

## CATCHING UP

University of Delaware Alternative Breaks (UDaB) is back for another year of immersive student-led programs, participating in direct service and experiential learning with community organizations to increase knowledge of social justice issues and encourage lifelong active citizenship. This year, 593 participants and 66 site leaders will travel to work with 31 programs, contributing almost 20,000 hours of service and learning an immeasurable amount from those they serve. This is a LONG way from 2011 when UDaB sent 92 student participants and 12 student leaders to 5 communities to pursue service projects for the first time ever. Every year since, UDaB has continued to grow beyond expectations. We are acutely aware of the impact that all of our alumni have played in helping to grow the organization both in size and quality. Your passion was inspiring then and continues to be evident today as we are having another incredible year!

Check out our updated website that includes a promo video made by former UDaB Co-Program Coordinator Pat Biché! [sites.udel.edu/igs-udab](https://sites.udel.edu/igs-udab)

# WHAT'S UP WITH UDAB

## MEET THE 2017-2018 TEAM

Meet our Senior Leadership at  
[sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/meet-leadership](https://sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/meet-leadership)

Brendan Hickey, *Program Coordinator*  
Brittany Wertz, *Operations Coordinator*  
Katie Johnson, *Site Leader Trainer*  
Rebecca Robbins, *Site Leader Trainer*

Meet our Executive Board at  
[sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/exec-board](https://sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/exec-board)

Meet our Winter & Spring Site Leaders at  
[sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/site-leaders](https://sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/site-leaders)



## RETREAT '17

On the first Friday of September, senior leadership, executive board, and site leaders came together for a night of activities highlighting what it means to be an active citizen and learning more about UDaB. In addition to everyone participating in our famous talent show, the spring site leaders found out which programs they would be leading. The next morning, we split into two groups and headed to Wilmington State Park and Lums Pond State Park in Delaware to engage in clean-up and park restoration service. The retreat was successful in bringing together leadership to learn more about the program and to start a new year of UDaB! We were so grateful to have UDaB alum and all around superstar, Shelby Dorr come speak to us about the impact UDaB has had on her daily life and her career. She said she came with nothing prepared to say and then proceeded to blow us away with her words. Classic Shelby.

# 2018 PROGRAMS

For descriptions of each community partner check out our online list of 2018 programs here:

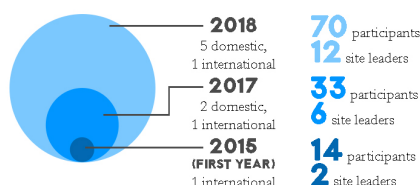
[sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/spring-break-2018](https://sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/spring-break-2018)

## WINTER

This year we have DOUBLED our number of winter programs, making a total of six now! Winter applicants have been chosen and site leaders have started conducting their pre-trip meetings to prepare for their upcoming programs. We even have enough winter programs to have the first ever UDaB Winter Send-Off Event!

### PROGRAMS

### STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

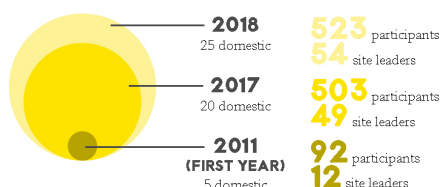


## SPRING

This Spring we received about 590 applications for 523 spots. Spring participants will be traveling to 25 different sites exploring a vast variety of new focus areas. This year, we added the largest number of new community partners in our organization's history and the excitement is palpable. Spring site leaders are currently in the extensive individual interview process to select their participants for their programs.

### PROGRAMS

### STUDENT INVOLVEMENT



## KEY

- Winter Program
- Spring Program
- \* New Program

### CASS ●

Hunger & Homelessness  
[casscommunity.org](http://casscommunity.org)  
Detroit, MI

### APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) ●

Rural Poverty  
[asphome.org](http://asphome.org)  
Guyan Valley, WV

### GREENHOUSE17 ●

Domestic Violence  
[greenhouse17.org](http://greenhouse17.org)  
Lexington, KY

### CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE (CTC) ●

Environmental Stewardship  
[cumberlandtrail.org](http://cumberlandtrail.org)  
Dayton, TN

### MEDICI PROJECT ●

Community Outreach  
[medicproject.org](http://medicproject.org)  
Nashville, TN

### ONCE UPON A TIME ●

Environmental & Cultural Conservation  
[onceuponatimeadventures.com](http://onceuponatimeadventures.com)  
Maryville, TN

### CAPITAL AREA THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOC. (CATRA) \* ●

Disability & Animal Care  
[catra.net](http://catra.net)

### GRANTVILLE, PA

**GWEN'S GIRLS ●**  
Female Empowerment & Racial Injustice  
[gwensgirls.org](http://gwensgirls.org)

### PITTSBURG, PA

### URBAN TREE CONNECTION (UTC) ●

Urban Eco-Revitalization  
[urbantreeconnection.org](http://urbantreeconnection.org)  
Philadelphia, PA

### BREAK A DIFFERENCE \* ●

Urban Environmental Stewardship  
[breakadifference.org/locations/discover-new-york-ny](http://breakadifference.org/locations/discover-new-york-ny)  
New York, NY

### H.O.M.E. ●

Rural Poverty  
[homenmausa.org](http://homenmausa.org)  
Orlando, ME

### COMMUNITY SERVINGS \* ●

Food Insecurity  
[servings.org](http://servings.org)  
Boston, MA

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ●

Housing Insecurity  
[habitat.org](http://habitat.org)  
Salem, NJ  
Susquehanna, MD  
Sussex, DE

### CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION (CBF) ●

Bay Restoration  
[cbf.org](http://cbf.org)

### ANNAPOLIS, MD

### LIVING CLASSROOMS \* ●

Equitable Education  
[livingclassrooms.org](http://livingclassrooms.org)  
Baltimore, MD

### READING PARTNERS \* ●

Early Literacy  
[readingpartners.org/location/baltimore](http://readingpartners.org/location/baltimore)  
Baltimore, MD

### BRIGHT BEGINNINGS ●

Early Literacy  
[bbdic.org](http://bbdic.org)

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE PILGRIMAGE \* ●

Urban Poverty  
[thepilgrimage.org](http://thepilgrimage.org)  
Washington, D.C.

### REACH \* ●

Immigration Acculturation  
[reachyouthmissions.com](http://reachyouthmissions.com)  
Roanoke, VA

### SOUTHEAST RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROJECT, INC. (SERCAP) \* ●

Natural Resource Conservation  
[sercap.org](http://sercap.org)

### COOPER HILL, VA

### VOLUNTEERS FOR CHANGE \* ●

Veteran Healthcare  
[sercap.org/programs/volunteers.htm](http://sercap.org/programs/volunteers.htm)  
Salem, VA

### CAMPUS PRIDE \* ●

LGBTQ+ Advocacy  
[campuspride.org](http://campuspride.org)  
Charlotte, NC

### BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY ●

Community Rebuilding  
[bridgestocommunity.org](http://bridgestocommunity.org)  
Jinotega, Nicaragua

### NATIONAL RELIEF NETWORK (NRN) ●

Disaster Relief  
[nrn.org](http://nrn.org)  
Location TBD

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Community Rebuilding  
[nrn.org](http://nrn.org)  
Leesburg, FL

### WINGS FOR KIDS \* ●

Equitable Education  
[wingsforkids.org](http://wingsforkids.org)  
Charleston, SC

### CAMP ROYALL ● ●

Autism Acceptance  
[autismsociety-nc.org/camp-royall](http://autismsociety-nc.org/camp-royall)  
Moncure, NC

## A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP

Thank you for continuing to stay interested in UDaB. After attending the ABCs national conference hosted by Break Away, I gained a more intense and refined appreciation for UDaB and everything you have all done to improve the organization. As we have expanded over the past 8 years, we have grown our community of active citizens, which is truly exciting and inspiring. We hope you carry a little bit of UDaB with you throughout your lives because UDaB carries a little bit of you throughout its life. ✨

Sincerely,

Brendan Hickey, Program Coordinator

We're always looking to improve our alumni relations! Email [bhickey@udel.edu](mailto:bhickey@udel.edu) with suggestions for future newsletters or alumni engagements.