

Meet Our 2020 AmeriCorps Alums@Service Year Alliance Segal Fellows

The Segal Program congratulates and welcomes our three 2020 AmeriCorps Alums@Service Year Alliance Segal Fellows. These inspiring and dedicated citizen leaders join a Network of 131 lifelong Fellows across a wide range of issue areas and sectors. Through their participation in the Program, each Fellow will be supported with professional development, leadership resources, and a powerful community with which to continue their growth as an agent for social change.

As AmeriCorps Alums Segal Fellows, they work with Service Year Alliance (SYA) to promote national service, receive an honorarium from SYA, and will start their lifelong Fellowship with our citizen leadership curriculum, as part of the 2020 National Service Cohort.



Chris Capron



Chris Capron is a doctoral student at the University of Oregon Counseling Psychology program with interests in adolescence and supports for youth of color. He hails from Los Angeles, CA, and graduated with High Honors in Psychology and English Literature from Swarthmore College in 2015. He served as an AmeriCorps VISTA member and Leader in Philadelphia, PA, where he focused on strengthening nonprofits, policies and programs for low-income youth. He is especially proud of his involvement with the Bread and Roses Community Fund and his work expanding college access as an admissions counselor. He is interested in the intersections of race, disability and illness, and the education and psychological well being of youth and is always eager to try new recipes and biking trails. **Chris is excited to learn more about ways that virtual education is affecting young people's psychological well being and exploring how racial consciousness is developing in the US.**

Robyn Pratt



Robyn Pratt has spent her life using her personal and professional experiences to serve the people around her. Robyn is from Virginia but has spent the last four years in community with folks from California, Oregon and Georgia. Robyn's desire to serve was planted by her mother as a small child, and her love for service continues to grow with each passing day, as it did through her years of AmeriCorps service. She graduated college many light years ago with a degree in Human Services. She has since been an advocate for sexual assault survivors with The Center, taught many little ones to read while brushing up on her own reading skills with Reading Partners, and she has worked as a facilitator for young mothers sharing the importance of having meaningful interactions at every stage of life with Hands on ATL. Robyn currently works with FoodCorps as a member of the Training Team, where she creates meaningful learning spaces for over 200 AmeriCorps members working across the country to connect kids to nourishing, culturally relevant meals. Robyn also serves as one of the leaders for the BIPOC community at FoodCorps, where she works with others to create inclusive spaces for black and brown folks. Robyn hopes to one day become a doula, working specifically with black mamas to echo their needs, while creating a safe and healing environment for family and baby. **Robyn is excited to explore ways to practice healing and restorative approaches within the Pan African community.**

Yancy Singleton



Yancy Singleton oversees the recruitment, training and learning, Ally management, and partnership development for the Public Allies Connecticut 10-month AmeriCorps apprenticeship, in his role as the Bridgeport Program Manager . Yancy is a two-time Public Ally AmeriCorps volunteer alumnus, having served at Stamford Academy from September 2016 to June 2018 as a Youth Development Specialist in an attempt to instill social and emotional values in the students. Yancy is dedicated to sharing his life experiences, time, energy, and passion to a variety of organizations and populations. He's served as a board member for InterCorps Council Connecticut between 2016-2017 and interned at the Institute for Innovation and Prosecution at John Jay College in New York

City from 2017-2018. His passion and excellence have been recognized in many ways: Public Allies Connecticut's Class of 2017 graduation speaker (voted by his peers), RYASAP's 2017 Bellinger Award winner, and CTJJA's 2018 Above and Beyond Award winner. Yancy is a Norwalk native who spent his teen years in Bridgeport, where he graduated from Harding High School. He has first-hand experience with the criminal justice system, which ignited his passion for true justice through education. To that end, while incarcerated, Yancy was awarded a paralegal diploma in 2007 and served as a GED readiness tutor for four years, impacting over 100 other learners. Yancy is a writer at heart and in deed, spanning the spectrum from poetry to opinion pieces. His opinion letters detailing his personal experiences have been published in the Norwalk Hour in March 2017 and May 2018. He recently started a non-profit organization with his childhood friend's mother called "Abe Prior-Keep 5 Alive," In honor of her son who passed away. The purpose is to provide students from single-parent homes with socioeconomic struggles scholarships to obtain a higher education. The organization will allow individuals an opportunity to not only attend college, but also to develop interpersonal skills, critical thinking skills, mental and physical agility through community events. These integral skills will empower various generations to succeed despite their socioeconomic status. **Yancy is excited about providing inspiration and opportunities to those who are most marginalized.**

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