

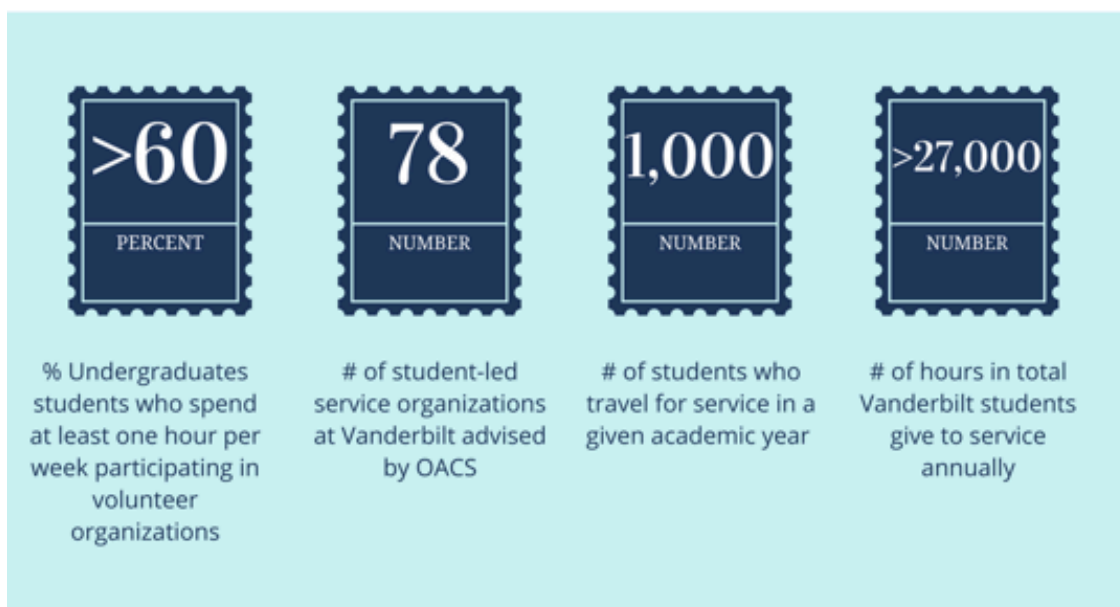


Welcome to the first, bi-annual Alumni Newsletter from the Office of Active Citizenship & Service (OACS) at Vanderbilt University! Founded in the fall of 1990 by a Vanderbilt alumnus, OACS is delighted to have the opportunity to reconnect with the thousands of alumni who were instrumental in deepening Vanderbilt’s commitment to service and active citizenship. OACS values Vanderbilt alumni as equal stakeholders in creating a culture of service and active citizenship at Vanderbilt and across the nation and the globe. Alumni are not only respected as change-makers in their communities but also as mentors for current Vanderbilt students seeking ways to critically engage in social justice endeavors in order to make a broader impact.

Through the OACS Alumni Newsletter, we hope to keep alumni informed about community engagement at Vanderbilt and beyond such that they might be empowered and inspired to impact change in their own communities.

A VERY COMMODORE CULTURE OF SERVICE

VANDERBILT SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS





You're Invited!
Office of Active Citizenship & Service
Alumni Reception 2016

Join OACS and fellow alumni, students, and staff on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend in the OACS Lounge to reconnect with student service organizations & global service cohorts and to hear updates on community service at Vanderbilt.

Friday, October 21, 2016, 5 - 7 p.m.

[Rand 305/Skylight Lounge](#)

Outside the OACS Office

Light refreshments served

The following student organizations will have information tables set up at the event:

Alpha Epsilon Delta

Alternative Spring Break

VSVS

Vandy PAWS

Habitat for Humanity

Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations

Circle K

Alternative Winter Break

Manna Project International

AMIGOS

Glamour Gals

Vanderbilt Music Outreach

VIRA: Vanderbilt International Relations Association

Grassroots
Vanderbilt Cancer Society
American Red Cross at Vanderbilt
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Vanderbilt
MEDLIFE
VAW: Volunteers Around the World
OACS Global Programs
Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington, D.C. (VIEW)

Please RSVP so we know how many to expect.



Questions? Email [Lauren Moon](#), OACS Program Coordinator.



OACS Service Organizations at Vanderbilt

What does student-led service look like at Vanderbilt today? Over 78 service organizations are now part of the OACS family, focusing on issues such as healthcare, education, environmental

sustainability, animal welfare and many more. Student service leaders are always looking to connect with alumni! Email oacs@vanderbilt.edu if you'd like to get in touch with any of the organizations listed below or visit www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs/ to explore.

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| African Student Union | Harmonies for the Elderly | SYNERGY |
| After School Chess Program | Inter-American Health Alliance | The Wells Project |
| Alpha Epsilon Delta | Interaxon | UNICEF |
| Alpha Phi Omega | International Justice Mission | United Muslim Relief |
| Alternative Spring Break | Labre | Vanderbilt Be the Match on Campus |
| Alternative Winter Break | Life is a stitch | Vanderbilt Blood:Water Mission |
| American Red Cross at Vanderbilt | Lyrical Movements | Vanderbilt Cancer Society |
| AMIGOS | Manna Project International Vanderbilt | Vanderbilt CARES |
| Are You MAD? | Martha O'Bryan World Cup | Vanderbilt Garden Initiative |
| Begin with Books | MEDLIFE | Vanderbilt Juggling and Physical Arts |
| Best Buddies | Moneythink | Vanderbilt Microfinance Club |
| Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Vanderbilt | Next Steps | Vanderbilt Music Outreach |
| Challah for Hunger at Vanderbilt | Nourish International | Vanderbilt Prison Project |
| Circle K Vanderbilt | Operation Haiti | Vanderbilt Protecting Animal Welfare Society (Vandy PAWS) |
| Coaching for Literacy | Partners in Health Engage (PIH Engage) | Vanderbilt Robotics |
| Code Ignite | PENCIL Projects | Vanderbilt Students for Non-violence |
| Court Appointed Special Advocate at Vanderbilt | Project CURE | Vanderbilt Volunteers for Veterans |
| EmbrACE Yourself | Project NAKED | Vanderbilt Wishmakers |
| Engineering World Health | Project Nicaragua | Vanderbilt-Pakistan Connection |
| F.O.O.D. | Project RISHI | Vandy Art Outreach |
| Get Rid of Obesity Nashville | Project Rousseau | Vandy ONE |
| Girls on the Run Vanderbilt | Project Sunshine | VAW: Volunteers Around the World |
| Glamour Gals | Project: BRIDGES | VIRA: Vanderbilt International Relations Association |
| Global Brigades | Relay For Life | VIVA: Vanderbilt Initiative for Vegetarian Awareness |
| GlobeMed at Vanderbilt | She's the First | Volunteer for Smiles |
| Gold Standard | Students Against Modern Day Slavery | VSVS: Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science |
| Grassroots | Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations (SCNO) | YES: Youth Encouragement Services Vanderbilt |
| Habitat for Humanity | Students for the Public Trust | |



Office of Active Citizenship & Service Alumni Network



Did you know...?

OACS has an [Alumni Network on LinkedIn!](#)

New in 2016, the Office of Active Citizenship & Service has created a LinkedIn page which serves as the social media hub for alumni seeking opportunities to engage and connect. The OACS LinkedIn page is managed by staff and updated weekly with information and articles relevant to alumni community engagement and action. The LinkedIn page will also provide alumni with an opportunity to network around common interests such as service and active citizenship and will be a means by which alumni can connect with OACS staff as professional resources.

Join the [Active Citizenship & Alumni Network](#) on LinkedIn today!



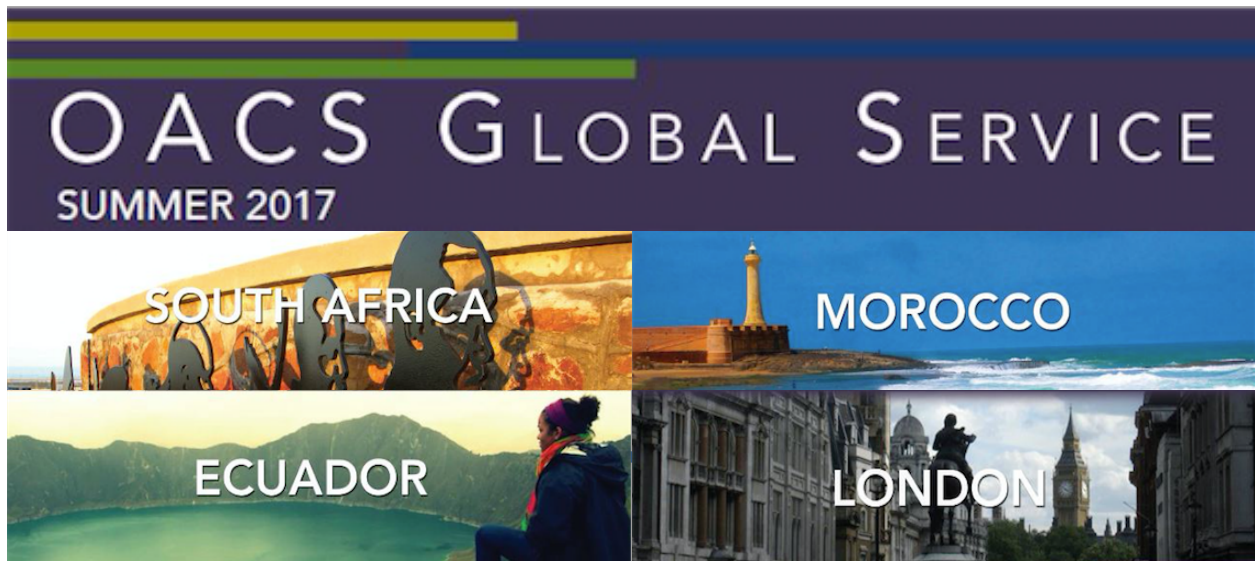
alternative spring break

Congratulations to Alternative Spring Break at Vanderbilt!

Vanderbilt's own Alternative Spring Break student-led service organization was honored as the national Program of the Year for 2016 by [Break Away](#), a nonprofit organization that promotes the development of quality alternative break programs through training, assistance and the connection of campuses and communities.

From the MyVU press release: "In the last year, Vanderbilt ASB expanded to the most sites in program history: 42 total, with 39 domestic and three international sites. ASB is the largest student service organization at Vanderbilt. Some 496 undergraduates went on ASB trips in 2016, which is 13.88 percent of the Vanderbilt undergraduate population...Vanderbilt's ASB program is regarded as the oldest and one of the largest student-run travel programs of its kind in the country, widely emulated on other college campuses. Its roots go back to 1986, when Susan Ford Wiltshire, a longtime classics professor at the university, challenged students in the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society to organize a week of service as an alternative to more traditional spring break activities."

To read more about ASB's accomplishment, visit the [MyVU article](#).



OACS Global Service Programs Seeking Alumni Connections

OACS Global Service Programs in [South Africa](#), [Morocco](#), [Ecuador](#), and [London](#), Vanderbilt's premier international service-learning immersion opportunities, hope to connect with alumni around the globe interested in networking with and speaking to student cohorts.

OACS Global 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 meticulously 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 Global Service Program.

Alumni interested in either hosting an in-country meet and greet for student cohorts or simply interested in getting more information about the OACS Global Service Programs can contact oacs@vanderbilt.edu or the [OACS website](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs) at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs>.



Nichols Humanitarian Fund Celebrates 10 Years


OACS is honored to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Nichols Humanitarian Fund. The Nichols Humanitarian Fund was established in 2006 by the E.C. and Lucile Hamby Nichols Trust, and by Vanderbilt alumnus Edward C. Nichols, Jr. (JD '70) and his wife, Janice Nichols. The Fund is a companion scholarship fund to the Nichols-Chancellor's Medal, and encourages Vanderbilt students to become better citizens of the world and to broaden their thinking by volunteering for humanitarian efforts. The Fund enables students to volunteer for domestic or international humanitarian service opportunities by making support available for educational, travel, and living expenses during their time of service. The Fund distributes awards based on merit and need to Vanderbilt students to pay the expenses of their humanitarian activities. Since the Fund was established, 261 scholarships have been awarded to Vanderbilt students, enabling them to pursue humanitarian missions to virtually every part of the world. Please join OACS in celebrating the Nichols Humanitarian Fund and the countless lives it has impacted over the last 10 years!



Support Service at Vanderbilt

Did you know that you can contribute financial support to specific service organizations and service programs at Vanderbilt? For example, many of our student service organizations host fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds for specific causes or service trips. And OACS Global Programs are always in need of financial scholarships to ensure equal access for all students to these transformative opportunities.

To give, head to [Vanderbilt's secure online gift form](#), designate your gift as “Other” in the drop down, and write in the recipient of your gift in the Designation Description on page 2. Help us continue to grow the culture of service and meaningful community engagement at Vanderbilt!



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