



## June 2020 Newsletter

### Tentative Open House Dates

Friday, August 20, 2020 (2:30 - 4:30 p.m.)

Monday, October 5, 2020 (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, November 12, 2020 (2:30 - 4:00 p.m.)

[\*\*Register for Open House\*\*](#)

## Saluting our Seniors

On Thursday, May 14th, Next Steps at Vanderbilt hosted a Senior Salute to celebrate the graduating class. The video showcased during this virtual event can be found below.



**Click here to read a recent MyVU article highlighting Next Steps' 10 Year Anniversary!**



## What Will Next Steps Look Like Next Year?

*Tammy Day, Director*

Vanderbilt University has been in planning mode to develop “ramping up” guidelines for the fall of 2020. The University is following the four phased plan for the Metro-Davidson area, and

Next Steps will follow the University’s plan. We are making different contingency plans so we will be ready for what actually happens this fall in regards to COVID 19 and activities on campus. You can learn more about the University’s Return to Campus [here](#).

We will have 38 students enrolled through Next Steps on campus this fall, and are eager to welcome the Class of 2024 which has 12 members.

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## End-of-Semester Activities

Classes of 2022 and 2023 presented their final presentations on May 7 via Zoom. Students shared academic, career development, campus life, and personal growth highlights from the school year. Presenting over Zoom was new to all students, and the underclassmen did a phenomenal job organizing information, capturing stories through photos, and sharing about their experiences virtually. Professors, supervisors, university staff, and family and friends of Next Steps were all in attendance. Wonderful work, first-years and sophomores!

On May 5th, the Junior and Senior class virtually presented their Experiential Seminar research presentations to an audience of over 50 family, friends, and Vanderbilt community members. Topics presented ranged from health and safety, money management, grocery shopping to more unique subjects, like video production and video editing. This event was a huge success and we are very proud of our junior and senior class for showcasing the skills they learned and for illustrating their hard work and dedication.

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## Internship Spotlight

*Cat Bernstein, Office Assistant*

Jackson Pipkorn, class of 2020, was one of the first 4-year graduating seniors of Next Steps. This past semester, Jack interned for the Nashville Soccer Club as a Video Production Editor. While at this internship, Jack learned to edit film, enter data on the computer, helped with special

events, and restocked inventory. Jack enjoyed this internship because he liked working alongside his team members, and he feels he gained more confidence in his filming and editing skills.



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## Alumni Update

*Steven Greiner, Alumni Coordinator and Recruitment Assistant*



John Moore graduated from Next Steps at Vanderbilt in 2016. He is now a Recycling Technician at Electronics Recycling Solutions. John enjoys breaking down dead machines (computers) and separating the metal and other recyclables. When he is not at work, he likes to talk to friends, take nature walks, play with his cat, Callie, watch the fish in the fish pond, and use his computer and iPad.

## Recently moved?

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