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*Useful Information for Sam H. Jones Community Service Scholars*

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**Brief History of the Sam H. Jones Program**

**Did you know your scholarship program began with IUPUI license plates?**

Although not completely true, the scholarship programs you are part of have had some amazing history and evolved substantially over the past 22 years. In 1994, The Office of Service Learning or OSL (as it was originally called) took over the coordination of the "License to Learn Scholarship," funded by, as you may have guessed, the sale of IUPUI license plates. This year would award only two scholarships, but it was the beginning of something special. After 4 years of growth, 1998 brought a second round of changes to the program. As IUPUI was shifting towards a mission focused on civic engagement, OSL was in the position to provide oversight to help foster that change. Over the next two years, OSL was given funds to support 5 different scholarship programs, many which are still around today in some shape or form. These included, the Freshman Service Scholars (now First Year Service Scholars), The Community Service Scholars, the Community Service Associate Scholarship (Now the Community Service Leaders), the America Reads/America Counts Team Leader Scholarship, and the Service Learning Assistant Scholarship.

As the campus rolled into the new millennium, many significant changes also took place. First, in 2001, the Office of Community



Center for Service and Learning logo from 2003-2013

Service, Office of Neighborhood Partnerships, and the Office of Service Learning combined to create the Center for Service and Learning (CSL). Then in 2003, the Community Service Scholarship Program was renamed in honor of Sam H. Jones, the longtime director of the Indy Urban League and dedicated public servant. During this time the scholarship program grew to house 9 different scholarship programs.



Even today, the scholarship programs are always evolving to better suit the needs of the students, campus, and community. For example, the Community Partner Scholar Program changed its name to the Family, School, and Neighborhood Scholars to better reflect the service the scholars are doing and the Alternative Break Program developed a Alternative Break Co-Coordinator position (Previously apart of the Community Service Leader program) to oversee the Alternative Break Team Leaders.

Although the names and faces of the program have changed, the scholarship program has constantly worked to bring meaningful service to the students, campus and community, furthering the civic mindedness and relationships between them all. As

scholars, you further that goal each and every day you serve. Be proud that you are apart of a program with such a unique and rich background!

Source

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## Program Spotlight: First Year Service Scholars

### First Year Service Scholars

*By Rhiannon Conlon,  
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Leader*

#### Number of Scholars:

14

#### Where do they serve:

The FSS scholars serve at George Washington Community High School's after school program, The HUB. They each go in

small groups throughout the week and help with homework and co-lead various clubs. Some of those clubs include: MOJO, Creativity Club, Healthy Lifestyle, and Stress Relief.

#### Unique Characteristics:

The FSS program is the only SHJ program that is comprised of only first year students. Through this unique build of the program the students develop friendships that are carried outside of the SHJ program. Along with serving at GWCHS the FSS program meets bi-weekly for trainings and takes a class during the Fall semester.

#### Why they believe it is the "best" SHJ program:



2015-2016 First Year Service Scholars

When asking the current FSS this question, one of them, Victoria Goodwin, said it best: "FSS is the best program because of the bonds and ties of friendship that are easily created within the program". Much like many of the other programs, the FSS Scholars have been able to create lasting relationships within the group and with the kids they work with.

## Service Scholars In The Top 100

### **Congratulations!**

IUPUI has just released the 2016 Top 100 Students Award and 15% of those awarded were our scholars! Candidates are awarded based on scholastic achievement, collegiate and co-curricular activities, and civic/community engagement. The following scholars were selected this year:

***Dana Alhaffar***  
***Mariah Barber***  
***Joseph Bondi***  
***Emma Brown***  
***Mark Daiuto***  
***Sarah Fraser***  
***Erin Ingram***  
***Amber Kriech***  
***Lyla Mahmoud***  
***Ayodamola Otun***  
***Steven Scally***  
***Melanie Scheive***  
***Amna Sohail***  
***Elizabeth Valencia-Gutierrez***  
***Hannah Wheeler***

Congratulations on all of your hard work and receiving this award!

## GA Spotlight: Stefany Boleyn



# Stefany Boleyn

*Family, School, and Neighborhood Scholars  
Graduate Assistant*

## **Degree Program:**

Masters of Science - Library and Information Science

## **Go-To Snack:**

Popcorn!

## **What is the most rewarding aspect of being apart of the Sam H. Jones program?**

I was a Sam H. Jones Scholar for three years in my undergrad, and I was really inspired by the GAs who helped oversee the two programs I was a part of. I really enjoy being part of a program that challenges its students to serve, to learn about what causes the need for service, and why service is important. This program really allows students to add a layer to their education, and I'm really happy that I get to be a part of it.

## **Words of Advice:**

There is always something you can learn from every situation, good or bad. Look for it, and never stop learning.

## **If you could be any fruit or vegetable, which would you be and why?**

Sweet corn, because it is sweet and versatile. I have know to be sweet on occasion, and I can adapt to a lot of different situations.

## **Upcoming Opportunities You Don't Want To Miss**

### **Summer Opportunity AmeriCorps Positions**

Are you interested in serving with AmeriCorps, but don't have time to commit 6 months to a year for a service term? Well, a new AmeriCorps Program, Summer Opportunity AmeriCorps, does just that. Taking place over the summer months, high school and college students can gain skills and experience while serving their communities. To learn more about the program and apply for a position, go to the [AmeriCorps website](#).

### **Getting into Graduate School Information Session**

Are you interested in graduate school and would like to learn more about the general process and what to expect? IUPUI is putting on a one-hour information session Tuesday March 22nd, at 4pm in the University Library Room 1126. The session is free, but registration is required. Follow the link for more information: <http://graduate.iupui.edu/survey/grad-school-info-session.shtml>

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