Service And Me - The SAM Newsletter

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Don’t forget! SHJ Scholarship Applications 2017-2018 are due February 1st!
(Besides Alternative Break!)

Happy Holidays!

Have a relaxing, safe winter break!

Consider completing your SHJ application over break while you don’t have to worry about class work! Request your application today!

Connect with SHJ Scholars on LinkedIn

Are you interested in connecting with current and former SHJ Scholars on LinkedIn? Simply search “IUPUI Sam H. Jones Community Service Scholarship Program” and request to join our group today.

This group works to connect both former and current SHJ scholars and provide a platform for communication, networking, and sharing of relevant events, experiences, and opportunities that may be of interest.
Holiday Fun in Indy: Looking for fun, holiday-inspired things to do in Indianapolis? Click here to learn more about these opportunities, such as visiting the Circle of Lights!

JagStart Student Idea Pitch Competition: JagStart is an annual event that pits contestants against the clock to pitch their original ideas to a panel of judges. Students are invited to enter the competition to showcase their ideas for innovative new products, new business ventures, or compelling solutions to social challenges. There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as for the “Audience Choice”! Click here to learn more and to submit your entry. Entries are due on February 3, 2017.

Amna Sohail, a CSL Scholar, (pictured third to the left) was one of last year’s winners!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (1/16): On Monday, January 16, 2017, IUPUI students, faculty, and staff will honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy through service. Participants will learn more about service and how it relates to Dr. MLK, Jr.’s vision of building free and just communities. Register today!

Scholar Spotlight: Adam Bogs

Adam Bogs
Fugate Scholar & ServiceCorps Scholar

About Adam
IUPUI Senior studying Chemistry and Spanish

Years in the Program
This is Adam’s first year in the program

Best Part of His SHJ Experience
“I love being able to give some time out of my week to help out others and work with like-minded individuals.”

Advice for First Year Scholars
“Invest yourself in the program. You get from Sam H. Jones what you put into it.”

Favorite Quote
“Buy the ticket, take the ride.” –Hunter S. Thompson

Program Feature: Paw’s Pantry
A Look Into Paw’s Pantry Donations and Operations During the Holiday Season
Answers by Michael Stottlemeyer, Vice Chair of Donations

How does Paw’s Pantry work to accommodate the IUPUI community during the holiday season?
"Starting in October, we began to coordinate one of our largest food drives, Jam the Pantry. Jam the Pantry specifically focuses on Thanksgiving-themed food items. This food drive is unique because it encompasses the entire IUPUI campus. Instead of having a specific department or organization pledge to support this drive, we opened it up to all of the offices, school, and departments on campus. This year, we had our largest participation in the Jam the Pantry food drive with over 25 entities contributing to the drive."

Paw’s Pantry changed the way it distributed food during the Thanksgiving week. Instead of following our normal point system, we allowed anyone affiliated with IUPUI to come into the pantry and fill up one bag with whatever they needed in order to make their holiday meals.

Does Paw’s Pantry stay open during winter break?
"This year over winter break, Paw’s Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10 am - 2 pm. However, the pantry will be closed on December 20th."

What are the current needs of Paw’s Pantry as we move into the spring semester?
"Paw’s Pantry is in need of a vacuum and cleaning supplies. With our multiple storage rooms filling up, we need items to clean the shelves and to wipe down the canned food items. These simple items would make the biggest difference with our efforts."

How can Sam H. Jones scholars best support Paw’s Pantry?
"Host a food drive or volunteer! Contact your school, student organizations, or specific SHJ program and host a food drive! We also are always looking for volunteers to check all of the crates around campus, run the food pantry during operational hours, and sort/stock the donations."

Click here to learn more about Paw’s Pantry and how you can support their initiatives!

Ask the Scholars

'Tis the season! So we asked the First Year Service Scholars...

What is your favorite wintertime activity?
"Drinking as warm of beverages as humanly possible" - Lauren French

"Going to Monument Circle with the lights, some hot cocoa, and good company! :)")" - Kanma Gupta

"Ice skating" - Anna Kane

"Going sledding and having snowball fights" - Austin McRae

"My favorite thing to do during the winter is going snow skiing!" - Cara Moore

" Sledding!" - Jade Novits

"Making Christmas cookies for the neighbors and my parents’ co-workers. It is so fun to be able to make so many kinds of treats and be able to brighten people’s day. Although, eating the cookies we bake is a nice bonus too!" - Cyla Skaggs

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