



The Bonner Advisory Board

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The Bonner Advisory Board (BAB) is a student leadership team comprised of current Bonners from across the Network. They provide student voice to the Foundation through a wide variety of responsibilities including feedback on policies and programs, communication and support for Bonner Congress Representatives, and conference planning and facilitation.

Meet the members:



ZOEY BRANDT

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Zoey attends Washburn University and plans to graduate spring of 2018 with a degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in ESOL and a minor in Poverty Studies. She is currently serving her Bonner Program as a Senior Intern and has worked the last two years as a Congress Representative. This is her first time serving with BAB and she is extremely excited to help other Bonners find success as Congress Representatives. A fun fact about her is that she spent the summer serving at a camp in No-Where, Missouri for individuals of all ages with disabilities. It was a hot, challenging, joyful experience.

KAITYLN PALIVIDAS

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Kaitlyn Palividas is a University of Houston Bonner who will be graduating in May 2017. She is studying communications-broadcast journalism with minors in leadership studies and history. As a Houston Bonner she has helped plan a campus-wide MLK Day of Service, assists in the planning of the annual Bonner Spring Break trips and helped lead the efforts for the 2015 Bonner Congress hosted at UH. Currently, Kaitlyn serves on her school's Bonner Leadership Council as Recruitment Chair and works on a community gardening project. Kaitlyn enjoys a good book, swimming and spending too much money on great food. Outside of Bonner, she serves as President of the Honors Ambassadors and Bleacher Creatures spirit organization at UH in addition to being active in Club Theatre and serving as a mentor to incoming Honors students. She is excited to serve on BAB because she wishes to help better connect schools within the Bonner Network beyond the two annual conferences.



ASUKA WATANABE

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My name is Asuka Watanabe, I am a rising junior at Ursinus College and am studying Sociology with an interest in Education Policy. My role at Bonner on campus is the site-coordinator of Centro Cultural Latinos Unidos (CCLU), an after school program for Latino students in Pottstown, PA. I am excited to be a part of BAB because my experience so far with Bonner has been eye-opening and thought-provoking and I would love to touch base with the National Foundation as well as hear about what Bonner is like on other campuses. I love live music, swimming, and one fun fact is I will be studying abroad in Bologna this upcoming fall!

ALISON MASSON

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Alison Masson is a junior at Washington and Lee University. She is a politics major and a poverty studies minor with a strong interest in education.

At W&L, she is a Bonner Intern, serves as the Education and Youth enrichment coordinator for the campus service league, and volunteers with and manages communications for English for Speakers of Other Languages. She is particularly excited to collaborate with BAB and the foundation to plan and implement another awesome Bonner Congress meeting. Some fun facts about Alison are that she loves singing, hiking, sewing, and baking, and she can sing "Happy Birthday" in more than ten languages!



ADAM COOPER

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Adam Cooper is a Chemistry major with minors in Public health, Environmental Science and Community Engagement at Stetson University. His initial motivation to get involved in service was the creation of a group of cosplay power Rangers serving as local community motivational speakers and childhood entertainment and empowerment. He has shifted his service focus while at Stetson to fit his passion for science through educational community programs both locally and in his Summer of Service in Bangladesh, as well as international development work in Peru and the Dominican Republic. He has spent his summer at Notre Dame working on an affordable biophosphate sensor as a part of their "Analytical Chemistry for the Developing World" program. This is his first year on the BAB.



MEGAN BREITENBACH

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Megan is a rising senior at Montclair State University pursuing a Dual Degree Masters program for English and Special Education, with a minor in Leadership Through Civic Engagement. She has tremendous experience as a Bonner for MSU, serving as both a Bonner Leadership Team member as well as Senior Intern for Member Support. This will be her second term as a BAB member, and previous BAB experience has given her an opportunity to help with weekly and monthly newsletters, attend conferences such as SLI, Bonner Congress, and Inspire, and attend monthly meetings to support the Bonner Network. This year, she is excited to meet new people from other programs and to start planning for Bonner Congress! A fun fact about Megan is that she is related to John Morton from PA, who signed the Declaration of Independence.



EMILY BATISTA

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Emily Batista is a rising senior at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She is majoring in Finance and Business Economics and will graduate in May 2017! Emily has served on Wofford's Bonner Leadership Team for the past 3 years. This year she will serve as her Bonner Program's Event Coordinator, in addition to serving as a social media and journalism volunteer for her Bonner site, the Northside Development Group of Spartanburg. She is really looking forward to being a part of BAB in order to learn about the positive changes and relationships Bonner has created in the lives of students across the country! After spending her senior year on BAB, Emily hopes to move to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil after graduation to pursue a career in corporate hospitality and event planning!

CHLOE STOWELL

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Chloe Stowell is a senior Political Science and Anthropology double major minoring in Politics and Ethics at the University of Houston. She is a returning BAB member. As a member of the Bonner Leaders at UH, Chloe is constantly working with her wonderful team to find effective and efficient solutions to the problem of poverty in the city of Houston. Specifically, Chloe leads initiatives to provide equal access to education for students in the area. She leads a chapter of Strive for College at her University in the hopes of giving first generation college students the opportunity to apply for their best-fit college. Her passion for service has led her to opportunities such as research in Educational psychology and a summer of studying Arabic in Morocco. In her rare moments of free time, Chloe learns new languages, drinks too much tea, makes new friends, leads bible studies, reads good books, and sings obnoxiously to Taylor Swift.



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Anna Grace Barry is a rising fourth-year at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN. She has a double major in Human Services and Spanish with a minor in Religious Studies, and works as the Student Development Intern in the Carson-Newman Bonner Center. She grew up in East TN and loves working with organizations that enrich rural Appalachian communities.

Anna Grace's interests include playing the banjo, dancing emphatically, and having meaningful conversations over coffee! She worked last year on the Bonner Advisory Board, supporting work at Bonner Congress as well as the Summer Leadership Institute. She is excited for another year on BAB because she's already had one incredible year working in the Bonner network and can't wait for one more! She loves having the chance to meet Bonners at conferences and help to bring schools together to share best practices and good ideas, and spread Bonner Love.