Vanderbilt: Next Steps Program
October 2016 Newsletter

Open House
Next Steps Open House is an opportunity for prospective Next Steps students and families to tour the Vanderbilt campus and learn more about the Next Steps program. Anyone who is interested in applying to attend Next Steps is strongly encouraged to attend our Open House on **Friday, November 18th** from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.

Please pre-register online at: https://goo.gl/forms/cP3cn1o7pvi3a0Qk2

Best Buddies Walk
On September 25th, several Next Steps students went to the Bicentennial Mall State Park with other Vanderbilt students to participate in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk. The event is a fundraiser for the Best Buddies foundation, which supports children who have developmental and intellectual disabilities. This year's walk raised over $100,000.

Peach, a class of 2020 student, attended the event with her buddy, Katie. Peach was excited because she was asked to carry the Best Buddies Friendship Walk poster during the event. Jack, another first-year student, said that he enjoyed the walk and the other activities at the event, especially the food trucks. Both Jack and Peach said that they had fun at the event and plan to go again next year.

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.

Highlighted Alumnus

Hardin Manhein, a graduate of the class of 2015, is currently working at the Country Music Hall of Fame as guest relations staff member. Hardin answers the phone, answers questions about the museum, gives tours, and helps assemble brochures. Hardin's favorite part about his job is giving tours to guests because he likes to interact with people. Hardin is very proud of himself because he found a job that he really enjoys.

When Hardin is not working, he likes to attend the Next Steps events with his friends and family. Hardin's favorite Next Steps memory was when he went bowling for his circle event with his Ambassadores because he likes spending time with his friends.

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**Dre's Internship**

Each semester, Next Steps students complete an on- or off-campus internship. Students learn important job skills that they can use when they seek full-time employment. Dre, a second-year student, shared how his internship is going so far and what he has learned from his experience:

Dre works at the Last Drop Coffee Shop in the Rand building. He takes customers’ orders, makes the orders, and takes out the trash. His favorite part of his internship is making smoothies and sandwiches. Throughout the semester, Dre has learned how to operate the ice cream machine, blend smoothies, and cook eggs and chicken. Dre enjoys working with his coworkers because they have shown him how to make all the smoothies and sandwiches on the menu.

During the interview, Dre added that he hopes that Next Steps students, staff, and Ambassadores come to visit him at work. So, if you are interested in a good smoothie and great customer service, go to the Last Drop!

**Fall 2016 Academics**

Each semester, Next Steps students take VU courses that align with their personal interests and career goals. These courses are inclusive and are open to all Vanderbilt students. Throughout the years, Next Steps students have taken a variety of courses that cover a variety of different topics. The following courses are those in which students are currently enrolled. Keep an eye out for our November issue, which will feature a student review of a VU course.

**HIST-1080** Premodern Japan  
**ASTR 1010-01** Introduction to Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies  
**SPED 1210** Introduction to Exceptionality  
**PSY 1200-01** General Psychology  
**MUSL 1100** World Music  
**MDE 5207-01** American Sign Language  
**THTR 3741** Elements of Basic Design: Costuming and Makeup  
**ANTH 1101-01** Introduction to Anthropology  

**SOC 1020-02** Introduction to Sociology  
**NURS 1601** Introduction to Nutrition  
**SPED 3312** Transition to Adulthood  
**HODH 3221** Health Service Delivery to Diverse Populations  
**SOC 1020** Contemporary Social Issues  
**HMED 2150** Arts Education for Young Children  
**PSY-PC-1250** Developmental Psychology  
**MUSL 1600** American Popular Music

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