

THE STUDENT SERVICE &
LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE

SCOTT REPORT

2018–2019

UNIVERSITY OF
Nebraska
Omaha



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Student Service and Leadership Collaborative (The Collaborative) was launched as a new program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) to provide UNO students with opportunities to engage the university with the greater Omaha metropolitan community through action projects that lead to positive social change. Since then, the program has gone on to be recognized nationally over the last five years including receiving the Silver Award for Civic Learning, Democratic Engagement, Service-Learning, Community Service, and related category for the NASPA Excellence Awards.

The 2018-19 year also featured the new addition of Jeffrey Southall II to the Collaborative team. Jeffrey joined the program in September as the Assistant Director for the Office of Civic and Social Responsibility and serves as the lead coordinator for the Collaborative program. This transition has allowed for program to reexamine its learning outcomes and professional development experiences to better support the students interning through The Collaborative. Projects that began in 2018-19 but will be implemented in 2019-20 include: ePortfolio template and reflection question refresh, development of a new professional development series that focuses on intercultural competency development and effective leadership, and a redesign of how students develop their capstone project in collaboration with their non-profit partners.

The Collaborative students continue to make significant achievements and advances to support community engagement within the Omaha Metro Area which is all made possible through your generosity. Thank you for supporting student learning and service through this unique, intentional student employment program.



IT'S ENLIVENING TO BE AROUND HIGHER ED PROFESSIONALS WHO ENCOURAGE AND PUSH YOU TO BE BETTER THAN YOUR BEST. I HAVE ENJOYED THIS EXPERIENCE IN EVERY ENCOUNTER I'VE HAD WITH MANY INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE UNO DIVISION OF STUDENT SUCCESS.

JEFFREY SOUTHALL II
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CIVIC AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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STUDENT PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

One of the hallmarks of a Collaborative student experience is the opportunity to be connected with a local non-profit to engage in a meaningful capstone project. While all of our interns have significant projects that they support their respective non-profits with, below are some project spotlights to highlight the great work being done within the community by our Collaborative students.



JESSICA SANCHEZ

PROGRAM MANAGER | **OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS**

As the Education and Community Engagement Intern, Jessica produced the first edition of the Education and Community Engagement Spring Quarterly Newsletter, showcasing the highlights and news of the department. Jessica assisted with the coordination of the summer events such as Summer Sounds at the Highlander, master classes, and produced the Summer 2019 Issue of the Education and Community Engagement newsletter.



PARKER JENSEN

PROGRAM MANAGER | **OMAHA STREET SCHOOL**

As the Program Coordinator for GAP U, Parker developed curriculum for the literacy and life skills program. He was also responsible for administering the created content. Additionally, Parker supported Omaha Street School by recruiting vocational training partners to serve as agencies of employment for students at the Street School.



PRANAV OJHA

PROGRAM MANAGER | **MUNROE MEYER INSTITUTE**

As the MMI Intern, Pranav assisted in the establishment of the Peer Mentoring Program for the Think College program (now known as The Trailblazers program). This is the first college program in Nebraska for students with intellectual disabilities. He aided in structuring the program to fit the needs, culture, and MavSpirit of the UNO Campus. UNO students serve as peer mentors to establish a relationship that will positively influence social engagement, support learning skill development, and progressive development. Pranav serves as a peer mentor in the pilot program and conducts outreach through media and fliers.

STUDENT PROFILES



ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY

JENNIFER HULA

PROGRAM MANAGER
NO MORE EMPTY POTS
BELLEVUE, NE
GERONTOLOGY '20

AL RAHBI MAZIN

PROGRAM MANAGER
METRO AREA YOUTH FOUNDATION
MUSCAT MASQAT
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION '21



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

ALEX THEOS

SERVICE SUPERVISOR
UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA
SECONDARY EDUCATION/
YOUTH AND TRAINING '20

BRIGETT CARRASCO-ANGON

PROGRAM MANAGER
COLLEGE POSSIBLE
OMAHA, NE
SOCIAL WORK '22

PARKER JENSEN

PROGRAM MANAGER
OMAHA STREET SCHOOL
LINCOLN, NE
COMPUTER SCIENCE '21

KOLTEN SCHNACK

PROGRAM MANAGER
CAMPUS COMPACT
MILFORD, NE
ELEMENTARY/ SPED EDUCATION '20

MADELINE ST. CLAIR

PROGRAM MANAGER
PARTNERSHIP 4 KIDS
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA
BIOLOGY '20



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

MARYANN FARAH

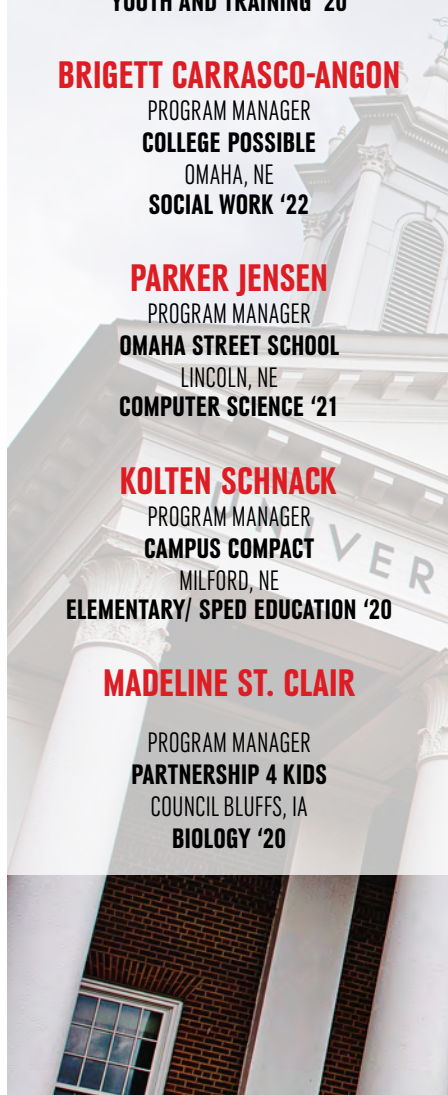
PROGRAM MANAGER
BIG GARDEN
OMAHA, NE
MEDICAL HUMANITIES '20



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

ELIZABETH HAAG

PROGRAM MANAGER
TRIFAIH INITIATIVE
BARLEY, NE
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES '21





HEALTH & WELLNESS

EMILY BRANDON

SERVICE SUPERVISOR
PLANNED PARENTHOOD
OMAHA, NE
SOCIAL WORK '21

KELSEY WAGNER

SERVICE SUPERVISOR
QLI
ELKHORN, NE
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY '20

PRINAV OJHA

PROGRAM MANAGER
MONROE MEYER INSTITUTE
LAINCHOUR KATHMANDU BAGMATI
NEUROSCIENCE '22

ARIC NIELSEN

PROGRAM MANAGER
LIVWELL OMAHA
FORT CALHOUN, NE
RECREATION/LEISURE '21

ANDRE SESSIONS JR.

PROGRAM MANAGER
WELLCOM
OMAHA, NE
JOURNALISM & MEDIA '22



SOCIAL JUSTICE

NATE JOHNSON

SERVICE SUPERVISOR
LATINO CENTER OF THE MIDLANDS
OMAHA, NE
NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT '20

FIONA SMITH

PROGRAM MANAGER
SHAREOMAHA
OMAHA, NE
ENGLISH '19

ASHA FRANCISCO

PROGRAM MANAGER
BLACK POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOC. OF OMAHA
OMAHA, NE
**PRE-CRIMINOLOGY/
CRIMINAL JUSTICE '22**

DANYELL PRICE

PROGRAM MANAGER
CIVIC NEBRASKA
OMAHA, NE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION '23



ARTS & HUMANITIES

NICO LINDELL

SERVICE SUPERVISOR
ROSE THEATRE
BELLEVUE, NE
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES '22

JESSICA SANCHEZ

PROGRAM MANAGER
OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS
OMAHA, NE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION '21

MADELINE SWANSON

PROGRAM MANAGER
WHY ARTS
OMAHA, NE
PHILOSOPHY '22

PEYTON WELLS

PROGRAM MANAGER
OMAHA GIRLS ROCK
OMAHA, NE
**SECONDARY EDUCATION/
LANGUAGE ARTS '20**



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNIVERSITY INNOVATION FELLOWS

PALO ALTO, CA

The University Innovation Fellows is run by Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school). Online trainings and in-person events expose students to experiential training methods, design thinking, creativity, lean start up, innovation spaces, and many other strategies for engaging fellow students in honing their entrepreneurial mindset. Fellows must complete a series of trainings and program requirements before being eligible for being launched officially as University Innovation Fellows.

More program info can be found at universityinnovationfellows.org

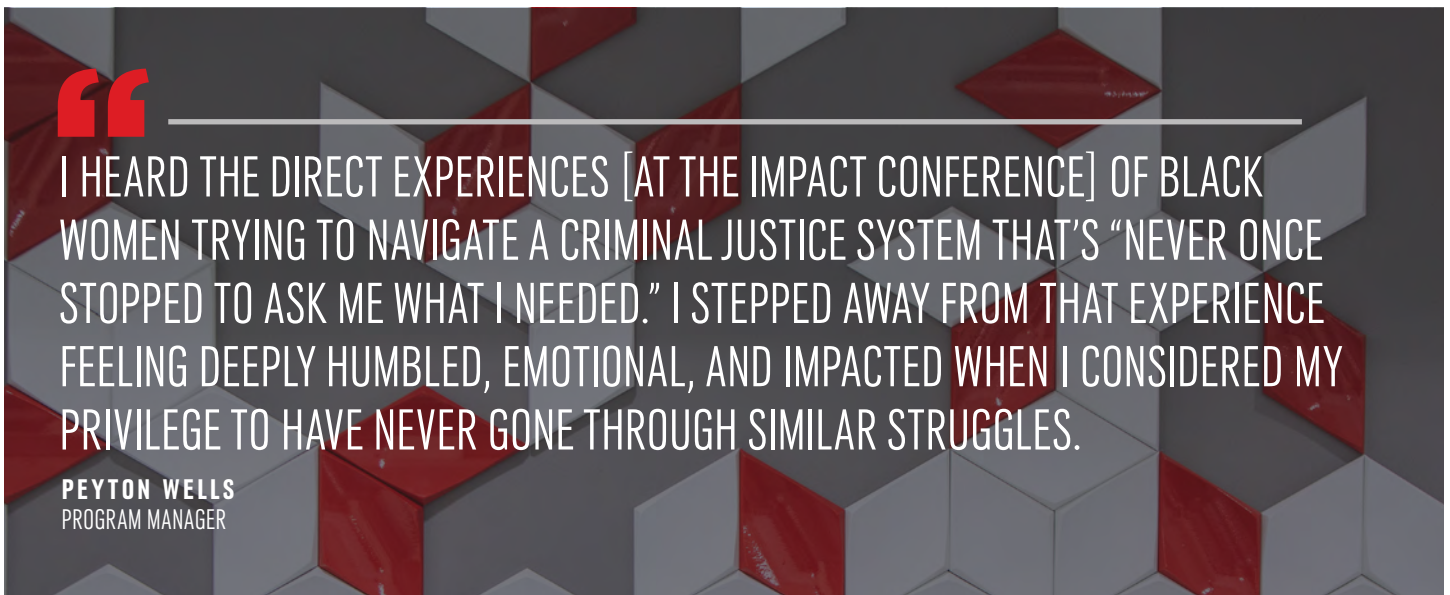
In 2018-19, we launched our first class with two Collaborative students, Nico Lindell and Parker Jensen. In addition to being the first fellows from UNO, they are also the only University Innovation Fellows in the state of Nebraska. As a part of the program, they are working on a general education course, Design Flaw, that will allow undergraduate students to learn and practice design thinking skills in an effort to address a challenge at UNO. Based on their performance in the launch process and progress toward their project, Nico and Parker were invited to multiple day experience at Stanford University in spring 2019. This experience involved a trip to the Google headquarters, workshop sessions at Stanford, and community experiences across the Bay Area.

For 2019-20, two new Collaborative students, Nate Johnson and Elizabeth Haag, have been invited to participate in the launch program to become part of the second cohort of University Innovation Fellows for UNO.



CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY (CGIU) CHICAGO, IL

For 2018-19, two Collaborative students, Nico Lindell and Casey Jones, had their Commitment to Action: Omaha_IRL (Intentional Refugee Learning), which aims to connect refugees in the Omaha community with financial literacy resources, accepted as a part of Clinton Global Initiative University. As a part of their commitment being accepted, Nico and Casey were invited to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative University conference held at the University of Chicago. While at the conference, our students were able to network with students from other university students from across the world to gain perspective and insights to assist with the implementation of their Commitment to Action upon their return to campus. In 2019-20, we will continue to have Collaborative students work in teams to develop and propose Commitments to Action that can positively impact Omaha as well as the state. The timeframe for submitting commitments changed this past year to line up more closely to the academic year



IMPACT CONFERENCE CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Nine Collaborative students attended the IMPACT Conference which was hosted at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA. The IMPACT Conference is historically the largest gathering in the country focused on the civic engagement of college students in community service, service-learning, community-based research, advocacy and other forms of social action. For 2018-19, we extended the opportunity to attend to all program managers and service supervisors through an application process as opposed to limiting the experience only to service supervisors as in years past. Through testimonials like the one above one can see just how impactful this was for our Collaborative interns. Looking forward to 2019-20, the Collaborative will continue to support student attendance at this conference in addition to coaching students through the process of applying to present at the conference.

ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIOS

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July 25, 2019

Office of Civic and Social Responsibility
c/o Jeffrey Southall
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Weitz CEC 130B
6001 Dodge St.
Omaha, NE 68182

Dear Jeffrey,

Our first experience this year with the Collaborative Intern program through your office was, I hope, the first of many interactions. We had the benefit of adding senior English major Fiona Smith's talents to our team at an incredibly crucial time. From January through late April, Fiona helped with event-based media, social media, blog posts, audience refining and general volunteer service.

To have an extra set of hands for this time period, the public launch of SHAREomaha.org, was one thing – for it to be a motivated and skilled near-graduate was another. Fiona's hunger to understand our mission and goals and also putting a personal stamp on her contributions really accentuated the assistance she provided.

We enjoyed the review of her resume ahead of the internship and the flexibility of scheduling her time and meetings with and for us. The process was smooth, and we happily tell other nonprofit members of the community of the resource and benefits the Collaborative Intern program offers.

Thank you for providing this assistance to nonprofits, especially start up ones like ours. The SHARE Omaha team looks forward to working with your talented students for many semesters to come.

All Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marjorie Maas', is written over the typed name and title.

Marjorie Maas, executive director
SHARE Omaha



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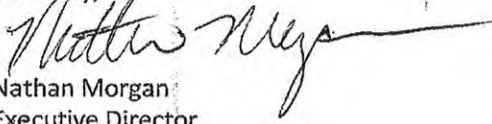
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Dear Jeffrey,

We have been extremely pleased with the work of Maryan Farrah our Collaborative Intern from UNO. Maryan has taken on most of the data analysis responsibilities from our assessment of our Spring and Summer programming. Too often we collect that data and then it takes months to find the time to analyze it and present it in formats that are easy for our program partners and funders to understand. I have incorporated elements from her work into several grant proposals and presentations with prospective donors. Maryan is diligent and conscientious in her work and we are grateful for her help. After she returns from studying abroad we would love to have her back.

The office is Civic and Social Responsibility has been a pleasure to work with. Whenever I have had questions the staff there have been responsive and helpful. I look forward to working with the office again and am grateful that The Big Garden has had this opportunity

Sincerely,


Nathan Morgan
Executive Director
The Big Garden



July 14, 2019

To: Jeffrey Southall
From: WhyArts

Dear Jeffrey

We feel very lucky to have Mad Swanson as our intern this year. Mad is not only smart, but she is a great communicator and extremely strong in her ability to work both collaboratively and independently. We can give Mad a subject to research, data to synthesize, or request that she sit in on a meeting to provide perspective and we know her contributions will be valuable.

Two of the things we find so useful with Mad as our intern is her experience working in another after-school program and her cool youthful perspective. Mad brings a unique set of experiences that often directly relate to what we are doing but could have been overlooked without her input.

Mad has worked on several important WhyArts projects and attends our bi-monthly staff meetings. She has been very helpful in rewriting our Independent Contractor Handbook, preparing data and statements for grants and the ongoing development of what we are calling "Teachable Moments", a methods and resources of quality programming with our teaching artists.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Mad.

Sincerely, Carolyn Anderson and Kim Jubenville

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn & Kim". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed names.

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