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We need your help!

In order to fulfill UDaB's vision of making our programs accessible to everyone, we must work to make our programs more affordable for students. While we have slightly reduced the average program fee despite increased costs, we still need a larger award fund. Please consider donating to our award fund, so students who want this transformative experience can better afford it.

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BREAK AWAY ORIENTATION

On Saturday, December 2nd UDaB was excited to gather this year's participants and their site leaders in yet another amazing Break Away orientation. There was many laughs and bonding shared among the group as they started their year long UDaB journey. Nisha gave an engaging presentation highlighting the platform that UDaB relies on including it's history, active citizenship and the values UDaB represents. The orientation ended with participants and their site leaders leaving feeling excited for their amazing programs yet to come!





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MAGGIE STOHLER '14, former Program Coordinator of UDaB, is currently working for an impact investing firm that supports social entrepreneurs. She keeps up in her active citizenship by volunteering monthly with an organization she holds close to her, making recurring donations to her favorite nonprofits, and stays informed about issues and even calls local representatives to express those opinions! In regards to active citizenship Maggie says, "I strongly believe that there is always room for growth. It's not something you ever stop working towards, but rather a mindset you adapt to whatever life brings." Thanks for your words of wisdom and dedication Maggie!

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JOHN McCARRON '16, is a year and a half into the Peace Corp and has worked on numerous projects. He has already built a computer lab with the community for the students and organized a girl's scholarship program for 35 high school students. Currently, he is teaching math and science at a rural middle school in Ghana and building a poultry farm with a youth organization in the village to improve nutrition! He has also participated in a two week long surgical mission with Operation Smile and was recently accepted to medical school, which will be the next step in his time in Ghana. On top of all of this, he is raising a few pigs and chickens, reading lots of books, and building some furniture! We can feel your positivity from here, John! Good luck with the rest of your adventures!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

NATIONAL RELIEF NETWORK (NRN), LEESBURG, FL & ANOTHER LOCATION TBD

The National Relief Network is an amazing organization that is committed to rebuilding the homes, communities, and lives of those significantly affected by natural disasters with the help of a large group of volunteers. With disaster striking America leaving many communities in need, UDaB is dedicated to sending our program where help is needed the most. This is why this NRN program has been left undecided at the moment until we find a place where the community is in need of our assistance. This program includes four site leaders and 50 participants who will engage in service ranging from deconstruction to reconstruction in order to help improve the homes and lives of those suffering.

To learn more about the NRN, visit nrn.org

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

CAPITAL AREA THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOC. (CATRA), GRANTVILLE, PA

This coming spring UDaB is excited to partner with CATRA, Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association in Grantville, Pennsylvania! CATRA was founded in 1985 with the main goal of providing therapeutic riding opportunities for individuals ages one year to senior citizens. Our program includes two site leaders and 19 participants who will spend the week assisting riders, maintaining the stalls and paddocks, and care for the horses and other animals. The focus area of this program is disabilities and animal care, where our participants will be tending to the needs of the individuals utilizing CATRA's services as well as the amazing animals who live on this equestrian farm environment. UDaB is excited to expand our community partner connections and support this inspiring organization! To get more info on CATRA, visit catra.net/



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