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It is an impressive feat for these students to dedicate their time and efforts to both their academic and public service pursuits. They provide an example for others to emulate, such as how they stepped up to assist the Lumberton, North Carolina community in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. And this is only one example as the Buckley Public Service Scholars have served North Carolinians in a variety of fields ranging from healthcare to education.

As they graduate and leave Carolina, I know these Buckley Public Service Scholars will be there to help communities meet the challenges that accompany change and growth in the state, nation, and world. I am confident they will remain faithful to Carolina's tradition of public service and have no doubt they will continue to make a difference wherever their lives take them in the future. I couldn’t be more proud and optimistic.

Carol L. Folt
Chancellor, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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We also recognize those who have fostered these students’ work—Carolina faculty and staff, dedicated community agencies, and, most notably, those they have had the opportunity to serve.

The 2017 Buckley Public Service Scholars play an important role in strengthening the culture of service and engagement at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. These students uphold UNC’s commitment to campus-community partnership. I am certain they will carry these civic values with them after graduation and will continue to affect positive change in their communities.

Lynn White Blanchard
Director, Carolina Center for Public Service
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Buckley Public Service Scholars program (BPSS) provides a framework for Carolina undergraduate students committed to making a positive impact through service. BPSS challenges participants to expand their understanding of service, connect academic and community-based experiences and build their capacity to help effect change. While completing the program components, participants build portfolios that reflect their learning and unique experiences throughout North Carolina, the nation and the world.

Since 2003, BPSS has connected students with similar interests and provided special opportunities for leadership development and community engagement. This year, participating students reported service with more than 1,000 community and campus organizations.

In 2011, the Center announced the establishment of the Walter White Buckley Jr. Endowment. This endowment honors Walter Buckley, a business entrepreneur who applied his professional expertise and personal commitment to making a difference in the lives of others and who exemplifies the qualities the program instills in Carolina students. The Walter White Buckley Jr. Endowment ensures Buckley Public Service Scholars will graduate for generations to come.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The Buckley Public Service Scholars program model incorporates a substantial commitment to public service and several forms of structured training and reflection on that service. While in the program, many students are introduced to social entrepreneurship, community-based research, advocacy and philanthropy as important forms of public service. BPSS is open to all full-time, undergraduate students with at least four semesters remaining at Carolina. Transfer students must have three semesters remaining to enroll. To successfully complete the program, students build a portfolio that includes the following program components:

» BPSS orientation session,
» 300 hours of public service,
» one service-learning course,
» four approved skills trainings,
» senior reflection activity, and
» minimum cumulative GPA.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ARTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWS

In 2014, the Carolina Center for Public Service (CCPS) and Carolina Performing Arts partnered to create the Arts in Public Service Fellows, a program that encourages students to make a direct impact in their communities through the arts. Arts in Public Service Fellows fulfill BPSS program requirements and build portfolios with a focus on the arts as instruments of social change. This year, the following BPSS graduates are also graduating as Arts in Public Service Fellows:

» Natalie Marie Cabo
» Dana Gentry
» Jade Loendorf
» Abigail Neal
» Anjani Patel
» Madison Sarah Stark

FIRST-YEAR SERVICE CORPS

The Carolina Center for Public Service offers a unique opportunity for selected first-year students to come together with faculty and staff throughout the year to deepen their academic and practical experience in public service during their time at Carolina. Through a variety of activities, participants learn about existing and emerging opportunities for public service and engagement on and off campus. Twenty-one first-year BPSS participants and five student leaders participated in the 2016-2017 academic year.

NORTH CAROLINA OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Carolina Center for Public Service awards North Carolina Outward Bound School (NCOBS) scholarships to participants in BPSS, Carolina Leadership Development and the School of Education. Recipients receive full tuition to a 28-day course at NCOBS. CCPS awarded 11 scholarships in 2017.

PHILANTHROPY AS A TOOL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE COURSE

Philanthropy as a Tool for Social Change is a three-credit hour service-learning course offered through the Carolina Center for Public Service and The Learning by Giving Program. Through this course, students learn about and experience the process of awarding grants to local agencies. Students function as a committee and are responsible for researching North Carolina needs, designing grant award criteria, drafting and distributing a request for proposals, reviewing submissions, and awarding $10,000 to select community organizations.

SMART MENTORING

SMART engages Carolina undergraduates and local middle-school students in mentoring relationships. The program targets students from low-income communities and focuses on race, class and gender issues. Students selected to participate enroll in a fall three-credit hour course and a spring one-credit hour course. Staff from partnering organization Volunteers for Youth match SMART mentors with mentees by early September and the mentoring commitment continues through late April. Twenty-two students participated in SMART during the 2016-2017 academic year.
The 252 students graduating in the 2017 class of Buckley Public Service Scholars reported 104,996 hours of service as of March 2017. Of these hours, 70 percent primarily benefited North Carolina, 19 percent other states and 11 percent other countries. BPSS participants represent 49 out of 65 majors on campus. Participants focus on a large variety of service areas, from health to the environment.
Kesha Acharya  
Cary, North Carolina  
MAJOR  
Nutrition  
MINORS  
Chemistry  
Neuroscience  
SERVICE TIES  
Flourish  
Nutrition Coalition  
South Orange Rescue Squad

Luis Cristian Acosta  
Hendersonville, North Carolina  
MAJOR  
Chemistry  
SERVICE TIES  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools  
N.C. Sli  
STEAM Outreach Achievement Recreation (S.O.A.R.)

Abena Adu-Nyako  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
MAJOR  
Global Studies  
MINOR  
Public Policy  
SERVICE TIES  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Global Brigades  
GlobeMed

Sahar Alimohamadi  
Marlboro, Georgia  
MAJOR  
Biography  
MINOR  
Chemistry  
SERVICE TIES  
Cancer Research  
UNC Hospitals  
UNC School of Medicine

Sajan Y. Amin  
Lampert, North Carolina  
MAJOR  
Biology  
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Pre-Physical-OCCupational Therapy (Pre-PT/OT) Club  
N.C. Sli

Leona Aisha Amosah  
Kinston-Salem, North Carolina  
MAJOR  
Biology  
Language and Cultures Global Studies  
SERVICE TIES  
APPLIES Service-Leaning  
Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)  
Tar Hill Outreach Program

Akanksha Arora  
Kinston-Salem, North Carolina  
MAJOR  
Global Studies  
Language and Cultures  
SERVICE TIES  
Rehabilitation Counseling - Campus Y  
Syphils UNC  
The Women’s Health Information Center
Service is something that has been an integral part of my life for a long time, but finding a community of others who were equally as passionate about a variety of new and familiar causes, through BPSS, was invaluable. Through service-learning courses, volunteer opportunities, skills training, and my own service efforts, I was introduced to many new organizations, causes, ideas, and individuals who have shaped me as a person and enhanced the way I live and serve others. 

~ Maggie Brownrigg

MADISON ANN BARNHART
Courtice, North Carolina
- Business Administration
- Entrepreneurship
- Girls on the Run
- Ronald McDonald House
- TABLE

NICHOLAS JAMES GRAY BRITT
Clayton, North Carolina
- Biology
- Music
- Home of Hope
- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
- UNC Hospitals

GRACE BUSBY
Snohomish, California
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Business Administration
- CUBE - Campus Y
- Enrich ESOL - Campus Y
- Mental Health and Disability Lab

MORGAN LINDSEY BUSH
Cary, North Carolina
- Media and Journalism
- Global Studies
- Carolina For The Kids Foundation
- Carolina Profect
- National International

JACQUELINE CERON HERNANDEZ
Durham, North Carolina
- Public Policy
- Hispanic Studies
- Enrich ESOL - Campus Y
- North Carolina Food Bank

SHIRA PAULINE CHANDLER
Greensboro, North Carolina
- Health Policy and Management
- Chemistry
- Information Systems
- APLES Service-Learning
- Global Public Health
- Journey Christian Fellowship

JACQUELYN BEATTY
Matthews, North Carolina
- Biology
- Spanish for the Professors
- Carolina Polkini Arts and Social Support (CPSAS)
- Asheboro Public
- UNC Hospitals

TIMBER GREY BEENINGA
Summerfield, North Carolina
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- Global Studies
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- Community Engagement Fund (CEF)
- Habitat for Humanity

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- UNC Club Tennis

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NATALIE MARIE CABO
Miami, Florida
- Management and Society
- Social and Economic Justice
- Business Hall Association
- Tar Heel Transition
- The L5P Project

KAYLA JOE CAMPBELL
Maugus, Valley, North Carolina
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“BPSS opened an entirely new world to me at UNC. It held me accountable for hours and provided service-learning opportunities. However, the greatest thing BPSS gave me was the opportunity to participate in Onward Bound. It was the most eye-opening, informative experience I’ve had at UNC. I learned some of my strengths, weaknesses, and I grew as a leader. I overcame personal challenges and group challenges that helped me through college and will help me for the rest of my life.”

— Elizabeth Ferguson
The Buckley Public Service Scholars program helped me understand that service is a reciprocating process, benefiting both the volunteers and the recipients. I am grateful to have been part of this community throughout my four years at Carolina." - Amy Lee

NICOLE GONZALEZ
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- Biometrics
- Mathematics
- Biology

KAJAL ROSY GROVER
Cary, North Carolina
- Biology
- Neuroscience
- Chemistry

AMRITHA MANGALA GUNABALAN
Mount Vernon, New York
- Health Policy and Management
- Religious Studies

LAUREN ELIZABETH HITCHINGS
Cary, North Carolina
- Nursing
- Geography

PAIGE HINES
Greenbrier, North Carolina
- Global Studies
- Romance Languages (Spanish)

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- Anthropology
- Chemistry

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- Communication Studies

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- Chemistry

GEMMA GUADALUPE HERRERA
Selby, North Carolina
- Psychology
- Hispanic Studies

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS JADELS
Alexa, North Carolina
- Applied Science
- Service TIES

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The Buckley Public Service Scholars program exposed me to many different forms of service with varying populations. It expanded my passion for service while continuously encouraging me to consider the complexities of helping others. BPS encouraged me that service consists of creating a positive impact in a manner best suited to the needs of the community.

~ Anjani Patel
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Aqua, North Carolina
- Psychology
- Chinese
- SERVICE TIES
  APPLES Service-Learning
  Department of Housing and Residential Education
  Teapiggies

SITING XU
Asheville, North Carolina
- Global Studies
- Public Policy
- SERVICE TIES
  APPLES Service-Learning
  Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center
  Helping Pass

HUEYSHAN LIN
Charlottesville, Virginia
- Chemistry
- Information Science
- Chinese
- SERVICE TIES
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Hugo Point, North Carolina
- Chemistry
- Biology
- SERVICE TIES
  Action Speaks - UNC
  Carolina WISE
  National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)

JADE LOENDORF
Durham, North Carolina
- Psychology
- Studio Art
- Mathematical Decision Sciences
- SERVICE TIES
  Artboks
  Children's Museum
  Pi Sigma Pi

DANIELA LOPEZ
Chapel, Carolina
- Global Studies
- Geography
- Environmental Science and Studies
- SERVICE TIES
  Hoots Carolina
  Linking Immigrants to Non-Profits
  (LINC) - Campus Y
  Southern Environmental Law Center

ELIZABETH MATULIS
Charlottesville, North Carolina
- Political Science
- History
- SERVICE TIES
  Autism and Developmental Disabilities Program Center
  Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)
  Students for Education Reform
  UNC Young Democrats

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  Orange County Rape Crisis Center

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  Buckley Public Service Scholars
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- Entrepreneurship
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  Economic Assistance and Action (E3A) – Campus Y
  Holyoke Youth ByPrinting Enrichment
  (HYBE) – Campus Y

CHERISE DRUSSULA MCMANUS
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- SERVICE TIES
  UNC Huskies
  UNC School of Medicine
  Volunteer for Youth

SYDNEY ROWAN MARK
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THE BUCKLEY PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM has given me opportunities for service that I may not have found otherwise in my time at Carolina. BPSS also offered skills trainings that have taught me how to engage in public service and given me a knowledge base with which I can go into the post-grad world."

~ Bryan Letter

Esther Olubatoni Madugu
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~ Adrienne Maung

SARAH KATHERINE LONG
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  Carolina Campus Community Garden
  UNC Hospitals

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~ Adrienne Maung

The Buckley Public Service Scholars program has served as a formative part of my undergraduate experience at UNC - Chapel Hill. Through the service projects I pursued through BPSS, I have gained a deep appreciation and understanding of what service to the community is and what it does. The program has shown me how to integrate public service into various aspects of my life, and that there is more to public service than simply volunteering."
"The Buckley Public Service Scholars program opened my eyes to what service really means. I have had the pleasure of working with several children and their families in the area, and have been able to watch them grow and develop as members of society. This program allowed me to continue to serve and to learn more about myself and my interests."

- Brooke Sobolewski
The Buckley Public Service Scholars program gave me an outlet for my love and passion for service. It gave me a community of like-minded individuals to share my journey through Carolina with, and helped me continue to chase my personal belief that we all have the ability to help others. BPSS has been a phenomenal experience and something that I will carry with me long after Carolina."  

~ Madeline Pliska

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- Psychology 
- Business Administration 
- Spanish for the Professors 
- Philosophy 
- APPLES Service-Learning

Jordann Fiske 
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- Chemistry 
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- Social and Economic Justice 
- Pre-Medical Program 
- Business Administration

Sarah Elizabeth Pupa 
Raleigh, North Carolina 
**MINORS** 
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- Environmental Science and Environmental Studies 
- History 
- Chemistry 
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- Health Policy and Management 
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- Social and Economic Justice 
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- Chemistry

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BPSS has influenced my views not only about service, but about my interactions with people from different backgrounds. My involvement in the BPSS program has forever changed the way I approach service, encouraging me to always consider ethical implications, seek the expertise of more experienced community leaders, and understand how the opportunity will affect the community in both the short and long-term, and realistically evaluate how my skills relate to the opportunity.

— Gloria Gaines

"The Buckley Public Service Scholars program encouraged me to get involved with organizations around campus and the community that serve a greater purpose. I am so glad to be a part of such an enriching program that gives me a holistic perspective on the importance of service along with enabling me to build valuable skills and lifelong connections."

— Dhara Shah
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