

Vanderbilt: Next Steps Program

January 2017 Newsletter

Spring Into Action!

At the start of the new year, Next Steps students will spring into action and begin another busy semester! Students will take up to two Vanderbilt electives, participate in on- and off-campus internships, and take three Next Steps classes.

Students will also spend time with their Ambassadors several times a week, join campus organizations, and attend campus events. Students can also look forward to special events that will occur during the Spring semester including Science Labs, "Lunch & Learns," "Food Forays," HEAL coach cooking demonstrations, and service projects.

Fall 2017 Admissions:

Regular admission: January 13, 2017

Applications submitted after the regular admission deadline will be considered on a rolling admission basis.

For more information about Next Steps, please attend our Open House and/or College Night.

Register here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tfTCFfZ1cQVi57jt2>

Important Dates

- January 16: MLK Day - No Classes
- January 25: Educate to Advocate, 5-6:30
- February 7: Legislative Reception, 5-7
- February 8: Disability Day on the Hill
- March 4-12: Spring Break - No Classes
- April 24: Classes End

Highlighted Alumnus



Steven Greiner, a graduate of the Class of 2012, is currently employed at the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center as a research analyst. Steven puts data in the computer, makes copies, attends meetings, and makes self-advocacy videos. He enjoys working at the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center because he likes that he gets to complete different tasks each day.

When Steven is not working, he volunteers at SaddleUp as a side walker; he enjoys spending time with his coworkers. He also enjoys going fishing with his father in his free time.

Vanderbilt v. Chattanooga Basketball Game



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On Saturday, December 17th, Next Steps students, alumni, and Ambassadors attended the Vanderbilt v. Chattanooga men's basketball game with the Next Steps Alumni

Association. Sean Druffel, a member of the Class of 2015, planned the event because he loves attending Vanderbilt sporting events and spending time with his friends from Next Steps!

At the event, the students and alumni watched the game and cheered on the Commodores. The game was exciting because the score was close and Vanderbilt won by two points (76-74)!

End of Semester Outing

This semester, Next Steps students celebrated the end of the semester by participating in a day of service and recreation.

First, the students participated in a service project that benefitted the Angel Tree of the Salvation Army. The students worked in groups to shop for Christmas presents to give to various members of a deserving family in the Nashville area. The students practiced some of the financial literacy skills that they learn about in their Next Steps classes to budget for the gifts.

The students put a lot of time, thought, and effort into finding gifts that would bring their "angels" joy for the holidays. Another shopper was so impressed by their effort that he generously donated to the cause.

After the students finished shopping, they had a celebratory lunch and went bowling. Although the students had a very busy day, they had fun spending time with their classmates and the Next Steps staff.



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