

2020 Alumni Panel Bios



Isabella Kent

My name is Isabella Kent and I served as a Prevention and Health Education AmeriCorps VISTA at Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services in Whatcom County from August 2019-August 2020 where she developed and enhanced children and family health education programs and curriculum to prevent future poverty and victimization. In her time with AmeriCorps she created an event planning committee in her county to encourage networking amongst service members, attended Serve Washington's Leader Corps, and participated on the Serve Washington Member Advisory Committee.

She is now using the skills she gained in AmeriCorps as the Domestic Violence Youth Advocate at LifeWire in Bellevue, WA.



Chelsea Mancilla

I am Chelsea Mancilla and I am returning to a second year of service with AmeriCorps. Last year I was serving with City Year Seattle/King County in the Seattle Public School district. This year I have joined the Washington Service Corps and will be serving in my hometown of Lacey, WA at the South Sound Reading Foundation. I am a 2018 graduate of Saint Martin's University, where I studied Anthropology, and was taught to "think with heart". My service with AmeriCorps has made me more passionate about serving my community, and I am thankful to my previous service with City Year for helping me

become a leader. My future career goal is to enter education either as an elementary teacher or a reading specialist. Recently I have become a Big through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and I'm looking forward to spending more time with her this year.



Matthew McDonald

Hello all, my name is Matt MacDonald and I am in my second term in Yakima as a College and Career Coach for the College Success Foundation. Before CSF, I attended Central Washington University where I got my degree in Psychology. I am originally from a small town on the coast where I acquired a love for the outdoors, especially fishing and camping. In my free time I love to cook, camp, fish, and tend to my garden.



Jalen Robinson-McClure

I am Jalen Robinson-McClure and I am returning for my second service year with the College Success Foundation and AmeriCorps returning to my service site Baker middle school in the Tacoma Public School district. I am a 2019 graduate of Whitworth University where I received a B.A. in Mathematics, and minors in Theology and Athletic Coaching while competing for the schools track and field team. I chose to serve with CSF AmeriCorps this year because I feel called to serve the community and to make an impact on the next generation of students and scholars while preparing me for my future career in education. I am passionate about helping those less fortunate and

helping to better a community in need. In my personal time my hobbies include staying active by lifting weights or playing basketball, and playing with Yo-Yos.



Madeline Taylor

Over the past year, I have served as an AmeriCorps VISTA building sustainable capacity for food access programs in Whatcom County by ensuring access to healthy food, improved nutrition, health, and overall wellness.

Before the pandemic, I worked with the Whatcom County Health Department on improving healthy food access to a neighborhood in Bellingham currently experiencing a food desert. After the start of the pandemic, my work changed to teaming with the Opportunity Council of Whatcom County on developing a system that would provide high-risk and homebound individuals with food bank boxes.