

Kaylen Mallard Joins Bonner Center as After-School Programs Coordinator

Kaylen S. Mallard has joined the staff of the Bonner Center for Service Learning & Civic Engagement at Carson-Newman College as an Americorps Volunteer in charge of coordinating after-school programs, Center director Dr. Larry Osborne announced recently.



Ms. Mallard, a 2008 summa cum laude graduate of Gordon College in Wenham, MA, comes to Carson-Newman having served as Coordinator of National Youth Development for the March of Dimes in White Plains, NY, since 2008. While at the March of Dimes, Ms. Mallard promoted youth leadership programs nationally among staff, volunteers, & national service organization. In addition she developed leadership, awareness, & fundraising activities by elementary through college students by providing guidance & mentoring resources to these future leaders.

At Carson-Newman, Ms. Mallard is working to enhance the quality of volunteer service provided by Carson-Newman students and Bonner Scholars as well as the community impact of programs for area at-risk youth. She is also helping to increase the number of C-N undergraduates who qualify for Americorps educational awards.

Ms. Mallard's Americorps position is made possible by a new partnership between Carson-Newman and the Tennessee Community Assistance Corporation. TCAC provides some of the training and funding for Americorps Volunteers and makes them available to non-profit organizations addressing human needs at the community level.

The Bonner Center for Service Learning & Civic Engagement at Carson-Newman is part of a network of over 75 colleges and universities nation-wide supported by the Princeton-based Bonner Foundation. The C-N Bonner Center advances the mission of Carson-Newman by strengthening the college's effectiveness in promoting community service, educated citizenship, and servant leadership among its students. Each Bonner school provides scholarships to college students who engage with the community through regular volunteerism and a rigorous program of leadership training.

In addition to her March of Dimes background and training at Gordon College, Ms. Mallard has studied in Russia and Israel, has written for national publications, and facilitated sessions at national professional meetings. She also served as a volunteer for the Borderline Personality Resource Center in White Plains, NY.