Program Spotlight: Social Justice Scholars

Social Justice Scholars
By Amanda Bonilla, SJS Program Director

Number of Scholars: 8

Where do they serve:
All over IUPUI! Our scholars develop and lead on-campus programming about the important social issues that are going on around us everyday. They have forums all over campus, including the campus center auditorium and main floor, and under the SPEA Breezeway.
Unique Characteristics:
The SJS program is actually 4 programs in one. Our scholars offer diverse options to engage campus in social justice program with anything from large scale forums (Pass the Mics) and poetry slams (Speak OUT Café), to dialogues (Shop Talk) and interactive discussion boards (Democracy Plaza).

Why they believe it is the "best" SHJ program:
SJS scholars feel that their program is the "best" because they are very visible and unapologetically challenge people to think critically about social issues. Where else do you get to talk about important social justice issues on campus and lead the conversation? SJS provides students an opportunity to not only participate in the programs but lead the conversation to create an inclusive and critical thinking campus. Our scholars also plan the Tunnel of Oppression, which brings in over 650 people to an event to raise awareness on current social issues through an interactive museum-like format.

Congratulations to Our Plater Medallion Recipients!

Congratulations!
This past week, 7 of our Sam H. Jones Scholars were selected for the William M. Plater Civic Engagement Award! This award is given to graduating students who have shown exemplary commitment to their communities. The following scholars were selected this year:
Join us in congratulating them on this receiving this great accomplishment!

Scholars in Action

Our scholars have been busy! To highlight just a few, the past week several program’s hard work and planning paid off with a successful Cesar Chavez Day of Service, and the Alternative Break Trip Leaders and Co-Coordinators led eye-opening and awesome spring break trips!
Remember: if you have any pictures of you or other scholars in action, please email Adam Peters at adapeter@iupui.edu

GA Spotlight: Sara Goss
Sarah Goss  
Learning and Assessment  
Graduate Assistant

Degree Program:  
Masters of Science - Geology  
Masters of Arts - Bioethics

Go-To Snack:  
Almond M&Ms

What is the most rewarding aspect of being apart of the Sam H. Jones program?  
I'm enjoying the research I'm conducting on how service learning impacts acquisition of environmental education. I chose to pursue this because I'm passionate about environmental education and encouraging the development of an environmental ethic. I enjoy collaborating with faculty to improve educational and university goals.

Words of Advice:  
Don't lose track of your goals. Focus on your end goal and don't blink. Dismiss anything that would interfere with your success (before it gets in the way).

If you could be any fruit or vegetable, which would you be and why?  
An apple, because they are local, sustainable, and portable!

Upcoming Opportunities You Don’t Want To Miss

IUPUI Career Fair  
Are you looking for a job after you graduate? Possibly an internship for the summer? Or are you interested in networking with potential future employers? IUPUI is hosting its annual Spring Career Fair April 6th from 1:00-4:00pm on the fourth floor of the Campus Center. Remember to dress professionally and bring copies of your resume! Follow the link for more information:  [http://career.iupui.edu/Students-Alums/Spring-Career-Fair](http://career.iupui.edu/Students-Alums/Spring-Career-Fair)

Project Wet: Workshop on Water Resources  
The Department of Natural Resource will be presenting a workshop to promote the awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources this [Saturday, April 2nd at 9:00am in the Curriculum Resource Center (ES 1125)](http://career.iupui.edu/Students-Alums/Spring-Career-Fair). Each participant will receive a resource guide at no cost and lunch will be provided. Registration is not required, and all are welcome!

2016 Symposium on Civil Discourse  
The IUPUI Symposium on Civil Discourse seeks to present models for civilly engaging in challenging conversations about issues and events impacting the campus, nation and world. This year's symposium will focus on the 1968 Robert Kennedy's Speech at Indianapolis Park, where most people first learned of Martin Luther King's death. The symposium will discuss the impact of
Great Indy CleanUp

Join IUPUI students as we assist the Near Westside Indianapolis community in cleaning up its neighborhood. Volunteers will pick up litter, assist with painting projects, and beautify the neighborhood on **Saturday April 16th**. A light breakfast (7:30 a.m.) and lunch (11:30 a.m.) will be served. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please meet at the Hawthorne Center for Working Families, 70 N Mount Street. You can register using the linked [Google Doc](#).

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