



# The Citizen

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Service Learning and Engaged Citizenship in Student Activities

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### Service Events

- September 18: Deadline for Santa's Workshop Committee Applications
- September 21: Mission Waco Walk for the Homeless
- September 27: Gear-up Math Super Saturday for Brazos and Wiley
- September 29: Service Agency fair at Dr. Pepper Hour (3-4 p.m.)
- October 3: Steppin' Out registration deadline
- October 19-24: Food for Families Collection Drive

## Baylor Joins the Texas Campus Compact

Baylor University is pleased to announce that Interim President David Garland has joined the Texas Campus Compact!

Founded in 2000, Texas Campus Compact (TXCC) is part of a national coalition that promotes service-learning and is committed to the civic purposes of higher education.

As a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, TXCC advocates for responsible citizenship skills, develops collaborative campus-community partnerships, and supports faculty who integrate service-learning into their research and curricula.

In conjunction with our membership, Baylor will host an AmeriCorps\*VISTA member in the Division of Student Life.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy created Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), which expanded when President Bill Clinton created the AmeriCorps network in 1993.

Throughout the decades, VISTA has evolved to respond to local problems and the changing face of poverty. More than 170,000 VISTA members are responsible for building many innovative programs, including Head

Start, Job Corps, and Upward Bound.

Today, under President Barack Obama, VISTA is larger, stronger, and more vital than it has ever been.

Its 6,500 members—who serve at 1,200 projects nationwide—continue to address the root causes of poverty.

They are developing new programs, raising funds, helping manage projects, and otherwise building the capacity of nonprofit organizations to become sustainable and of families to break the cycle of poverty.



## Student Activities Welcomes Amanda Allen

Amanda Allen will serve as our first AmeriCorps\*VISTA member. Originally from Shreveport, Louisiana, Amanda studied business journal-

ism and graphic design at Baylor.

She exhibits a passion for service and serving the needs in our community

through her participation in Steppin' Out Steering Committee,

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**Amanda Allen continued...**

Baylor Civil Rights Tour, Mission Waco, Youth Programs, World Cup Café, Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ike relief trips, UBC mission trip to Kenya, TOMS Shoe Drop, and Falling Whistles Loves Speaks Campaign.

Amanda has extensive experience with journalism, including serv-

ing as Co- Editor of *Focus Magazine*, reporter for the *Baylor Lariat*, and intern for *Forum Magazine*.

She will work in the Department of Student Activities to build capacity in service and service-learning programs, and in the Division of Student Life to serve the Campus Kitchens Pro-

ject. We are thrilled to have Amanda on board!



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**Summer of Service Fallon Rice-Uganda**

Fallon Rice is a graduate student in the accounting program in the Hankamer School of Business. She spent two weeks this summer in Uganda with other students in the accounting department, an accounting professor, Ernst and Young representative, and members of Compassion International.

While there, they worked at Uganda Christian University (UCU) with their students in order to better their community, especially as it related to their churches and businesses. They consulted many small businesses

and helped to assess their needs for better accounting, internal controls, and overall business practices.

The group came up with solutions for each individual business. UCU students presented the ideas to the businesses and are following up with them for implementation. Additionally, the accounting students participated in an ethics case competition and held forums on topics such as the global recession.

According to Rice, the most important part of the trip was interacting

with the children and workers at the Compassion "Project Sites." At these sites so many children learn the Word of God, lead praise and worship, quote scripture memory verses, and are fed.

When asked for a personal statement about her trip, Fallon said the following: "Going to Uganda was a life-changing experience for me. The highlight of my trip was when I decided to sponsor a child through Compassion International."

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"Service is important to me because the Bible tells us that to whom much is given, much is required"-  
**Fallon Rice**

**Engineers with a Mission** Interview with Lisa Bradbury

Student organization Engineers with a Mission went to Honduras for two weeks this summer. They were working for a newly formed company called Village Energy, which provides appropriate technology and electricity to rural villages.

In one village, the

group made repairs to an existing hydro-electric generator; in the second village they designed and installed a power distribution grid which brings electricity to individual homes. They also talked with the people in the villages about the usefulness of electricity and provided them with

business training and ideas about how to use electricity in businesses. Engineers with a Mission does a few service projects here in Waco, including helping at the World Hunger Relief Farm.

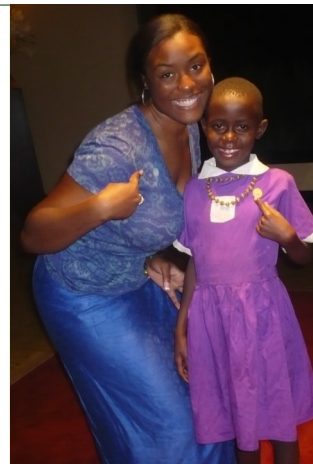
*Lisa Bradbury is a senior from Houston, TX*

“He has blessed me with engineering abilities, and I enjoy using them for His glory.”- Lisa Bradbury

**Summer of Service continued...**

“Only a very small percentage of sponsored children ever get to meet their sponsor, but I was afforded the opportunity to meet the girl I am sponsoring. Her name is Sharon Tibawala, and she lives in a very high-risk area for HIV. I also met her mother who was so thankful for my decision to sponsor Sharon, but they have no idea how they have already changed my life...If

Baylor had not given me the opportunity to go on this trip, I would have never met Sharon and her mother, Joyce. I am now forever connected to someone and something so much bigger than me. As I look at her picture in my bathroom and kitchen each morning, I am reminded of God's grace and His unfailing love for me and so many other hurting people in the world.”



*Fallon Rice visited Uganda this summer with fellow accounting students and members of Compassion International.*

**Business Trip to Rwanda** Interview with Bo Weathersbee

The Hankamer School of Business took a trip to Rwanda to study micro-finance. The trip was an incredible blend of business and missions. A group of 16

students saw how micro-finance can play a role in the economic development of a developing country. Specifically in Rwanda, 15 years after

the genocide the country is flourishing and growing and has been transformed into a beacon of hope in the heart of Africa.



Fall Service Opportunities '09



**Steppin Out:** Steppin' Out is a program providing service to the greater-Waco community by coordinating massive volunteer service days, once each semester. In 2009-10, Baylor University will be sending volunteers into the Waco community to perform service on **November 21, 2009 and March 27, 2010**. Sign up today online at [www.baylor.edu/steppin\\_out](http://www.baylor.edu/steppin_out)



**Poverty Summit:** November 6-8, 2009  
The Poverty Summit aims to raise awareness about the issues surrounding poverty and encourage action. The Summit is FREE for Baylor students, faculty, and staff, and will take place in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Please

register online at [www.baylor.edu/povertysummit](http://www.baylor.edu/povertysummit)  
Email Marianne Magjuka or Amanda Allen with any questions.



**Santa's Workshop:** Santa's Workshop is an event that brings children from the Waco community on campus to receive a gift and to have a visit with good ol' Saint Nick. The children range in age from 3-5, and for many of them, this will be the only gift that they receive for Christmas.

**How can you be involved with Santa's Workshop?**

- Donate toys for children ages 3-5 (no battery-operated toys, please!)
- Donate money (make checks out to Baylor University) and drop it off at the Student Activities Office
- Volunteer the night before the event to decorate and wrap gifts
- Help on the day of the event by handing out

gifts, spending time with children, or handing out food

**Baylor Buddies:** Baylor Buddies is a partnership program designed by Baylor and [CIS \(Communities in Schools\)](#) for Baylor students to serve as mentors to children in the Waco community. These children need positive role models and extra support. All elementary and middle school students have been referred to the program by the counselor at their school.

**Requirements to be a Baylor Buddy**

- Interest in being a trusted friend to a child
- One hour a week spent with child
- Year-long commitment
- Commitment to the program-seriously consider your schedule before applying

If you are interested in being a Baylor Buddy, contact [Lauren Cobb](#) at [Baylor\\_Buddies@baylor.edu](mailto:Baylor_Buddies@baylor.edu).

**Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.**

**-MLK Jr.**

**Check Out the Citizen Online!**  
[www.baylor.edu/student\\_activites](http://www.baylor.edu/student_activites)

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## Fall '08 Service Opportunities continued...

### **ServiceNation Booth at Central Texas Kids—**

Volunteers are needed to do a fun activity with children and families visiting the Central Texas Kids Expo. Please feel free to contact Karen Cameron at [kcameron@bethechangeinc.org](mailto:kcameron@bethechangeinc.org) for more information.

**Baylor Habitat for Humanity Meetings—**Meet every Wednesday, 6 p.m. in Draper, Room 172 of Bennett Auditorium on Baylor

Campus. Learn how you can help the Waco community. All students are welcome to come. For additional information, visit [www.baylorhabitat.org](http://www.baylorhabitat.org).

### **Mission Waco Thanksgiving Day Lunch for the**

**Homeless—**Donors, Volunteers, and Cooks All Needed for “Turkey Day” 11/27. Tired of eating too much and watching football games on Thanksgiving? Interested in serving our most vulnerable citizens a

big plate of turkey and dressing? Mission Waco will have its annual Thanksgiving Day meal for the homeless at noon. We'll need plenty of help, so let us know if you want to be one of those volunteers!

More opportunities available on The Student Activities website.

*To submit an additional opportunity to be added to this list, please contact Marianne Magjuka*