

# Vanderbilt: Next Steps Program

## September Newsletter

### Jamal Joins the VSG

Jamal Underwood, a second year Next Steps student, became a member of the Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG) this year. The VSG plans social events for students throughout the year. Jamal hopes that his involvement will help make Vanderbilt a better place for all students. He is excited to meet new friends and try new things during the year.

### College Night!

Are you or someone you know interested in pursuing postsecondary education? If so, join us on October 3, 2016 to learn about the Next Steps program. Representatives from the program will be available to answer all of your questions about the program curriculum, financial aid, peer mentorship, admissions, and job opportunities.

Please pre-register online at:  
<http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/events>

### 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.

### Upcoming Events:

9/15: Think Employment Summit  
9/16: Next Steps Open House, 2-3:30  
10/3: Next Steps College Night, 4:30-5:30  
11/18: Next Steps Open House, 2-3:30

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### Highlighted Alumna

Jamie Galvin, an alumna of Next Steps, graduated from the program in April 2016. Jamie is excited to announce that she will be working at the YMCA in Hendersonville soon. She is thrilled to start working because she can make her own money and become more independent.

During our interview, Jamie recalled many fond memories of her time at Next Steps. She said that she loved the circle events with the Ambassadors because she was able to spend time with them and meet new friends. Prior to Next Steps, Jamie had a difficult time talking and making new friends, but after attending the Next Steps program, she became more comfortable talking to new people. Jamie also mentioned that she loved her classes at Vanderbilt. Her favorite class was Transitions to Adulthood because it taught her how to work with people with disabilities. Jamie is thankful to have attended the Next Steps program because it taught her how to speak up for herself and become more aware of her surroundings.

