

Diana Ali – 22

National Fellow - Upwardly Global
www.upwardlyglobal.org



Diana views volunteering as not only a duty to give back to the community, but also as a way to intersect unique acquired communicative skills with external attributes—race, ethnicity, gender—in an effort to promote equality.

Diana is placed at Upwardly Global, an organization that connects skilled immigrants with employers. Her work at the organization directly involves IMPRINT, a coalition of organizations active in the emerging field of immigrant professional integration. Diana is helping to raise the visibility of opportunities and challenges surrounding underutilized skilled immigrants.

Lindsey Baumgartner - 27

Volunteer Coordinator – Christopher House
www.christopherhouse.org



Lindsey's has served her community in various capacities including as a Big Buddy in the College Mentors for Kids program. She served on her employer's Outreach Committee and became chair of the Education Sub-Committee. She was also a liaison

to Habitat for Humanity and organized a snack bar benefiting Girls Inc. Lindsey is placed at Christopher House. Christopher House helps at risk kids from birth to age 18 thrive by taking a comprehensive approach to education and creating lifelong learners. As volunteer coordinator Lindsey is developing strong relationships with partner organizations that can provide Christopher House with a reliable base of volunteers to assist the organization in executing its mission.

Cecilia Benitez - 23

Recruitment & Data Associate - Ace Technical Charter High School
www.acetechnical.org



Cecilia comes to Public Allies Chicago with a breadth of experience as a leader in her community. While a student at NIU she was the President of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual

& Transgender student organization, she was also a Resident Advisor for 40 freshmen students, promoted programs specific to the needs of Latinas and worked with Dream Act of NIU group. Cecilia is placed at Ace Charter

Rebecca Bernstein - 23

Development & Communications Associate - Project on Civic Reflection
www.civicreflection.org



Becca has spent most of her life in service to others. At her college Grinnell, she founded and directed the school's first student-run Sexual Health Information Center, led LGBTQ activist efforts, advocated for survivors of domestic violence & sexual assault, and

mentored students from low-income families in reading & writing. After graduating she served with AmeriCorps Project YES! Becca is placed at the Project on Civic Reflection, an organization that works to help promote fruitful, civic conversation across the country.

High School, a school that prepares students for post-secondary and apprenticeship education. She is identifying and recruiting students committed to excellence and implementing data management systems that will enable educators and administrators to focus on program results.

She is training facilitators, leading discussions and developing resources to support reflective discussion across the country.

Reuben Bishop - 21
Facilitator of Digital Media
Productions – Free Spirit Media
Assistant
www.freespiritmedia.org



Reuben's Dominican and Puerto Rican heritage led him to work with nonprofit organizations such as La Casa Norte and Build, where he feels he was able to make an impact on youth and members of the

community. Reuben is placed at Free Spirit Media, an organization that provides education, access, and opportunity in media production to underserved urban youth. He is working with the youth to expose them to media related careers and post-secondary education opportunities.

Aisha Brown - 23
Outreach Associate – Camp of Dreams
www.campofdreams.org



Aisha has a deep passion for service and has always dreamed of using the arts to serve. While in school, she worked for Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee and served as President of Target H.O.P.E Fisk University Chapter, in which she helped mentor high school

students. Aisha is placed at Camp of Dreams, an organization dedicated to bringing uplifting, and engaging free educational and cultural enrichment programs to underserved young people. She is working on raising awareness about the program in the community and building relationships with schools and teachers to strengthen the recruitment process.

Aaron Byrd - 24
Youth Workshop Facilitator – St.
Sabina's Employment Resource
Center
www.saintsabina.org



Aaron is a recent college grad looking to volunteer, and give back to the community. He is a spiritual person and finds that this drives his dedication to service. Aaron is placed at St. Sabina's Resource

Center a full service employment resource center that provides assessment, job matching, resume training and job training programs. As

May Cheng - 24
High School Program Coordinator – East
Village Youth Program
www.evyp.org



May is a 2nd year Ally. In addition to her service as an AmeriCorps member, May has also served the community by working with the Center for Family Life as a Summer Youth Employment Program Worksite Monitor in Brooklyn, NY. She has also

taught English in Thailand, through the Global Outreach Program of the Campus Ministry and Mission at Fordham University. May is placed at the East Village Youth Program dedicated to encouraging and preparing underserved youth of color on Chicago's

the Youth Workshop Facilitator Aaron is reaching out to and engaging youth in career development training.

Sydney Clark - 22

Student Recruitment Specialist – Epic Academy

www.epicacademy.org



Sydney aspires to join the Peace Corps and serve communities abroad, as well as eventually start her own nonprofit organization that helps educate young men and women about gender violence. Sydney is

placed at Epic Academy, a charter school on the south side of Chicago dedicated to preparing students with 21st Century skills for college and career success. As the Student Recruitment Specialist Sydney will establish relationships within the community and outreach to the community about educational opportunities existing at Epic Academy.

Lauren Gill - 23

Individual Development Manager – The Cara Program

www.thecaraprogram.org



When Lauren was in the third grade, a teacher's assistant saw something alight in her and secretly helped her to organize an IQ test to leave the neighborhood school for a magnet school; her life was changed forever.

This propelled her to help others and she has worked with urban youth, rural farm workers, Latina women's services, union offices, and educational institutions. Lauren is placed at The Cara Program, a transformational program helping to transition individuals and families from poverty to permanent employment. Lauren works to explore and identify new and different ways to encourage students to obtain

near northwest side communities for a college. As the High School Program Coordinator May is coordinating the tutoring program and helping to recruit and retain students and volunteer mentors.

Gordon Francis – 30

Tutoring Program Coordinator – Youth Organizations Umbrella Evanston

www.youevanston.org



Gordon is a 2nd year ally. He is dedicated to continuing to develop an asset-based youth curriculum. His goal is to make leaders out of the majority of the youth that he serves in the community. Gordon is placed at Y.O.U. a youth development

agency dedicated to providing services and leadership to meet the needs of young people and their families. As the Tutoring Program Coordinator Gordon is developing curriculum for after school programming and helping to secure community partners.

Alana Groves - 27

Tutor and Saturday School Coordinator – University of Chicago Charter School – Donoghue Campus

www.uei-schools.org



Alana is a 2nd year Ally. She loves to serve in the local communities that she calls home. She first learned about service early on through working in her mother's classroom. Alana is placed at Donoghue Charter

School where she is dedicated to focusing on students' academic and social development. As a Tutor and Saturday School Coordinator Alana is enabling the school to expand its tutoring program and engage students in 1 on 1 tutoring.

their GED increasing their earning potential and employability.

Juliet Gutierrez - 26

School Based Outreach Worker – Humboldt Park Social Services

www.hpsschanginglives.org



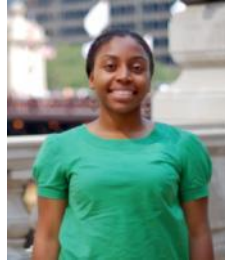
Juliet has been a servant leader in several different capacities. She has mentored young boys ages 8-12 at a foster home, and served as a Community Resource Coordinator at an elementary school. Juliet is placed at

Humboldt Park Social Services, a broad social services agency in the Humboldt Park/Logan Square area. As a School Based Outreach Worker Juliet is working on forming partnerships with schools so that the organization can reach more vulnerable families in the community.

Chidori Harris - 26

Volunteer Specialist – University of Chicago Medical Center

www.uchospitals.edu



Chidori is a 2nd year Ally. She was born and raised on the west side Chicago and grew up in a household that was driven by service to the community. From assisting to build a playground for the local park, to helping neighbors register to vote, a strong

foundation was created for serving others. Before joining the Public Allies Chicago family, Chidori volunteered her time at both Open Books as a Senior Literacy Intern, and Common Threads as a Program Intern. Chidori is placed at the University of Chicago Medical Center. As the Volunteer Specialist she is manages the on-boarding process for new volunteers as well as coordinates the Tender Love and Care (TLC) volunteer program for the Medical Center.

Tatiana Kelly - 25

Group Member Recruiter – Chicago Youth Centers Rebecca K Crowne

www.chicagoyouthcenters.org



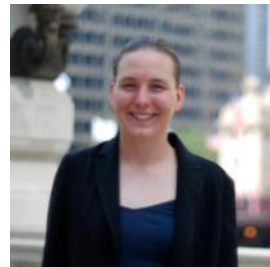
Tatiana started volunteering in high school and discovered a passion for providing assistance as a benefit to children and adults. She is a leader for her local Girls Scout Troop, a Children's Church

Instructor and a Food Service Coordinator for the Community Center in her building complex. Tatiana is placed at Chicago Youth Centers, a multi-site youth services organization dedicated to investing in youth in underserved communities. As a Group Member Recruiter Tatiana recruits youth, and helps to establish relationships and programmatic partnerships with various organizations.

Jessica Klinge - 28

Program Coordinator – Uptown United

www.uptownunited.org



Jessica is a 2nd year Ally who has also been an Army Reservist for 10 years. In an effort to continue her public service in a local community, she joined Public Allies. Jessica is placed at Uptown United, an organization focused on

technical assistance and economic empowerment for organizations located in the Uptown communities. As the Program Coordinator Jessica works with community partners to educate the community about the importance of a litter free environment as well as about energy efficiency options.

Thomas LaClair - 26
Program Associate – Urban Initiatives
www.urbaninitiatives.org



Tom is a 2nd year Ally. Tom is continuing his work as a Program Associate with Urban Initiatives a nonprofit organization that runs a health and education

soccer program in underserved Chicago Public Schools. As a volunteer One Chicago One Nation Community Ambassador, Tom organized a Youth Interfaith Soccer Cup, which drew on the universal love of soccer to expose Chicago youth to different cultural/faith communities through fun soccer matches and healthy foods fair.

Yesenia Lopez - 23
Youth Development Coordinator & Community Organizer - Tepochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP)
www.tcepchicago.org



Yesenia's desire to serve the community increased after she began working with TCEP. Through TCEP she learned the importance of working together to improve the community. At TCEP she was given the task of organizing events to help fundraise and showcase the creations

of the participants. Leading the Cultural Youth Development Summer Program this year gave her the opportunity to work with preadolescents in the community. She introduced them to different cultures in the city, and the importance of diversity and a college degree. Yesenia is continuing her work with TCEP as a Public Ally. As the Youth Development Coordinator she is mobilizing youth and adults in the Little Village community to become strong leaders and advocates against violence.

Dabney Lyles - 26
Student Outreach Coordinator – Chicago Public Schools Office of College and Career Preparation
www.cps.edu



Dabney is working for the Chicago Public Schools Office of College and Career Preparation. She grew up in Chicago, Illinois and is a proud graduate of Chicago Public Schools. She is excited to help

implement a student employment project, spring break college trips and scholarship programs.

Kaleena Marquez - 26
Virtual Learning Program Coordinator – Chicago Public Schools Pathways to Careers
www.cps.edu



Kaleena has volunteered at the La Crosse Children's Museum and the Chicago Teachers Center. These experiences have inspired her to spread social responsibility values to others. She is placed at the Chicago Public Schools – Virtual Learning program. As the Virtual

Learning Program Coordinator she is creating a digital archive of student work and recruiting for and conducting workshops for virtual learning facilitators.

Jessica Martinson - 23
Media & Communications Associate –
A Safe Haven
www.asafehaven.org



Jessica's service work has mostly revolved around immigrant and refugee issues. She has volunteered at Centro Romero as an ESL instructor and civics class volunteer. She also took on

the responsibility of leading other Northwestern students to this site for weekly volunteering. Jessica completed an internship this winter at Upwardly Global, a nonprofit that helps professional immigrants and refugees rebuild their professional careers in the U.S. These experiences and her academic interests in global health have influenced her decision to pursue a career in the nonprofit field. Jessica is placed at A Safe Haven, an organization that provides care to people in crisis or transition and provides them with the tools to rebuild their lives.

Debinise McField - 23
Student Outreach Coordinator –
Chicago Public Schools Office of
College & Career Planning
www.cps.edu



Debinise has been committed to making a difference in her community once she realized how important education is and how so many students do not have the chance at a decent education. She

believes that it is her duty to inspire and lead her community in believing that there is a chance for higher education for all students, no matter what background or community they live in. Debinise is placed at the Chicago Public Schools Office of College & Career Preparation. As the Student Outreach Coordinator Debinise reaches out to youth and ensures consistent

Michael Matsey - 27
Coordinator of Communications and
Marketing – Chicago Public Schools Office
of Student Supports and Engagement
www.cps.edu



Michael served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Romania for two years where he worked in an industrial town teaching English at an at-needs high school. He has worked in partnerships with the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, local schools, and

government organizations on various community projects. Michael is placed at the Chicago Public Schools Office of Student Supports and Engagement. As the Coordinator of Communications and Marketing Michael is working to raise awareness and visibility of the program.

Carolyn Mehta - 23
Data Manager – Chicago Public Schools
After School All Stars
www.cps.edu



Carolyn believes that leading by example is the most effective approach to leadership. She values treating others with respect and learning to communicate effectively with every kind of person and sees this as fundamental to good leadership.

Carolyn is placed at the Chicago Public Schools After School All Stars Program. As the Data Manager she monitors compliance and helps to implement systems, she also manages the program e-newsletter.

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Allie Miller - 26

Data Manager – Chicago Public Schools After School All Stars

www.cps.edu



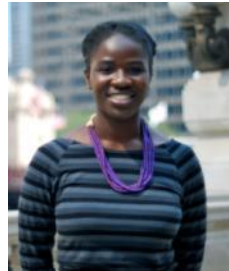
Allie has been involved in promoting youth arts education and grassroots organizing from a very young age. She devoted her educational career to forging a path in the non-profit sector. Allie is placed

at the Chicago Public Schools After School All Stars. As the Data Manager she monitors compliance and helps to implement systems, she also manages the program e-newsletter.

Valerie Mensah-King - 22

Youth and Parent Outreach Specialist – The Community Builders at Oakwood Shores

www.tcbinc.org



Valerie is originally from Washington DC. She comes to Public Allies Chicago motivated by her interest in making positive and measurable contributions within communities in order to support others in making the same investment. She is placed with The

Community Builders at Oakwood Shores, a neighborhood revitalization organization. Valerie's work is focused on guiding the development of a sustainable network among the residents of Oakwood Shores through implementing youth and parent outreach initiatives that are of interest to the community.

Gordaki Moore - 26

Volunteer and Program Coordinator – Chicago Public Schools Academic Decathlon

www.cps.edu



Gordaki Moore has worked as a classroom facilitator for the Additional Learning Opportunity after school tutoring program under SGA Youth and Family Services since October 2010. She has played an integral role in

increasing student reading and math abilities in her class, utilizing her previous teaching skills to execute work tasks. She has experience working as a certified ESL teacher and youth mentor through Interac Group, English Program In Korea, and Family Focus, respectively. Gordaki is placed at the Chicago Public Schools Academic Decathlon Program. As the Volunteer and Program Coordinator she cultivates volunteers and new sources of volunteers to ensure continued successful events.

Sandy Moy - 24

Program Assistant – 826Chi

www.826chi.org



During college, May interned for Mayor Daley's Kidstart program at an elementary school painting murals in the local neighborhood and mentoring the high school participants of the program. She also joined a registered student organization on UIUC campus,

Bridge to China and became a team leader. She also started an educational community outreach project for this organization that resulted in a workshop event with the Champaign Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club. Sandy is placed at 826Chi which is a non-profit writing and tutoring center in Chicago. As the Program Assistant May is creating a system to track student progress and regularly communicating with students and parents to gain insight into the success of the program.

Colin Packard - 23
Crisis Line Worker - National Runaway Switchboard
www.1800runaway.org



Colin began volunteering for the recreation programs of his hometown, officiating youth athletics, instructing at camps, and coaching a youth basketball team. His interest in youth

development continued into college where he participated in Alternative Spring Break as a facilitator at a Boys and Girls Club, and he volunteered as a tutor at 826Michigan. Colin is placed at the National Runaway Switchboard an organization dedicated to keeping America's at-risk and homeless youth off the streets. As a Crisis Line Worker Colin provides intervention services to at risk youth.

Burrell Poe - 22
Field Quality Specialist - After School Matters
www.afterschoolmatters.org



Burrell started his service to the community at a young age. In high school he worked with After School Matters, Mikvah Challenge, and served as an intern in Senator Richard Durbin's office..

He also worked on the election campaigned for Rich Whitney in 2006. Burrell joined the military in 2007 and served, active duty, for three years and 6months. His commitment to the community is deep seated in the understanding that his actions affect countless others and when those actions are positive, then real change ensues. Burrell is placed at After School Matters a non-profit organization

Adam Panza - 28
Outreach Associate - LEED Council
www.leedcouncil.org



After undergrad, Adam co-founded the Mobile Food Collective in Chicago, through Archeworks. The project has been running for 2 years and aims to inspire people in a variety of neighborhoods to rethink their relationship to food (buying local, valuing food culture, etc). In 2010, the project was honored with an invitation to the Venice Biennale of Architecture. He is also a founding member of the Delta Institute (a sustainability focused, Chicago-based non-profit) junior board. Adam is placed at the LEED Council a community development agency that integrates community and employment development. As the Outreach Associate Adam is working to increase communication with and outreach to businesses and assists in the recruitment and retention of members.

Brittney Potier - 22
Program Support Coordinator - Chicago Public Schools Office of School Support and Engagement
www.cps.edu



As a service leader, Brittney has taken the initiative to make a change in her community and communities abroad. With the help of others, her goal is to make a difference in this world on a large scale. Brittney is placed at the Chicago Public Schools Office of School Support and

Engagement where she is working to raise visibility and awareness of the programs offered and assists staff with program coordination.

committed to providing high school teens with innovative after school activities. As a Field Quality Specialist Burrell is working on developing channels to assess program quality and compliance.

Ariana Rodriguez - 24
Recruitment and Development Associate -- Chicago Youth Centers Fellowship House
www.chicagoyouthcenters.org



Ariana has been actively involved in serving since she was a kid. She has worked on going green initiatives in college in Delaware, tutored and mentored middle school students here in Chicago.

Ariana is placed at Chicago Youth Centers is a multi-site youth services organization dedicated to investing in youth in underserved communities. As the Recruitment and Development Associate Ariana is working to build parental support and recruits youth to the program.

Miguel Rodriguez - 19
Curriculum Developer and Teen Program Marketing Associate Gary Comer Youth Center & BUILD Chicago
www.gcyhome.org & buildchicago.org



In 2006 Miguel became member of a youth council named Indaglo at BUILD. At Indaglo meetings, he spoke about issues affecting the community and organized events focusing on diversity, LGBT, teen pregnancy, violence and more. As an artist, Miguel has incorporated art

with community organizing and has been able grown artistically and improve his community organizing skills. Miguel will be placed at two partner organizations Gary Comer Youth Center and BUILD Chicago. Both organizations focus on youth development and Miguel will continue his work with youth and arts related programming.

Evelin Santos - 24
Employer Relationship Specialist - Greater Southwest Development Corporation
www.greatersouthwest.org



Since she was a little girl in grammar school Evelin always looked up to those people that helped her with her school work and kept her on the right path. As a service leader she has dedicated herself

to helping others in need. Evelin helps in different schools across the city as a tutor and has been involved in community organization by helping in different campaigns to improve low-income communities. Evelin is placed at

Aaron Seals - 27
Community Relations Specialist - University of Chicago Medical Center
www.uchospitals.edu



Aaron is dedicated to sure that service is provided to our communities and to our young people. He strives to make a difference by walking through communities talking to residents and our youth, to get

a sense of what our community needs to thrive and to give hope to move forward. As the Community Relations Specialist at the Medical Center Aaron is managing the Walkers Program and the Best of the Best program where he introduces youth to careers in the Medical Center.

the Greater Southwest Development Corporation a community and economic development organization. As the Employer Relationship Specialist Evelin is developing relationships with the employers in the community and working directly with clients to build resumes and teach job search skills.

Benjamin Spies - 26
Employment Training Specialist - Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago

www.industrialcouncil.com



During his time with AmeriCorps NCCC, Ben served for several months as a construction leader with Habitat for Humanity in Biloxi, MS and Miami, FL. This position involved guiding unskilled volunteer

laborers in hurricane rebuilding, and he served in a similar capacity as a Crew Chief with Texas Episcopal Disaster Relief in Galveston in 2010-2011. Ben is working with the Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago an organization that provides no cost business development, advocacy and consulting services to area companies. As the Employment Training Specialist Ben is working with staff to identify small businesses in need of technical assistance.

Bianca Spratt - 22
Youth Worker Associate - Chicago Youth Centers – ABC Polk Bros

www.chicagoyouthcenters.org



During the process of pursuing her undergraduate degree in Sociology Bianca had the opportunity to serve her college campus, the community and serve people in different states and countries because of her willingness to go where help is needed. As a service leader she participated in two

Alternative Spring Break trips to Galveston, Texas and Miami, Florida to assist with Hurricane Ike relief and Habitat for Humanity. Bianca is placed at Chicago Youth Centers a multi-site youth services organization dedicated to investing in youth in underserved communities. As the ABC Polk Bros – Youth Worker Associate, Bianca assists the Career Specialist in planning and implementing the College Readiness Program and works to secure partnerships with local schools and social service organizations.

Kevin Strowder - 24
Youth Program Coordinator - The Center on Halsted

www.centeronhalsted.org



Service for Kevin is something that evolved through life experience. He learned to meet people where they're at when it comes to giving help, extending resources

Joseph Walters - 25
21st Century Problem Solving Coordinator/Technician Walt Disney Magnet School

www.disney.cps.k12.il.us



Joe is a 2nd year Ally. He was born on the far south side of Chicago and spent most of his years in the Englewood community. From an early age he was inspired by service and the arts while attending his family's church, the

and building rapport to be that ally. His goal is to be responsible enough to be the leader that creates motivation within communities through service and support in hopes of them excelling independently. Kevin's work with the Center on Halsted, a community center serving the LGBT community, involves working with youth in small groups and reaching out to organizations to increase awareness of the programming offered by the Center on Halsted.

All Nations Mission. This artistic foundation motivated him to attend Columbia College Chicago to pursue a career in music management. Following a fateful turn of events, he found himself working for the Cook County Department of Corrections. This experience, along with the referral of a friend, motivated him to join Public Allies Chicago in 2010. As a Problem Solving Coordinator at Walt Disney Magnet School Joe is overseeing a new technology initiative called the 21st Century Program and working with the school's music teacher to organize a youth chorale group.

Maurice Willis – 31

Communications Coordinator - Gary Comer Youth Center

www.gcychome.org



Born on the south side of Chicago, Maurice Willis has seen life through the eyes of the youth he wants to transform. A graduate of Columbia Chicago,

with a BA in Arts Entertainment and Media Management worked closely with entertainments elite such as Lupe Fiasco. Just as hard as he fights for entertainment's elite, he fights for reform of the systemic issues that face our youth. Working closely with Chicago Urban League former President, Cheryl Jackson, his mission has been to reform education and mobilize our youth. His life has been dedicated to giving birth to change. As the Communications Coordinator at the Gary Comer Youth Center Maurice is helping to develop and manage program marketing and create promotional program materials.