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THE ALUMS CORNER:

The Scoop After Service

Introduction

I'm thrilled to share the second edition of our quarterly newsletter for service year alums and AmeriCorps alums! As the service year comes to an end, I can't help but feel a bit nostalgic about my own service year journey with City Year that ended back in 2016. I remember how bittersweet the end of the service year is – you're reflecting on a year of challenges and triumphs, missing all the people who you met along the way, and feeling anxious and excited about what comes next. But as one journey ends, another begins; our alums journey!

Staying connected to the service year alums community fosters a sense of connection and camaraderie among fellow alums who know what it means when we say that service years transform lives. Service Year Alliance is thrilled that you are a part of this community!

To continue to grow this network though, we need your help. If you know someone who is a service year alum or who is finishing up a service year right now, encourage them to [sign up as an alum on ServiceYear.org](https://www.serviceyear.org) to stay connected to the alums community – and, of course, receive this newsletter and other resources.

Keep reading to explore leadership opportunities, job postings, and some inspiring service year stories – enjoy!

In service,

Juanita Henry
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Service Year Alliance

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2023 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Leadership Application

The [2023 AmeriCorps Alums Segal Leadership Award](#) applications are now open!

Service Year Alliance will be selecting two outstanding emerging leaders for this award. Potential candidates should demonstrate strong communication and leadership skills as well as a commitment to advancing diverse, inclusive, and equitable strategies in their communities. To be eligible, you must have successfully completed an AmeriCorps program between August 2020 and August 2023. We welcome a diverse applicant pool.

Benefits and expectations of being selected for the AmeriCorps Alums Segal Leadership Award include participating in professional and personal development through the [Eli J. & Phyllis N. Segal Citizen Leadership Program](#), opportunities to engage with Service Year Alliance, and a \$2000 cash award!

Learn more about the expectations, benefits, and how to apply at serviceyear.org/segalaward.

Applications are due Monday, August 22 by 5PM (EST). If you have any questions, please contact us at alums@serviceyear.org.

[Apply](#)

Be on the
Look Out for
this Application
Opening!



Bearing the Presidential moniker, the Presidential Management Fellowship Program is the Federal Government's flagship leadership development program for advanced degree holders across all academic disciplines. It was established 45 years ago by Executive Order and has gone through changes over the years, but the essential mission remains the same: to recruit and develop a cadre of future government leaders drawn from all segments of society. Eligible individuals apply to be selected as Finalists. Finalists then have 12 months to secure an appointment as a Fellow, which is a two-year, full-time, paid fellowship at a Federal agency. The PMF Program creates a lasting bond among Fellows and Alumni. It also instills a spirit of public service, which, for Fellows who complete the program successfully, can ultimately encourage and lead to a career in government.

Applications open in the fall, to stay connected access their website [here](#).

NEW from AmeriCorps: Education & Workforce Development Newsletters

**AmeriCorps**

AmeriCorps is launching thematic newsletters on P - 12 education and workforce development. The newsletters will highlight innovative programs and practices, non-AmeriCorps federal funding opportunities, and additional resources to support grantees, sponsors, and partners.

P-12 Education Newsletter

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Workforce Development Newsletter

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AmeriCorps Alumni Resource Page

Use your AmeriCorps experience to find a new beginning. AmeriCorps offers resources for our members to take the next step after serving with AmeriCorps. Whether you served in an AmeriCorps State & National, VISTA, or NCCC program, these resources are for you! [Check out their webpage now.](#)

[Visit the Webpage](#)

Serve as a State/Territorial Service Commissioner



The 52 state/territorial service commissions administer more than 75% of AmeriCorps funding around the country and are led by more than 1,000 governor-appointed volunteer commissioners.

Serving on your state/territorial service commission is a great way to stay involved in national service and help shape the future of volunteerism and service.

To learn more, [watch this webinar](#) or [contact your state/territorial service commission](#).

Advocacy:

Join States for Service

Become an advocate for national service policy at the state and local level. Join [States for Service](#) (S4S), a public policy coalition made up of state/territorial service commissions, state and local service programs, and individual champions who believe in the power of service at the local level. S4S is an initiative of America's Service Commissions (ASC).



"Once I served as an AmeriCorps VISTA, I was sold on national service as a way to address systemic issues facing our communities. Serving as a commissioner allows me to promote national service as a solution and as a way for individuals to have a true impact."

-Charlette Kremer,
Serve Idaho

Work in the National Service Field



Looking for a full-time job in national service or volunteerism? Check out ASC's [Service Job Board](#) for open staff positions at state/territorial service commissions, AmeriCorps programs, nonprofit host sites, and more.



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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Call Time Manager Boot Camp

Call Time Managers are campaign staffers who support candidates' fundraising efforts. They research potential donors, prepare lists of contacts, manage candidates as they actually make the calls, and then follow up as needed with individual donors. This is an entry-level, high-impact role, and many 2023 campaigns are hungry to find staff who are skilled and effective in this role. New Politics Leadership Academy created this boot camp to create a pipeline of talent to support those campaigns.

Here's how it works: Two virtual sessions, join from anywhere!

- July 30th from 11 am to 5 pm ET AND
- August 1st from 7 pm to 9 pm ET
- No cost to participate.

You'll learn:

- Overview of campaigns
- Overview of campaign finance
- How to prepare, execute, and follow-up on call time
- How to handle challenges faced by Call Time Managers

Expect an engaging mix of presentations, dialogue, and live-fire action learning. If you are actively seeking opportunities to work on a political campaign or currently staff a campaign in the finance vertical, this program is for you!

[Click here to learn more and apply by 7/17.](#)



Join Next100 as a Policy Entrepreneur

Today's advocates are the most diverse and engaged in history. Whether organizing online, protesting in the streets, or running for office, they are joining together and demanding change on the issues central to their lives and our collective future, from immigration to education, racial justice to climate change.

That's where Next100 comes in. Next100 is a different kind of think tank, built for a new generation of policy leaders, working on the issues that matter most to them and their communities. Next100 is looking for a Policy Entrepreneur to join Next100's third cohort of Policy Entrepreneurs.

[Apply Now](#)

Whether you're a DACA recipient who's been working as an activist, a policy wonk with some research experience under your belt, an organizer fresh off a campaign, or a high school teacher with ideas about how to make education better for everyone, we want you to be part of not just developing policy ideas, but working with communities and partners to translate those ideas into action.

As one of Next100 Policy Entrepreneurs, you'll join their team in New York City for two years. You'll have a full-time job, with comprehensive benefits, working on driving policy change in New York City, New York State, and/or at the national level. [Apply today to be part of a one-of-a-kind, dynamic, collaborative, and inclusive public policy think tank.](#)

Bridging Divides through a Spirit of Service

*By: Jason Hatch
Veteran & Virginia State Parks
AmeriCorps Alum*

A common theme that those of us who have participated in national service and volunteering continue to espouse is that service can bridge just about any divide that exists in society. Skeptics say it's hogwash and just another distraction from our real problems. However, the events surrounding the fall of Afghanistan illustrated this theme for me, and nobody will ever be able to convince me otherwise.



In July of 2021, I was finishing a series of fellowships and entrepreneurial programs in preparation for launching my additive manufacturing company when I received a call from Karen Kraft, who runs Veterans in Media and Entertainment, a non-profit in Hollywood focused on helping Veterans to break into the entertainment industry. I met Karen while participating in her AT&T-sponsored fellowship, where I hoped to gain enough knowledge to run my marketing campaigns. She asked me if I could help a Harvard Professor get 74 documentary filmmakers out of Afghanistan. Throughout the fellowship, she learned I had worked with the United Nations while serving in Africa. I didn't do very much for the Professor. I sent him an email that connected him to some former colleagues in the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, and his committee took care of everything. A week later, I was informed that they had successfully gotten the people out, and I went camping in West Virginia, thinking that I had done my good deed for the month. Upon returning from my trip, my phone began to light up with text messages and emails from Karen as soon as I got back into cellular service. The group had been linked up with an extraordinary young social media influencer, and they were raising funds to save as many Afghan refugees as possible. Everyone was going to meet near Fort Liberty (formerly Fort Bragg), North Carolina, and work for a couple of weeks to evacuate our Afghan allies...

[Read the full story here.](#)

in Case You Missed it!



Next100: Climate Corps Programs: A Path Toward Economic & Climate Justice

On Thursday, April 27 Next100 hosted the event, "Climate Corps Programs: A Path toward Economic and Climate Justice." Panelists discussed how climate corps programs can build environmental resiliency and workforce pathways to green jobs in frontline communities. The conversation featured climate advocates in Washington State who spoke about the new Washington Climate Corps Network, as well as national service stakeholders who discussed their efforts launching the Partnership for the Civilian Climate Corps, and featured closing remarks from the CEO of AmeriCorps, Michael Smith who detailed Biden administration climate efforts.

Watch the event recording [here](#).

AmeriCorps Alumni Network Podcast

Our Leadership Council Alums Committee member, Nicki Fiocco has a podcast series featuring service year alums, the AmeriCorps Alumni Network Connection. Enjoy learning about the winding path of self-discovery, service, and sacrifice with each AmeriCorps story. We highly recommend you listen to the following podcast episodes, where they share golden nuggets of information that could be helpful for you as an alum!

- [Interview with Peter Marotto](#)
- [Interview with Cristina Flores](#)
- [Interview with Rachel Dubois](#)

If you want to share your story or have something super special to offer to the alum group, please contact Nicki at nicki@acalumninetwork.org.

National Museum and Center for Service

The National Museum and Center for Service (NMCFS) is a nonprofit dedicated to elevating, honoring, and inspiring the spirit of service in all its forms.



With millions of Americans serving their communities, country, and the world each year it is long past time to recognize and celebrate service in our nation's capital and across the country. But there is no signature public place dedicated to honoring those whose service has a transformative and sustaining impact in their communities and around the world. This is why NMCFS seeks to establish a signature museum near the National Mall and is partnering with organizations across the nation to create community based exhibits of service that celebrate all the ways Americans do good. Learn more about the programs and how to get involved at www.nmcfs.org/our-Programs.

Meet Jamier Jones, Leadership Council Alums Committee Member

Service Year Alliance has been actively recruiting diverse alums to join our Leadership Council to spearhead our newly-created alums committee. These members bring their perspectives, voices, and experiences as service year alums to Service Year Alliance's work. We're excited to introduce you to one of our new Alums Committee members, Jamier Jones!

Jamier Jones is a proud class of 2016 graduate of Temple University's College of Education. Initially from Cheltenham, PA, He has lived both in Milwaukee, WI, and Wilmington DE, where he served as an AmeriCorps member for College Possible and Great Oaks Charter School. In his spare time, Jamier likes to support local businesses, take long walks around the city, and plan his personal and professional goals. As a Leadership Council Alums Committee Member, Jamier hopes to assist with raising awareness of the AmeriCorps network to interested individuals, corps members, and alumni to help with their transitions into their professional careers.



"The best thing that has come from my AmeriCorps experience is the experience itself, through making connections that have enabled me to grow as an AmeriCorps member, professional, and most importantly, an individual."

-Jamier Jones, AmeriCorps Alum with College Possible & Great Oaks Charter School



Spotlight: Maria McLean, AmeriCorps Alum with Reading Partners DC

What is your name, and where are you from?

My name is Maria McLean and I am from Prince George's County, Maryland.

Where have you served, and how many terms have you served?

I served with Reading Partners located in Washington, DC for one term.

What is your favorite memory from AmeriCorps?

This is such a hard question because there are so many to choose from! If I have to choose, one of my favorite memories is when our team visited Butler's Orchard during the pumpkin festival. We did some great team-building there and got to know each other better, which is critical to a successful organization.

How has serving with AmeriCorps benefitted you?

Through AmeriCorps, I cultivated lifelong friendships and met some fantastic people. My service year laid the foundation for my current career and helped me pivot from what I studied while obtaining my degree. AmeriCorps has also led to great networking opportunities; I'm always running into others who have served.

What advice would you give to current corps members and alums?

I would tell AmeriCorps members to get all the knowledge from your team and the staff at your service site. The skills you learn while in service are invaluable as you continue your career. For alums, go out and network, utilize your LinkedIn, and make as many connections as possible! You never know when a fellow AmeriCorps alum is in the next room you enter.

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-Maria McLean,
Reading Partners alum

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