

HAMPDEN- SYDNEY COLLEGE

Tiger Tracks

Post-graduate service
and learning options for
Hampden-Sydney students

*Hampden-Sydney
men are educated
to be good citizens.
While all of them
carry this mantle
through their lives,
some choose
to dedicate a year
or two—or five—
to these or similar
post-graduate
service programs.*

Post-graduate service options

Some people would rather not move immediately into a job after graduation, but they also want to pursue a productive opportunity to learn and contribute to society. For individuals like this, there are many post-grad service opportunities that should be considered. These opportunities range from education, service, and religion to more creative options. Below we've listed a few of the most recognized opportunities, and we encourage you to take a closer look at those that are interesting to you.

EDUCATION

- **Teach for America (TFA)** – A highly competitive and well-respected two-year program which places recent graduates in low-income high schools around the country. <http://www.teachforamerica.org/>

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- **The Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET)** – A year-long program which places recent American college graduates in schools, from elementary school through high school level, in Japan <http://www.jetprogramme.org/>



- **CIEE Teach Abroad** – A year-long program which places university graduates to teach English and immerse themselves in a foreign community in seven countries around the world. <http://www.ciee.org/teach/>

- **City Year** – An education-focused, nonprofit organization that unites young people of all backgrounds for 10 months of working to improve high school and middle school student attendance, behavior and course performance in English and math, with the ultimate goal being to keep students in school and on track to graduation.



<http://www.cityyear.org/>

SERVICE



- **Peace Corps** – A federal program which places trained volunteers in countries around the world to help individuals build better lives for themselves, their children, and their communities. <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

- **AmeriCorps (VISTA)** – A full-time year-long program at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, where volunteers fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, strengthen community groups, and generally strive to bring individuals and communities out of poverty. <http://www.americorps.gov/>



- **Code for America (CfA)** – An 11-month program that connects talented programmers to problems faced by major U.S. cities and allows the recent graduates to create web-based solutions. <http://codeforamerica.org/>

RELIGIOUS

- **The Fellows Initiative** – An intense, practical nine-month journey that prepares recent graduates to live faithfully by facilitating a part-time professional internship in their field of interest, theological coursework, Biblical study, mentoring, and service. <http://www.thefellowsinitiative.com/apply/programs>



- **Focus Leadership Institute (FLI)** – A one-semester journey of study through the hows and whys of the Christian faith for student leaders from both Christian and non-religious universities hosted at Focus on the Family's Colorado Springs campus. <http://www.focusleadership.org/>

- **Student Ministry Campus Intern** – Many college ministries have programs which place interns to mentor students on campuses around the country. While you should pursue options at whichever ministry you're most passionate about, the RUF program is an exemplary, well-developed, two-year initiative. <http://www.ruf.org/internship/>



OTHER

- **Oscar Meyer Wienermobile Driver** – Drivers, referred to as "Hotdoggers," represent Oscar Meyer as a goodwill ambassador through appearances on radio and television stations; newspaper interviews; and visits to grocery stores and charity functions. They work with professionals in the fields of consumer promotion, marketing and sales; help organize promotions and even pitch TV, radio and print media. <http://hotdoggerblog.com/be-a-hotdogger/>



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since 1776



KENNETH PARKER '94
Program Director, Reach for College!
Washington, DC (TFA)

During his junior year, Kenneth began tutoring Alterik Baker, a third grader at Prince Edward County Elementary School. Those tutoring sessions confirmed Kenneth's desire to become an educator.

Upon graduation as a history major, he was accepted into Teach for America's teacher training corps. He taught fourth grade at Adelaide Davis Elementary School in Washington, DC, and he continued there for five years beyond his initial commitment.

Kenneth then worked as an Assistant Principal and Principal at Kramer Middle School in Washington, DC.

Presently, he serves as the Program Director at Reach for College!, a non-profit organization based in the DC Metro area which helps low-income high school students reach their dreams of pursuing a postsecondary education.

GREGORY A. DEAR, JR. '10
Legal Reviewer, BrownGreer LLC, Richmond, VA (City Year)

While studying for a Political Science/Government major with a Rhetoric Minor, Greg participated in many community service projects in Farmville. The more he helped, the more he wanted to serve. After graduation, he wanted to do more hands-on service before pursuing law school admission. That led him to our nation's capital to work with City Year in DC's public school system. Since then, he has been working at BrownGreer LLC, a law firm in Richmond, as he prepares himself for law school.



WESLEY JULIAN '08
Media Relations Coordinator, Consulate General of Japan, Chicago, IL (JET)

Wesley graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in religion and political science and a certificate in the Wilson Center for Leadership's public service program. He was a student senator, student court advisor and investigator, and a resident advisor. Wesley took a post with the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) in Osato, Miyagi, Japan, where he taught English for two years. He was in Japan when the tsunami and earthquake struck and was much involved in the recovery efforts. Now back in the States, he has earned a master's degree in liberal arts from the University of Richmond and now works for the Consulate General of Japan at Chicago as the Media Relations Coordinator.

ERIC B. LEWIS '08
English & Social Studies Teacher, Brooklyn, New York (JET)

Eric graduated *summa cum laude* with honors in Philosophy and minors in Rhetoric and Creative Writing. Eric then taught English as a foreign language at a high school in Myazaki, Japan, as part of the JET Programme. After a stint in Cambodia as the General Manager of an eco-tour and education company, Eric returned to the United States. He teaches English and Social Studies to 11th and 12th grade special-education students at a high-need school in Brooklyn, New York, as an NYC Teaching Fellow.



GARRETT TREGO '08
Lawyer, Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP, Philadelphia, PA (AmeriCorps)

Garrett graduated with a double major in History and Economics & Commerce. He was on the club lacrosse team, in the Tiger Athletic Club, and the general manager of the TigerFund. Garrett was accepted to AmeriCorps NCCC, a year-long service program; he opted for its specialized branch that partnered with the US Forest Service to train members as wildland firefighters. Garrett served in this capacity in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest, until enrolling in law school at William & Mary the following year. He is now an associate in his firm's commercial litigation practice group.

CALEB VARNER '02
Government Business Development Manager, John Deere, South Africa (Peace Corps)

As a football player and Phi Beta Kappa Economics graduate, Caleb learned the importance of building lasting relationships in a world that requires us to be entrepreneurs, servants of a greater cause, and leaders. After graduation, he joined the Peace Corps, serving in Ecuador and in the Dominican Republic. Caleb later worked with the US government, the United Nations in Africa, and the World Bank in DC, helping businesses and governments extend access to financial services in their countries. Before his current role in government business development for Sub-Saharan Africa with John Deere, Caleb earned his MBA/MPP at Duke Fuqua School of Business, where he was a Keller Scholar.



J. BENNETT WHITE '01
Civil Litigation Attorney, Starnes Davis Florie LLP, Birmingham, AL (TFA)

Bennett graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude*, receiving the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award for his service to the College. Upon graduation, he joined Teach for America and taught third grade in Indianola, Mississippi, for two years. After TFA, he earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law. He is currently an attorney at Starnes Davis Florie LLP in Birmingham, Alabama, where he specializes in complex civil litigation.