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## OACS News

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## **Upcoming OACS Events**

October 1st – VIEW and Nichols Humanitarian Fund Applications Available

October 1st – Global Service Immersion Programs Applications Available

October 1st – OACS in Bulgaria and Norway Applications Available

October 3rd, 3:30-4:30 PM – VIEW Information Session #1

October 4th, 4:00-5:00 PM – VIEW Information Session #2

October 6th, 3:00-5:00pm – OACS Alumni Reception

October 9, 5:00pm – Global Service Immersion Information Session #1

October 10th, 3:00-4:00 PM – VIEW Information Session #3

October 11th, 2:00-3:00 PM – VIEW Information Session #4

October 20th – Lived Experience of Refugees DIVE Application Available

October 23rd, 12:10pm – Global Service Immersion Information Session #2

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## **OACS Global Service-Learning Programs**

Starting October 1, OACS will be accepting student applications for summer 2018 service-learning programs to Ecuador, London, Morocco, and South Africa.

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## **Call for 2018 Global Service Immersion Site Leaders**

OACS is seeking qualified candidates to serve as co-site leaders for the 2018 OACS Global Service Programs to Ecuador, South Africa, and Norway. Applications available on [Anchorlink](#).

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## **Nichols Humanitarian Fund Applications Open**



Applications for the Nichols Humanitarian Fund 2017-2018 opens on October 1st. The Nichols Humanitarian Fund enables students to volunteer for local, domestic, or international humanitarian service opportunities by making support available for educational, travel, and living expenses during their time of service.

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## [VIEW Summer 2018 Applications Open](#)



Applications for the 2017-2018 VIEW program are now live and will be due Sunday, Oct. 29. Undergraduate students interested in exploring careers in public service are encouraged to attend an information session to best prepare for the competitive selection process.

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## OACS in Bulgaria and Norway

The mission of OACS' new program, OACS in Bulgaria and Norway, is to examine the mechanisms of well-being in Norwegian culture, with the goal of extrapolating actionable programs that could be scaffolded to work on campus and in our local schools, businesses and communities here in the US.

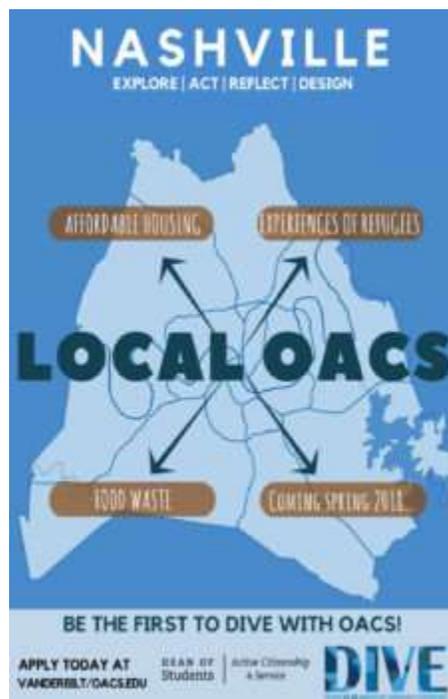
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## OACS to Host 2nd Annual Alumni Reception

On Friday, October 6th, OACS will welcome home Vanderbilt alumni in a celebration of the enduring Commodore culture of service at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Homecoming Alumni Reception.

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## Local OACS DIVE Update



The Local OACS DIVE programs addressing Affordable Housing and Food Waste/Food Deserts in Nashville are well underway!

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## Lived Experience of Refugees DIVE Project

OACS will be recruiting for the Spring 2018 DIVE Project: Resettlement in Nashville and the Lived Experiences of Refugees. In this co-curricular DIVE

Project, students will engage in the current global crisis of human displacement through a local lens in the Nashville community.

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## [Refugee Panel and the Vanderbilt Migration and Refugee Initiative](#)



Thank you to the nearly 50 students who attended the panel discussion Reflections on the Everyday Experiences of Refugees in America and the Constitution and to AMIGOS and Project Bridges for tabling. If you are interested in continuing these conversations, please visit Dr. Robert Barsky's website for upcoming events and discussions through the [Vanderbilt Migration and Refugee Initiative](#).

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## [Nichols Humanitarian Fund Reception](#)



Thank you to the students, faculty, staff, and honored guests that attended the 11th Annual Nichols Humanitarian Fund Reception. Applications for the Nichols Humanitarian Fund 2017-2018 opens on October 1st. For more information on the Fund and [how to apply](#), please visit the [Nichols Humanitarian Fund](#) website.

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## [Constitution and Citizenship Week](#)



OACS extends a huge thank you to the students, staff, and faculty who made Constitution and Citizenship Week a success. This year's events, drawing 194 participants, demonstrated Vanderbilt's commitment to honoring, evaluating, and openly discussing the United States Constitution.

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## Fall Weekend of Service



Thank you to the students, faculty, and staff who participated in the 2017 Fall Weekend of Service Sept. 22-24. OACS was thrilled to partner with [Hands On Nashville](#) for the Fall Weekend of Service the first time this year – many thanks to their amazing team for hosting Circle K, Alternative Winter Break, and the Vanderbilt Political Science Department!

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## National Voter Registration Day

**REGISTER  
TO  
VOTE**



National Voter Registration Day is observed the fourth Tuesday of September, and on Sept. 26 OACS provided opportunities for individual to register. Emma Stewart, OACS Voter Registration Ambassador, led the campaign on both Rand Wall and the Commons, which resulted in 57 students registering to vote and 47 students checking their registration status.

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## OACS October Student Spotlight – Patrick Deneen



Patrick Deneen is a sophomore at Vanderbilt University and as soon as Patrick stepped foot on campus, he has been coming to the OACS office. Meeting students like Patrick is the reason why Holly started this Spotlight series. Patrick is an amazing student and OACS is excited to share his story with our readers!

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## OACS Vehicle Loan Program

The OACS Vehicle Loan Program offers students access to 6 vehicles for transportation to service sites. For information on how to register to become an OACS certified driver, please visit our [website](#).

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## **Student Service**

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## Special Olympics Vanderbilt



Special Olympics Vanderbilt is a unified sports team, student and athlete leadership, and a whole school engagement. For this semester, they have formed a Flag Football team consisting of Vanderbilt students (Unified Partners) and individuals with intellectual disabilities (Athletes) in the greater Nashville community. The fall schedule of practices is available now.

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## **Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations**

The Vanderbilt chapter of Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations is seeking talented and service-oriented undergraduate students for consulting engagements. SCNO is committed to providing high-quality and professional pro-bono consulting services for a variety of non-profit organizations and social enterprises. Our projects have included (but are not limited to) market mapping and industry research, organizational restructuring, inventory optimization, marketing strategies, and development of fundraising models.

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## **Homecoming Blood Drive**



American Red Cross



**HOPE** begins with you.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Vanderbilt University**  
**Homecoming**  
**Sarratt**

Rooms 216/220  
 2301 Vanderbilt Place  
 Nashville, TN 37235

**October 2, 3, & 4**  
**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**All three days**

To schedule your appointment log into [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: Vandy19

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED-CROSS | 1-800-733-2787 | Download the Blood Donor App

The Homecoming Committee would like to bring awareness to the **Homecoming Blood Drive**, which is taking place **from October 2nd to October 4th**. Given recent natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, the Red Cross needs as many donors as it can get!

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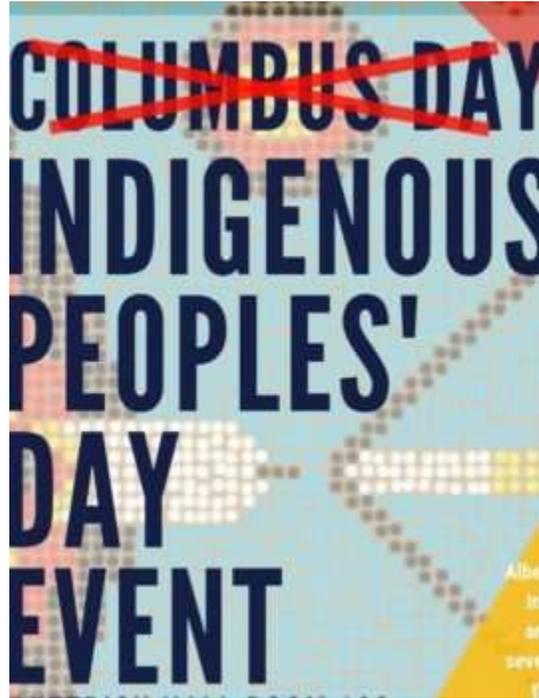
## Manna Project International



Manna is a spring break service trip organization that sends 10 trips to Latin American countries. There are many upcoming events and deadlines including participant applications and Mannaroo.

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## Indigenous Peoples' Day Lecture



In support of reclaiming Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day, there will be a lecture by guest speaker Albert Bender, an attorney of Indian Law, political activist, and journalist who spent several months participating in the Standing Rock protests.

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## Community News

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[Creative Writing for Immigrants and Refugees](#)



Join the Curb Center for a free eight-week creative writing workshop! The workshop will explore how to transform life experiences into memoir, and how to write fiction from the imagination.

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## Healthy and Free Tennessee Conference



Healthy and Free Tennessee is hosting a conference, A Healthy and Free Tennessee in 2018 and Beyond: Building Collective Power, that is open to all for attendance.

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## [Humanity in Action Fellowship](#)



The Humanity in Action Fellowship is open to students and recent graduates of U.S. colleges and universities who are passionate about active citizenship, diversity and human rights. Current sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as graduates from the undergraduate classes of 2016 and 2017 are eligible to apply. Applications for students and recent graduates from European universities will open in late fall.

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## [Vanderbilt Translational Research Forum Seeking Volunteers](#)

The Vanderbilt Translational Research Forum is taking place on **Friday, October 13**, at the Student Life Center. There will be over 25 Vanderbilt faculty presenting their research as well as a distinguished guest speaker. Volunteers are needed to hand out name badges and programs, act as ushers and guides, and help set up and clean up. Volunteers are also encouraged to attend the talks for the day.

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## [Salama Urban Ministries Seeking Volunteers](#)



Salama Urban Ministries is seeking volunteer tutors weekly and bi-weekly.

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## **Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Seeking Volunteers**

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation of Chicago is hosting its fourth biennial international health care conference on pulmonary fibrosis from November 9-11 in Nashville. The Foundation is looking for approximately 15 people to serve as wayfinders during the Summit.

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