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Alternative Break applications close on April 7th (AB Co-Coordinators and AB Trip Leaders).
Learn more and request your application.

Top 100 SHJ Scholars

IUPUI has recently released the 2017 Top 100 Students Awards, and over 10% are SHJ Scholars! Candidates are awarded based on scholastic achievement, collegiate and co-curricular activities, and civic and community engagement. The following scholars were selected this year:

Dane Alhaffar
Shivani Bajpai
Emma Brown
Sarah Fraser
Brittani Grove
Amber Krieb
Katie McAllister
Kelly Moors
Amira Nafiseh
Ellisa Ruinski
Melanie Scheive
Arma Sohail

Congratulations on your selection and hard work, scholars!

IUPUI
Top 100

Upcoming Opportunities & Events

March/April 2017

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IUPUI Nonprofit Expo (3/22): The IUPUI Nonprofit Expo brings together more than 70 nonprofit, government, and community partners that offer internship, volunteer, and job opportunities to IUPUI students and alumni. This year's Expo takes place Wednesday, March 22nd from 1-4 PM in the IUPUI Campus Center, Room 450.

Discussion on Opportunities for Work in Community Foundations and Community Philanthropy (4/5): Come out and learn from professionals in the field of community foundations and philanthropy. This is a great networking opportunity for students seeking jobs and internships. The discussion will take place on Wednesday, April 5th from 4:30-5:30 PM in University Hall, Room 1008. RSVP here.

Senior Sendoff for Graduating SHJ Scholars: Are you graduating in May 2017? If so, please consider attending our Sam H. Jones Senior Sendoff hosted by the Center for Service and Learning. This informal, drop-by lunch will take place on Friday, April 7th from 11 AM - 1 PM in Hine Hall, Room 243. RSVP here.

Engage Chicago: Engage Chicago is an immersive field study program that takes place from June 16 to August 11, 2017. The program is designed to give undergraduate students a powerful summer learning experience in one of the world's most dynamic cities. The program includes academic coursework, an internship experience, field visits, and more. Final deadline for applications is on April 3rd. Click here to learn more and submit your application.

Fall 2017 Course: Imagining Just Societies: This course (PHIL-P333/525) will examine utopian ideas through philosophy, literature, and history and consider how utopian thinking can be helpful in criticizing present social ills and how it can be dangerous in eliminating dissent and difference. This course fulfills the experiment requirement of the RISE Challenge by participating in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange program. Half of the class will be students from inside the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) and half of the class will be IUPUI students not housed at IREF. The class will bring together students from different perspectives who might not otherwise engage each other on these topics. For permission to register, please contact the instructor, Martin Coleman, at martcole@iupui.edu.

Scholar Spotlight: Adam Tapper

Adam Tapper
Family, School, and Neighborhood Scholar

About Adam
IUPUI Junior studying Computer Science

Years in the Program
This is Adam's 1st year in the program

Best Part of His SHJ Experience
"My main service project here in the office is facilitating the Indiana Community Schools Network, which is a group of about 50 education professionals from counties all over Indiana that are using the community school model. I have enjoyed getting to work closely with these individuals because I love children, and these professionals are just as passionate as me."
Favorite Service Project

"Over the spring/summer of 2016, I was able to organize a session at the Out-of-School Summit and several conference calls around a new federal education law called ESSA. After months of work, the network submitted a recommendation for certain parts of the law.

Seeing a group I helped form making a difference on that large of a scale was incredible. I was humbled and honored."

Favorite Quote

"I don't know what my future holds, but I know who holds my future."

Program Feature: Service Learning Assistants

Did you know Service Learning Assistants (SLAs) are also Sam H. Jones Scholars?

Part of the Sam H. Jones Community Service Scholarship Program, SLA Scholarships are given to IUPUI faculty and staff who select students to partner in community-engaged scholarly practice. SLAs perform a wide-range of duties, including community outreach, data management, classroom and volunteer trainings, and more.

SLAs have been involved in coordinating and assisting with some amazing projects, such as the Homeless Point in Time County, the national Inside-Out Prison Exchange, IUPUI study abroad trips, and the Spirit and Place Festival.

If you are interested in a SLA position and do not know a faculty member who has received a scholarship, you can submit an interest form here. More information is found on the CSL website.

Ask the Scholars

Alternative Break Scholars recently facilitated several alternative break trips across the country for IUPUI students! We decided to ask these scholars a little about their trips.

What was the focus of your alternative spring break trip? What type of service activities did you engage in?

"My trip was focused on mental health education and awareness! We worked with CHADS Coalition to do service activities at their headquarters, like meeting with different members of their board, assisting in discussions, cleaning up around the HQ, and helping with their fundraising event!" - Bridget Barbara

"Our focus this spring is Animal Welfare. We ventured to Possumwood Acres, a wild animals rehabilitation sanctuary, where we were trained and educated on the proper care of an injured animal. This experience opened up the opportunity for hands-on service with animals found in the North Carolina area. Our group is able to differentiate between animal welfare and animal rights." - Melissa Cardenas and Julienne Boyle

"The focus of our trip was Environmentalism, specifically focusing on National/State Parks. We engaged in trail maintenance, installing benches/fences, clearing space, improving campsites, painting buildings, and making a new trail!" - Jake Gale

"My alternative spring break was about the stigma and misinformation surrounding HIV and, historically, AIDS and the social factors that contribute to its current prevalence. My group of 12 went to New Orleans to work with Project Lazarus, which provides transitional housing to people living with HIV. We participated in group activities with the residents and beautification projects for the Project Lazarus campus and its gardens."

-Melanie Scheive