CATCHING UP

University of Delaware Alternative Breaks (UDaB) is back for another year of immersive student-led programs, participating in direct service and experiential learning with community organizations to increase knowledge of social justice issues and encourage lifelong active citizenship. This year, 593 participants and 66 site leaders will travel to work with 31 programs, contributing almost 20,000 hours of service and learning an immeasurable amount from those they serve. This is a LONG way from 2011 when UDab sent 92 student participants and 12 student leaders to 5 communities to pursue service projects for the first time ever. Every year since, UDaB has continued to grow beyond expectations. We are acutely aware of the impact that all of our alumni have played in helping to grow the organization both in size and quality. Your passion was inspiring then and continues to be evident today as we are having another incredible year!

Check out our updated website that includes a promo video made by former UDaB Co-Program Coordinator Pat Bichel sites.udel.edu/igs-udab

WHAT’S UP WITH UDAB

MEET THE 2017-2018 TEAM

Meet our Senior Leadership at sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/meet-leadership

Brendan Hickey, Program Coordinator
Brittany Wertz, Operations Coordinator
Katie Johnson, Site Leader Trainer
Rebecca Robbins, Site Leader Trainer

Meet our Executive Board at sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/exec-board

Meet our Winter & Spring Site Leaders at sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/site-leaders

RETREAT ’17

On the first Friday of September, senior leadership, executive board, and site leaders came together for a night of activities highlighting what it means to be an active citizen and learning more about UDaB. In addition to everyone participating in our famous talent show, the spring site leaders found out which programs they would be leading. The next morning, we split into two groups and headed to Wilmington State Park and Lums Pond State Park in Delaware to engage in clean-up and park restoration service. The retreat was successful in bringing together leadership to learn more about the program and to start a new year of UDaB! We were so grateful to have UDaB alum and all around superstar, Shelby Dorr come speak to us about the impact UDaB has had on her daily life and her career. She said she came with nothing prepared to say and then proceeded to blow us away with her words. Classic Shelby.
2018 PROGRAMS
For descriptions of each community partner check out our online list of 2018 programs here:
sites.udel.edu/igs-udab/spring-break-2018

WINTER
This year we have DOUBLED our number of winter programs, making a total of six now! Winter applicants have been chosen and site leaders have started conducting their pre-trip meetings to prepare for their upcoming programs. We even have enough winter programs to have the first ever UDaB Winter Send-Off Event!

KEY
- Winter Program
- Spring Program
- New Program

CASS
Hunger & Homelessness
casscommunity.org
Detroit, MI

CAPITAL AREA
THERAPEUTIC RIDING
ASSOC. (CATRA) *
Disability & Animal Care
catra.net
Granville, PA

GWEN’S GIRLS *
Female Empowerment &
Racial Injustice
gwensgirls.org
Pittsburgh, PA

URBAN TREE
CONNECTION (UTC) *
Urban Eco-Revitalization
urbantreeconnection.org
Philadelphia, PA

BREAK A
DIFFERENCE *
Urban Environmental
Stewardship
breakadifference.org/
locations/discover-new-york-ny
New York, NY

COMMUNITY
SERVINGS *
Food Insecurity
servings.org
Boston, MA

HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY *
Housing Insecurity
habitat.org
Saline, MI

CHESAPEAKE BAY
FOUNDATION (CBF) *
Bay Restoration
chrf.org
Annapolis, MD

LIVING CLASSROOMS *
Equitable Education
livingclassrooms.org
Baltimore, MD

READING PARTNERS *
Early Literacy
readingpartners.org/location/
baltimore
Baltimore, MD

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS *
Early Literacy
brightbeginnings.org
Washington, D.C.

THE PILGRIMAGE *
Urban Poverty
thepilgrimage.org
Washington, D.C.

REACH *
Immigration Acculturation
reachbymisdirection.com
Romine, VA

SOUTHEAST RURAL
COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE
PROJECT, INC. (SERCAP) *
Natural Resource
Conservation
sercap.org
Savannah, GA

BRIDGES TO
COMMUNITY *
Community Rebuilding
bridgestocommunity.org
Janetown, Nicaragua

NATIONAL RELIEF
NETWORK (NRN) *
Disaster Relief
nroad.org
Location TBD

A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP
Thank you for continuing to stay interested in UDaB. After attending the ABCs national conference hosted by Break Away, I gained a more intense and refined appreciation for UDaB and everything you have all done to improve the organization. As we have expanded over the past 8 years, we have grown our community of active citizens, which is truly exciting and inspiring. We hope you can carry a little bit of UDaB with you throughout your lives because UDaB carries a little bit of you throughout its life.

Sincerely,
Brendan Hickey, Program Coordinator

We’re always looking to improve our alumni relations! Email bhickey@udel.edu with suggestions for future newsletters or alumni engagements.