

BONNER ADVISORY BOARD

2017-18

The Bonner Advisory Board (BAB) is a student leadership team comprised of current Bonners from across the Network. They provide student voice to the Foundation through a wide variety of responsibilities including feedback on policies and programs, communication and support for Bonner Congress Representatives, and conference planning and facilitation.



ADAM COOPER '18

Stetson University

My name is Adam Cooper and I am a senior chemistry major with a minor in community engagement. My initial motivation to get involved in service was through the creation of my cosplay Power Rangers organization to serve as local motivational speakers and work for childhood empowerment. I have shifted my service at Stetson to fit my passion for science through Stetson's Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience and my Summer of Services with Chemists Without Borders and the University of Notre Dame's Analytical Chemistry for the Developing World programs. This upcoming year, I will be serving as one of my program's senior interns as well as returning for my second year on the Bonner Advisory Board.

ASUKA WATANABE '18

Ursinus College

My name is Asuka Watanabe and I am a senior with a major in Anthropology and Sociology and a minor in Peace and Social Justice Studies at Ursinus College. I am the site-coordinator of Centro Cultural Latinos Unidos (CCLU), an after school tutoring and mentoring program for students recently immigrated to the U.S. from South and Central America in Pottstown, PA. I will also serve as Bonner Intern this coming year. This will be my second year on the BAB! A fun fact about me is that I'm too short to go on rides at 6 Flags—I also listen to music approximately 98% of my day.





BRADLEY BERENS '19

College of Saint Benedict/St. John's University

My name is Bradley Berens and I am a class of 2019 Bonner from Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict in Minnesota. My Bonner experience has been nothing short of transformative. I've met and grown close to an incredible support system of other Bonners on my college campus. I believe Bonner is one of the greatest opportunities I've been awarded and have found ways to be involved in any way I can. I currently serve on our Bonner Leader Team helping to plan larger Bonner events throughout the academic year. I'm excited to take my enthusiasm for Bonner to the national level and connect with other students who feel the same way. Fun Fact: The Bonner Advisory Board (abbreviated BAB) is the same as my name's initials! :)

BRINDA PENMETSAS '18

University of Houston

My name is Brinda Penmetsa, and I am an honors student studying finance at the University of Houston. As a Bonner since my freshman year, I will be graduating in May of 2018. I have served as the freshman representative as well as internal communications director on the UH Bonner Leadership Council, and founded the Campus Kitchen at the University of Houston. My efforts to lead a team to reducing food waste have proven successful as the team is now 20 Bonners strong with over 20,000 meals served. I am excited to be a BAB member!



GLORIA LEWIS '18

Oberlin College

My Name is Gloria Lewis, and I am a third year Africana Studies major with a minor in Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies at Oberlin College. At Oberlin, I have served as a Bonner Congress Representative, as well as the Co-chair of the Black student union, ABUSUA. Through Bonner, I have had the opportunity to travel to Amsterdam and Gambia to engage in service based learning. One fun fact about me is I love to do West African dance.

HUNTER MALONE '19

Berea College

Hello! My name is Hunter Malone. I am a rising junior, studying Sociology and History at Berea College. Since being at Berea, Bonner has become a major part of my life. Thanks to Berea's labor program, I work with the Bonner program throughout the year, serving as a First-Year Coordinator for the First-Year Bonner program. A fun fact about me is that I love most things outdoors. My first Summer of Service was at a camp where we slept outside for the entire summer! We spent the entire summer hiking, camping, and sleeping under the stars!



JORDON TIPTON '18

Berry College

My name is Jordon Tipton, and I am a senior at Berry College. I do my current Bonner work as the Resident Services Coordinator for Northwest Georgia Housing Authority and I am the Community Partnerships Intern for my Bonner program. Fun fact: One of the top priorities on my bucket list is visiting all seven continents before I turn 30!

LOGAN ADAMS '18

Lindsey Wilson College

Hello, my name is Logan Adams. I am a rising senior from Lindsey Wilson College, and I am studying Human Services & Counseling. Imagining my college career with out Bonner is nearly impossible. Through my Bonner experience I have met my absolute best friends, have served at life changing volunteer sites, and have learned what it really takes to enact change. Serving as a Bonner Scholar, I have discovered my true passion of helping and advocating for others. My post graduation plan is to pursue a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Bonner Love!

Fun Fact: I am an ordained Reverend





PATRICK JONES '18

Rider University

I am Patrick Jones and I am a senior at Rider University majoring in Elementary Education and Political Science and have served as my school's Bonner Congress Representative for the past two years. Through Bonner Congress and my Big Idea I was able to implement Rider University's annual Fun and Fitness Carnival which is now a yearly event at Rider as a part of Global Youth Service Day each spring for youth in the Mercer County community. My main service site is the Get SET after-school program which focuses on improving literacy skills for at-risk youth. I am passionate about serving at-risk youth and helping them reach their full potential. Outside of Bonner and service I can be found in the dugout of a Trenton Thunder game (Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees) where I work as a batboy and clubhouse assistant.

THOMAS RUHL '19

Siena College

My name is Thomas Ruhl. I am a Junior History Education Major at Siena College. As a Bonner Service Leader, I serve as a Program Associate in our office. That means that I am one of the student leaders of the program, and work very closely with our director on recruitment, accountability, mentoring, and facilitation. A fun fact about me is that I designed the Siena College snapchat filter.



VICTORIA GUERRA '19

The College of New Jersey

Hello everyone! I am Victoria Guerra, a rising junior Nursing Major and third year Bonner Scholar at The College of New Jersey. I am from Trenton, New Jersey which is the community TCNJ Bonner Scholars directly serves. Consequently, my service and experience in the Bonner program has been critical in shaping my language when internalizing and expressing the meaning of our service and the impact we have as Bonner Scholars. Thus far in my Bonner journey I have served as an Academic Assistant at a local after school program, and as of most recently, will be serving as an overall representative to staff for the Bonner Core at TCNJ, as well as serving as the Political Engagement Intern for TCNJ's Bonner Program during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Fun Fact: I was able to meet the Black Panther Jamal Joseph!

