Homecoming Tailgate

The Next Steps Homecoming Tailgate is a social event that celebrates a Vanderbilt football game. This year, there was a huge turnout for the football game and the tailgate.

Alumni, staff, and current students brought dishes to eat, played games like corn-hole, socialized with friends, and watched the football game afterward. Nila, a current student, enjoyed playing corn-hole and seeing her friends at the event. Amber, another current student, and Abby Morgan, an Ambassador, enjoyed the event because the Next Steps students and Ambassadors were able to watch the game and spend time together.

Fall 2017 Admissions:

Early admission: November 15, 2016
Regular admission: January 13, 2017

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

For more information, visit the Admissions page of our website at vu.edu/NextSteps.

Daniel's VU Class Review

Daniel, a first-year student, is taking an Astronomy class as his VU elective this semester. Students in this course learn about the universe, whether or not the universe has a center, and aspects of the universe such as star clusters. Daniel likes the class because he believes that the topic is very interesting. Daniel says, "it’s fascinating to know what goes on in space." The most important thing that he has learned so far in the class is that although there are many stars nearby, the Earth is the only star in the Milky Way galaxy that can support life, so we are very lucky to live here.

Daniel would recommend this class to anyone who is interested in the topic of space. He says that the teacher, Dr. Weintraub, is a great teacher. The professor explains the topic in detail and can be funny sometimes as well. Daniel is excited to see what’s in store for the rest of the semester.
Highlighted Alumnus

Bryshawn Jemison, a graduate of the Class of 2015, is currently employed at Walgreens as a customer service representative. He answers phones, assists customers, stocks shelves, helps clean, and takes inventory of items in the store. Bryshawn likes working at his job because he likes to interact with the customers and his coworkers. When Bryshawn is not working, he likes to go to Vanderbilt football games with his friends and is very involved with his church.

Job Rotations & Semester Internships

All Next Steps students learn about career development in their Career Tech classes. This semester, the students have been able to apply their class content and get hands-on experience through job rotations and semester-long internships.

The first-year students spend their first semester completing job rotations, in which they shadow workers in various career clusters to explore different job opportunities. Students observe different environments in order to get a real-life understanding of worksite expectations. These students observe a new career cluster each week with the help of students from Vanderbilt's Department of Special Education. Additionally, the students become exposed to other career domains in the community by going on field trips on six Fridays throughout the semester.

The second-year students, on the other hand, complete internships at various on- and off-campus workplaces (see chart above). The students work at their internships for the entire semester in order to gain valuable skills that they can use for future employment. In their career tech class, they develop resumes and e-profiles (their own informational websites) which give great information about the educational and employment skills they have gained during their time with Next Steps.

Second-Year Internships:
Jamal: Office of the District Attorney General
Amber: Preschool for Children with Autism
Jason: Sodexo Concessions at Vanderbilt
Nila: Commons Dining
Dre: Last Drop Coffee

The first year students learned about the hospitality industry at the Holiday Inn at Vanderbilt.