



January 2021 Newsletter

Now Accepting Applications for the Class of 2025!

**This year, we will be hosting virtual interviews and Preview Days.*

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Next Steps at Vanderbilt Events

**All events will be virtual until further notice.*

Online Information Sessions

Please join us for an Online Information Session! During these virtual events, prospective students, parents, and guests will learn about classes, internships, social opportunities, and more. Once you register for an Online Information Session, you will be sent a link to join. Please come with questions as you will be able to type your questions into the chat box.

2021 Online Information Session Dates:

Monday, January 11, 2021 (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, March 25, 2021 (2:30 - 4:00 p.m.)

Monday, June 14, 2021 (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.)

[Click here to register for an event](#)



Happy New Year from Next Steps at Vanderbilt

It is with a large sense of anticipation that we welcome in 2021. No doubt 2020 will go down in history as remarkable in many ways. What stands out to me as the most remarkable are the countless ways students, Ambassadors, faculty, internship supervisors, and staff rose to the challenges of making college programming meaningful and possible this year.

Key Highlights for 2020:

10th Anniversary of Next Steps at Vanderbilt with resolutions from Vanderbilt Student Government, Nashville Metro Council, and the TN House of Representatives in recognition of the accomplishment of bringing inclusive higher education to Tennessee

First group of seniors to graduate from the 4 year program, we were a two year program until 2016

Start of TN Government internship rotations involving new government departments in partnership with IDEAL program at Lipscomb University

Students and staff master technology skills for online coursework, participation in meetings, and social events

Highest number of Ambassadors to participate in a semester

Developed partnership with Scarritt Bennett Center and VU Real Estate for first residential pilot experience starting fall 2021

We look forward to 2021 with the hope of getting to be among friends and colleagues in person. We will continue to Step Up and Anchor Down as part of the Vanderbilt University community in response to the pandemic, but we are also making plans to

return to campus as soon as possible.

Best wishes to all for 2021 from Next Steps at Vanderbilt

Tammy Day, Director of Next Steps at Vanderbilt



Next Steps in the News : "Vanderbilt disability inclusion programs receive national recognition"

[Click here to read this article on the VKC website](#)

Alumni Update

Steven Greiner, Alumni Coordinator and Recruitment Assistant

Rob Funk graduated from Next Steps at Vanderbilt in 2020. He is now an equipment manager at Vanderbilt Athletics. Some of his tasks include doing laundry, setting up practice, breaking down practice, and helping where needed. When Rob is not at work, he is traveling, painting, walking his dog, and watching movies.





Alumni Affair

On Saturday, December 19th, Next Steps and Ambassadors alums came together virtually to celebrate 10 years of Next Steps at Vanderbilt university. Along with catching up with each other, we asked all who attended to submit a word to describe Next Steps at Vanderbilt. The word cloud above has the responses from this event. We enjoyed getting virtually see old friends and are grateful for 10 years of inclusive higher education on Vanderbilt's campus.

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