

MEET THE ALLIES



Advancing diverse young leaders to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation.



Class of 2008/2009

Robyn Austin

Our Next Generation

Robyn, 24, works with volunteers, community leaders, schools, families, and youth in tutoring, literacy programs, arts, and teen issue resolution.

David Bowen

Urban Underground

David, 21, is serving a second year with Public Allies as a Fellow. As the Education and Membership Coordinator, David assists with programming that increases civic participation among Urban Underground youth. He develops activities, events, and volunteer opportunities to increase and continue involvement of past Urban Underground members.

Treasa Bryant

Dominican Center for Women

Treasa, 21, is a tutor and volunteer coordinator. She provides tutoring to Central City adult residents, helping them to reach their educational goals. She also works to recruit and coordinate volunteers for the Center's housing and educational programs.

D'Angelo Caldwell

The Lemonade Stand

D'Angelo, 21, is the Community Program Director where he develops and implements a volunteer program for tutors and mentors, and additional community service. He also collaborates with community employers to create jobs for Lemonade Stand participants.

Stephanie Calloway

CORE/El Centro

Stephanie, 24, is the Research and Outreach Coordinator with Proyecto Salud and the Milwaukee Latino Health Coalition to prioritize health and prevention for Milwaukee's Latino community. She creates reports, newsletters, and other communications regarding these initiatives.

Charles Carter

Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center/Holy Redeemer Academy

Charles, 22, assists in tracking student success, and works with 8th-12th grade students in math and English subject areas at Holy Redeemer Academy. He also is coordinating a mentoring program for the Academy's youth.



Jessica Corroo

Outlook University Independence School Network

Jessica, 26, is serving a second year with Public Allies as a Fellow. As the Enrollment Coordinator for OUISN, she oversees incoming student interviews and testing. She connects families and students in the community to the programs and opportunities offered.

Aria Duax

Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort Educational Fund

Aria, 25, works in outreach by building coalitions with other statewide groups in support of sensible solutions for gun violence. She also creates educational information and literature regarding WAVE's initiatives.

Leah Ganj-Bakhsh

WRTP/Big Step

Leah, 27, is the Special Projects Coordinator where she provides outreach and assistance to potential participants, and documents and tracks the success of participants. She also is improving the organization's online outreach through redesigning their website.

Marty Hagedorn

YMCA Downtown

Marty, 22, is a Site Coordinator for the YMCA's "One on One" Mentoring Program where he motivates and educates Milwaukee's youth, as well as recruits and retains mentors and mentees for the program.

Jacques Hayes

I Have a Dream Foundation

Jacques, 24, works with elementary students and their families at the Clarke Street School to support academic excellence and develop programs with the goal of keeping the students on the path to college.

Erica Herron

Next Door Foundation

Erica, 27, is the Youth Mentor and Support Assistant at the Next Door Foundation's Leaders of Tomorrow Program and Books for Kids Program. She tutors and mentors youth in their afterschool program, as well as supervises and assists volunteers.

Tracy Hrajnoha

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

Tracy, 22, is the Food Services Associate where she ensures clients' access to nutritious foods by assisting in the operational needs of ARCW's food pantry and coordinating a constant staff of food pantry volunteers.

Katy Kujala-Korpela

Milwaukee Urban Gardens

Katy, 22, is the Outreach Coordinator where she designs, promotes, and implements adult workshops about gardening, as well as community gardening network events. She also recruits and coordinates volunteers and service learning students to assist with workshops and clean-up events.

Andrea Kurth

COA Youth and Family Centers

Andrea, 23, works in community outreach by promoting the Riverwest Health Initiative and other COA programs in the areas of Early Education, Youth Development and Camp. She also assists in developing outreach materials for COA programming.

Wendy Mesich

The Park People

Wendy, 30, serves all of Milwaukee County as the "Weed-Out!" Coordinator. She works with people of all ages to promote community stewardship of Milwaukee's County Park system.

Lisa Neumann

Badger Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired

Lisa, 23, is a Life Skills Trainer for Badger where she provides guidance to volunteers and members regarding Leisure Enrichment Activities Program classes and events. She also collaborates with organizations and area recreation programs to develop and diversify classes and events, working to increase accessibility and participation in program offerings.

Stephanie Paul

Safe & Sound

Stephanie, 23, is a Youth Leadership Coordinator and works with community partners and Safe Places to develop youth leadership groups that plan and implement youth-led crime strategy initiatives and recruitment efforts.

Mary Rodgers

Pan African Community Association

Mary, 19, serves as the Community Outreach Specialist where she provides logistical support in the after school program for African immigrants and refugees. She also provides training and leadership development activities for the Coalition of African Youth.

Adriana Rodriguez

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office

Adriana, 25, partners with various Milwaukee Public Schools integrating Restorative Justice practices in the classroom. She also works with the Community Conferencing Program, facilitating workshops and expanding the program's network of volunteers.



Paul Schwarzkopf

Milwaukee Riverkeeper

Paul, 25, works as the Outreach Assistant for Milwaukee Riverkeeper. He is in charge of coordinating volunteers for the Spring River cleanup, which engages 1,200 volunteers at 35 sites throughout the Milwaukee River Basin. He also publicizes and garners support for the organization's programming, such as Citizen Water Quality Monitoring, Storm Sewer Bacteria Testing, and preserving Milwaukee's Central Park.

Andrew Simons

Youth Work Learning Center, UWM School of Continuing Education

Andrew, 25, is a Project Manager at YWLC. He coordinates a scholarship program, serves as a liaison for their juvenile offender program, co-facilitates a course on Youth Work professional development, and advocates for the youth work profession. He also does outreach to increase enrollment in courses offered by the Center.

Shavonda Sisson

Center for Resilient Cities

Shavonda, 28, is the Environmental Education Coordinator at Brown Street Academy where she conducts weekly classroom visits to the school's rain garden and Alice's Garden. She creates the environmental education curriculum for Brown Street Academy and other schools, increasing the students' knowledge about rain gardens and sustainable urban agriculture.

Rayfael Smith

Neighborhood House

Rayfael, 23, works in community outreach by promoting teen programming to increase community members' access to the programs and resources that Neighborhood House provides.

Caleb Streich

Safe & Sound

Caleb, 22, is a Youth Leadership Coordinator and works with community partners and Safe Places to develop youth leadership groups that plan and implement youth-led crime strategy initiatives and recruitment efforts.

Elvis Thao

Social Development Commission

Elvis, 26, assists SDC's Competency Based Diploma program in the subject areas of English, Civics and Math through tutoring. He also works in the Welcome Center, ensuring clients access to SDC resources and programs, such as Fresh Start, GED/HSED, and Energy Assistance.

Ramona Veil

Journey House

Ramona, 26, works in workforce development as a career coach. She helps people seeking employment with skill assessment, resumes, and transportation to job fairs and interviews. She acts a liaison between employers and potential employees, working to build employment opportunities.

Demar Walker

Cardinal Stritch University's Lifetime Learner Program

Demar, 25, is a Program Assistant where he recruits prospective students to the Lifetime Learner program and assists with student academic learning and the Mentoring Program.

Tim Walter

Milwaukee Area Jewish Community

Tim, 25, is the Intergroup Relations Specialist for the MAJC, working to implement the Hands Across Campus curriculum, a prejudice reduction program. He also works with a number of individuals and organizations in projects focused on creating dialogue in the community, helping them to actively pursue complex issues affecting their communities.

Amir Yasrebdoust

Planning Council for Health & Human Services, Inc

Amir, 26, serves as a Community Specialist researching an array of issue areas in health and human services for Milwaukee. His research provides valuable information to nonprofit organizations partnered with the Planning Council that are dedicated to building their capacity to serve the community.

