultivating Roots: Access to Equitable Education and the Workforce](#) had an overwhelming amount of student interest this fall. OACS created a cohort of 13 students who will be working co-curricularly with [OASIS Center](#), [Stronger Than My Father](#), [Salama Urban Ministries](#), [NICE's Adult Education Program](#), and the [Susie Brannon McJimpsey Center](#). The cohort will come together for the first time tomorrow at Nashville International Center for Empowerment for the Meaningful Service Institute. This institute will provide students with a

foundational knowledge of what it means to contribute meaningfully to a non-profit through regular volunteering. Students will be participating in activities and discussions surrounding power and privilege dynamics, critical consciousness, healthy community engagement practices, and volunteer etiquette.

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## Student Service

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### Circle K



Vanderbilt Circle K International (CKI) is a service organization that prides itself on performing a variety of service activities that have an immediate impact on the Nashville community. This year we've also been placing a large emphasis on building sustainable relationships with our community partners to ensure that their long-term goals are being met. One such community organization that has agreed to partner with CKI is [Open Table Nashville](#). To learn more & participate in CKI service events, be sure to request membership under CKI's AnchorLink [page](#), and like our Facebook page [here](#) to keep up with what we're up to!

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## Community News

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**We call on all defenders of human rights to join us  
in sending a bold message to our new administration.**

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

**This is an inclusive march.  
All supporters of women's rights are welcome.**

**NASHVILLE - TN  
JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**RALLY BEGINS AT 10am  
@ CUMBERLAND PARK**



**Vanderbilt Awards for Leadership Excellence**



What better way to start off 2017 than reflecting on your personal and organizational accomplishments from 2016? Student Leadership Development and Student Organizations invite you to [apply](#) for one or more of the Vanderbilt Awards for Leadership Excellence (VALE). Known previously as The Magnolia Awards, VALE recognizes the work of individual students and organizations that positively shape the Vanderbilt community.

17 Individual Awards and 7 Student Organization awards will be given for leadership in the areas of service, intercultural awareness, residential education, recreational sports, academic achievement, and more! For a full list of award criteria, visit the [awards page](#).

Applications for all awards are LIVE and will close on February 13th. More information can be found [here](#) and applications are available [here](#). Save the date for the VALE Ceremony on April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Student Life Center – more details to come. Questions regarding the Individual Awards can be directed to Brooke Wilson ([brooke.r.wilson@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:brooke.r.wilson@vanderbilt.edu)) and questions regarding the Student Organization awards can be directed to Wil De Los Santos ([wil.delossantos@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:wil.delossantos@vanderbilt.edu)).

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## Cheekwood





Cheekwood is recruiting interns for spring and summer 2017. To learn more, visit their [webpage](#) or contact Docent and Intern Coordinator [Haley Combs](#).

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## Vanderbilt Summer Academy



Are you looking for a summer job that offers terrific professional experience and leadership training? A job that pays well and provides room and board? Vanderbilt Summer Academy might have the perfect job for you.

### **Who we are:**

Vanderbilt Summer Academy (VSA) offers accelerated courses to academically gifted students going into grades 8 – 12. Students live on campus and take courses taught by VU faculty and advanced graduate students in a challenging, yet supportive, environment.

### **What we're looking for:**

Each year we hire VU undergraduates and graduate students as part of our residential team. Just as we have high school students in our programs interested in a wide range of academic disciplines, we encourage VU students from all fields of study to apply! Below are two different ways you could become involved with VSA:

**How to apply:**

Access our online [Proctor Application](#) or our online [Program Assistant Application](#). Interviews will be scheduled after February 1st, when applications are formally reviewed. If this sounds exciting to you, we have year-round opportunities in other programs. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about other programs in the VSA family. Questions or concerns? Please contact John M. Girdler, Communications and Residential Programs Coordinator at [john.m.girdler@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:john.m.girdler@vanderbilt.edu).

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