Each May we celebrate a new class of Carolina graduates, and, for a very special group of students, we also celebrate their commitment to service and graduation as Buckley Public Service Scholars. These are students who have dedicated themselves to expanding and enhancing their public service experience while at Carolina. They do so for a variety of reasons, and many of them shared those reasons in this year’s I Serve campaign.

The I Serve campaign was developed to honor the 15th anniversary of the Carolina Center for Public Service and the 25th anniversary of the APPLES Service-Learning program. Between August 2014 and February 2015, students, faculty, staff and alumni shared why they serve, documenting the breadth, depth and importance of service here at Carolina. Many of this year’s Buckley Public Service Scholar graduates took part in the formal campaign, but more importantly, they ALL personified what public service means to this institution and to the communities they connected with throughout North Carolina and around the world.

These outstanding students demonstrated their commitment to others and gained experience in untold ways, but they would be the first to share that there have been countless others who contributed to their learning – Carolina faculty and staff members, dedicated community agency personnel and, perhaps most importantly, those they have had the honor to serve.

With this bulletin, I hope you will enjoy learning more about their accomplishments and agree that the 2015 Class of Buckley Public Service Scholars continues to fulfill the promise of the nation’s first public university.

Lynn W. Blanchard
Director, Carolina Center for Public Service

One reason I am honored to serve as Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is our university’s dedication to public service and engagement. Public service is part of Carolina’s DNA, and the students who participate in the Buckley Public Service Scholars program exemplify this throughout their time here.

I am inspired by and privileged to serve in support of our students as they work to better our local, national and global communities, continuing the legacy. This dedication of our students, along with faculty and staff, makes Carolina a wonderful place to learn in partnership with the communities we serve. Together we are having an impact that can help change the world.

As we celebrate the Buckley Public Service Scholars class of 2015 and all they have accomplished, we are confident that they have not only continued the tradition of service here at Carolina, but that they will carry it with them to continue making a difference throughout their lives.

Congratulations.

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

Congratulations to our graduates
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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 also 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. Special opportunities available to BPSS participants include: Arts in Public Service Fellows, First-Year Service Corps, SMART Mentoring, Philanthropy as a Tool for Social Change course and North Carolina Outward Bound School scholarships.

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:

- A BPSS orientation session,
- 300 hours of public service,
- One service-learning course,
- Four approved skills trainings,
- A senior reflection activity, and
- Minimum cumulative GPA.

ARTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE Fellows

In 2014, the Buckley Public Service Scholars program and Carolina Performing Arts (CPA) partnered to create the Arts in Public Service Fellows, an initiative that encourages students to make a direct impact in their community through the arts.

North Carolina has a proud history of the arts bringing individuals together and inspiring social change. This program is an opportunity to continue and broaden this tradition by teaching students about the history of the arts as instruments of public service, researching how art is being used in our communities today and encouraging students to connect with the community and make positive contributions to the lives of North Carolinians through the arts.

Arts in Public Service Fellows fulfill the requirements of the BPSS program but with a particular focus on the arts as instruments of social change. Fellows complete a service-learning course, AMST 398 Service-Learning in America: the Arts and Social Change, taught by CPA's Mellon post-doctoral fellow, Aaron Shackleford, that connects students with an arts-based project in the community in addition to providing a rigorous history of the arts and social change in American culture. Fellows have the opportunity to work with established arts-based projects and also to propose and create new arts-oriented engagement opportunities.

FIRST GRADUATE

Aditi Borde, a chemistry major, is the first student to graduate from the Arts in Public Service Fellowship program. Through her work with the AMST 398 service-learning course, Aditi worked with the Art Therapy Institute, an organization of mental health professionals dedicated to the healing power of the arts. Borde also led the first Arts in Public Service Fellows APPLES alternative break in Asheville and served as a volunteer with Cary's celebration of Diwali, a widely celebrated Hindu holiday known as the Festival of Lights.

"My experience in the Arts in Public Service Fellowship Program allowed me to view the community through an artistic lens. I experienced how art is used in communities to foster relationships, build on opportunities and engage social change. The arts haven in Asheville, North Carolina taught me how the arts can bring a community together to create sustainable relationships."
The 312 students graduating in the 2015 class of Buckley Public Service Scholars reported more than 133,500 hours across three dimensions of service as of April 2015. Of these hours, 73 percent primarily benefited North Carolina, 13 percent other states and 14 percent other countries.

BPSS participants represent 47 of UNC’s 69 majors – 68 percent of all majors on campus. Participants focus on a large variety of service areas, from health to the environment.
Since coming to Carolina, I have fallen in love with service and cannot imagine my life without it. Service has opened my eyes to a world far bigger than myself and my perceived problems. I now plan to spend the rest of my life living in service to others.

- Skylar La-Torre-Couch
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**I have learned so much through my time volunteering with local organizations on and off campus. I have found that I enjoy working with youth and helping them develop and reach their full potential. I would have never engaged in service-learning or become the student coordinator of UNTESA, LLC if it wasn’t for BPSS.**  

– Alexis Duckett

**“Through the Buckley Public Service Scholars program, I have learned to partner with school communities in service, to celebrate their assets and effect real and lasting change.”**  

– Abigail Dennison
This experience has helped shape me into the individual that I have become today because it expanded my knowledge of how to effectively participate in public service. I now walk away from this opportunity with the knowledge and qualities that I will need to become a leader and make a positive difference in the lives of the underserved.  

- Temoteo Elutilo-Ayoola

"The community is based upon equality, mutuality, and reciprocity. It affirms the rights of individual diversity as well as the common humanity that binds us together."  

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The Buckley Public Service Scholars program has made a critical and necessary impact on my undergraduate experience in redefining what it means for me to be strategic about utilizing my unique assets to serve in the most contributive and effective way possible. Equally as important, however, has been the opportunity to explore different social justice issues and avenues of service to be critical and intentional about dedicating myself toward a particular cause that resonates with me and complements my personal ideals.” — Amber Gautam
2016 GRADUATES BUCKEYE PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARS

MEGAN HUNSTAD
Corinth, North Carolina
Major: Biology
Secondary Ties: Entrepreneurship
Primary Service Ties: Alpha Delta Pi
APPLES Service-Learning program
Global Brigades

PAOLA ISAAC IBE
Kent, North Carolina
Major: Biology
Secondary Ties: Chemistry
Primary Service Ties: Accessibility Resources and Service
Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society
UNC Hospitals

CHARLOTTE JACKSON
Cambridge, Maryland
Major: Music
Secondary Ties: French
Primary Service Ties: A Drink for Tomorrow
Carolina Choir

KARINA JAVALKAR
Cary, North Carolina
Major: Health Policy and Management
Secondary Ties: Biology
Primary Service Ties: Global Brigades
UNC Hospitals
Victory Junction Gang Camp

MORGAN JEFFREYS
Cary, North Carolina
Major: English
Secondary Ties: Medical Anthropology
Primary Service Ties: Carolina Public Health
Love and Support (CPALSH)
Samaritan Health Clinic of Durham
Ukrainian Child

INDIA JENKINS
Charlotte, North Carolina
Major: Psychology
Secondary Ties: Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Primary Service Ties: UNCG Dance Marathon
APPLES Service-Learning program

HANNAH JESSEN
Kinston, North Carolina
Major: Global Studies
Secondary Ties: Journalism and Mass Communication
Primary Service Ties: Hispanic Studies
Campus Y - Carolina Kickoff
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Undergraduate Research

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Major: Journalism and Mass Communication
Secondary Ties: Psychology
Primary Service Ties: Alpha Phi Omega
Bayley For Life

KRISTA KATZENMEYER
Durham, North Carolina
Major: Computer Science
Secondary Ties: Information Science
Primary Service Ties: Hispanic Studies
Campus Y - Girls Rock NC
Musical Empowerment
Service & Leadership Residential Learning Program

ISHNA KOUL
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Major: Anthropology
Secondary Ties: Business Administration
Primary Service Ties: A Helping Hand
APPLES Service-Learning program
NC Therapeutic Riding Center

SARA LAMB
Kettering, Ohio
Major: Music
Secondary Ties: Communication Studies
Primary Service Ties: Habitat for Humanity
Norman Catholic Student Center Parish
Sigma Alpha Iota

KATHY SCHRADER
Muskegon, Michigan
Major: Literary Studies
Secondary Ties: Geography
Primary Service Ties: American Studies
ENBREY Learning Community

PAUL KELLY
Ashland, Kentucky
Major: Environmental Science
Secondary Ties: Chemistry
Primary Service Ties: Biology
UNC Dance Marathon

ANDREA LAMBERT
Savannah, Georgia
Major: Global Studies
Secondary Ties: Medical Anthropology
Geography
Primary Service Ties: UNC Dance Marathon
UNC Habitat for Humanity
UNC Hospitals

BRIAN COVERT
Golden, Colorado
Major: English
Secondary Ties: Women’s and Gender Studies
Primary Service Ties: Psychology
UNC Dance Marathon

CARRIE ROBERTSON
Bucks County Community College
Major: Business Administration
Secondary Ties: Environmental Health Sciences
Primary Service Ties: Chemistry
UNC Dance Marathon

KATE CHAPPELL
Flemington, New Jersey
Major: Mathematics
Secondary Ties: English
Primary Service Ties: Arizona State University
Apple Valley

CATHERINE LACHAPELLE
Syracuse, New York
Major: Political Science
Secondary Ties: Women’s and Gender Studies
Primary Service Ties: Mathematical Decision Sciences
UNC Dance Marathon

SARAH LAUFFER
Kettering, Ohio
Major: Economics
Secondary Ties: Public Policy
Primary Service Ties: Athletics
APPLES Service-Learning program

"The Buckley Public Service Scholars program has made a big school like Carolina feel intimate and invested in my growth not only academically, but personally and morally, as it gave me guidelines and outlets to serve in local, national and international communities. I will cite this program as one of my favorite and most helpful aspects of my undergraduate time at UNC.”

- Morgan Jeffreys

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JUSTIN JONES
Sykesville, Maryland
Major: Political Science
Secondary Ties: Economics
Primary Service Ties: Biology
Campus Y - Helping Youth In Pathways Enrollment (HYPE)
Maryland Office of the Public Defender
The Maryland Experience

PAULA ISAAC IBE
Kent, North Carolina
Major: Biology
Secondary Ties: Medicine
Primary Service Ties: Alpha Delta Pi
Campus Y - Carolina Kickoff

AMANDA KRAMER
Cary, North Carolina
Major: Environmental Health Sciences
Secondary Ties: Chemistry
Primary Service Ties: APPLES Service-Learning program
Campus Y - Nourish UNC

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Secondary Ties: Social and Economic Justice
Primary Service Ties: Department of Housing and Residential Education

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Major: Biology
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Robertson Scholars Program
UNC Biology Department

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Habitat for Humanity
School of Information and Library Science of EBUIE

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Secondary Ties: Spanish for the Professions
Primary Service Ties: Immersion Spanish Language Association (ISLA)
Phi Beta Chi-Christian Social Sorority
UNC Hospitals

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Major: Exercise and Sport Science
Secondary Ties: Chemistry
Primary Service Ties: Campus Y - Carolina Kickoff

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Columbia, South Carolina
Major: Political Science
Secondary Ties: Women’s and Gender Studies
Primary Service Ties: Mathematical Decision Sciences
UNC Dance Marathon

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Major: Economics
Secondary Ties: Public Policy
Primary Service Ties: Athletics
APPLES Service-Learning program

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A sage once said, “As we work to create a light for others, we naturally light our own way.” As a participant in the Buckley Public Service Scholars program, I developed my understanding of what it means to serve others. All of my previous volunteering experiences taught me about the importance of such actions, but [BPSS] pushed me to expand the capacity of my service and to learn how I can better help people.”

- Cassidy Lovern
My experience in the Buckley Public Service Scholars program has been focused around learning about systems of oppression. Because of the programs I have been a part of, I have been able to foster a love of connecting with other people and helping them achieve their goals.”

- Dave Holman
"My experience in the Buckley Public Service Scholars program has reminded me of my connection to the Chapel Hill community in addition to the UNC community. It encouraged me to push my way out of the 'university bubble', using service as a tool to better understand and support the members of the Chapel Hill community. I have learned not only to seek out meaningful, sustainable ways to serve, but also to reflect on my service in a thoughtful, conscientious way."  

- Neha Verma
“From the family who did not have a home in Thailand to the thousands of individuals trying to survive homelessness in Washington D.C., the BPSS program has exposed me to real life situations that have helped shape my future dreams and aspirations. The BPSS program bridged the gap between Carolina students and the rest of humanity, better equipping us to continue serving others. This is something I will be eternally grateful for and carry with me for the rest of my life.”

- Ravi Patel
Volunteering is no longer work without pay. Volunteering is now work paid through the happiness of others.”
- Nirmal Govt