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Where do I start? Amazingly enough, this all started with a small group of students who believed they could employ the resources of this great University to make positive and sustainable impact on the city that it calls home. That’s the most amazing part of this whole story to me. By simply asking ‘how can I help?’ ‘how can I do better?’ amazing things can be created, fostered, and grown.

I see that optimistic tenacity every day in my role as the Badger Volunteers Coordinator. As the coordinator for the program, I’m responsible for making those initial connections between students, community organizations and campus leaders, as well as making sure the system that keeps it all connected runs smoothly. But the work that makes those connections lasting, meaningful opportunities for growth and learning are happening far from my desk all over our community at any given moment. I see it when UW-Madison students practice their Spanish language skills while tutoring middle schoolers who hope of one day becoming a Badger, in the same middle school where my colleague, our Communications Specialist Xai, got his own start in story-telling. I see it in the students who plants trees with the Shorewood Forestry protecting the lakes where I spent my childhood summers launching inflatable dinghies and jumping from rope ladders. I see it in the students who work with music and memory care at Capitol Lakes, fighting Alzheimer’s, a disease that makes grandchildren unrecognizable to their grandparents as it once did my own. These aren’t hollow hours or quickly forgotten friendships. These are moments in time that build connections and cognizance, expose societal shortcomings and shape the stories of the future leaders UW-Madison creates, while they work alongside our current community members.

In those community leaders you see a spectrum of backgrounds, interests, abilities, burdens, blessings, ages, and more – all united by a passion for giving themselves to the community they call home. They teach our students what it takes, with limited resources, lofty goals, huge hurdles and a dedicated team to make a difference every day. They allow us to become a part of their work and their communities through service. They help us expand the Wisconsin Experience beyond the borders of our campus.

I grew up in Madison and attended this fine University between two lakes. It is an honor to be a part of the process that brings them together in this way. I believe one wouldn’t exist in the same way it does today without the other, recognizing both the trials and triumphs the campus/community relationship has worked through and continues to tackle over the years. When I think back on my short time I’ve had with the BV Program or back on my time growing up in Madison, that mutual beneficitality becomes clearer every day, yet still leaves me with questions. How have I impacted my community today? How has the beauty and ease of the world around me been made possible by someone I will be able to thank? Maybe we’ll have the answers to that in another 10 years, but in the meantime, we continue to do our part in the Wisconsin Idea, as Badgers and as citizens of a brighter future. Thank you to all that have made this possible from staffs to students and everyone in between. I am humbled to be your middle man in this mission.

On Wisconsin
Reuben Sanon
"In reflecting on my time with Badger Volunteers, the first word that comes to mind is 'family.' The relationships and connections I formed with students, community partners, and Morgridge Center staff feel familial, and I am forever grateful for the people, learning, and growth BV brought into my life."

KARI TEMKIN
BADGER VOLUNTEERS COORDINATOR
MAY 2014-JUNE 2017
BV Interns: Past & Present

2017-2018
Badger Volunteers Interns

Mickey Nguyen
Julia Wagner
Yasmin Schamiloğlu

2018-2019
Badger Volunteers Interns

Rishard Bournes
Gianina Dinon
Melissa Her

"Badger Volunteers has taught me so much about what true mutually respectful and beneficial partnerships look like. The commitment of our community partners and our students to making this program be the best it can be is a constant source of inspiration to me and I'm grateful to be a small part of it."

Megan Miller
Assistant Director of Civic Engagement & Communications
BV THROUGH THE YEARS

2008

Spring 2008
Badger Volunteers who completed 10 hours of service were able to attend a concert for free through the Madison 10K.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

3 2 8 0

COMMUNITY PARTNER SITES

4

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

40

BADGER VOLUNTEERS 2008 5
Fall 2009
Welcome aboard the first BV intern, Ali Loker!!

2009-2010
BV reached over 300 volunteers for the first time

Volunteer Transportation Program
Badger Volunteers partners with Union Cab to enhance volunteer accessibility.
BV introduces Education Sessions

Summer 2011
BV introduces the BV summer volunteering program for the first time.

May 2, 2012
Andrea Radi wins the outstanding Badger Volunteers award for the 2011-2012 academic year.

2011

2012

Volunteer
15,773 hours
THE YEARS

2018

2013

2014

2015

Spring 2014
Badger Volunteers in BV Amazing Race complete a series of tasks to win the ultimate prize!!

2013-2014
29,172 volunteer hours

Fall 2014
BV reached 800 VOLUNTEERS for the first time

BVs celebrate BV Giving with delicious food and great company.

I shall never be content until the beneficent influence of the University reaches every home in the state.
May 2016
MCPS Celebrates the first annual Be the Change Bash as a way to unite volunteers and community members and their dedication to public service.

April 2015
MCPS partnered with WASB (Wisconsin Alumni Student Board) to establish the first ever All-Campus Day of Service.

Fall 2016
BV begins their partnership with ZipCar, establishing a more sustainable transportation option.

2016

2017

2016-2017
32,381 VOLUNTEER HOURS

BADGER VOLUNTEERS 2016-17
Badger Volunteers gather for the first ever Badger Volunteers Ed-Social where Badger Volunteers learned about and participated in adapted fitness.

May 1, 2018
BV Exec Board members celebrate the BV program at the Morgridge Center’s annual Be the Change Bash.

MARCH 1, 2018
18 Badger Volunteers gather for the first ever Badger Volunteers Ed-Social where Badger Volunteers learned about and participated in adapted fitness.
Feburary 20, 2019

A message from former Badger Volunteer, Ali Loker. Ali served as a BV for 3 semesters and graduated in 2012. She currently works at IPM Institute in Madison

I was fortunate to be part of the first cohort of Badger Volunteers and was the first BV intern. It has been such a joy to see the program expand and deepen its connections to the Madison community over the past 10 years (really can't believe it's been that long!).

The frequent exposure to a diverse set of client experiences each week at our BV site (The River Food Pantry) helped ground me as a naive college student. It has helped shape my approach to better understanding issues and approaching situations with compassion before action. Being part of BV helped solidify my commitment to public service in whatever community I've found myself in since. It was a pivotal background and driving force in my decision to spend two years as an AmeriCorps volunteer and continues to inspire me in my current role as co-chair of Slow Food Madison.

I am so grateful for the Morgridge Center and its continued dedication to providing this valuable opportunity to the UW campus and Madison community!
BV ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Michelle Berning
Rochester, MN

Kristin Hagen
Madison, WI

Rosie Brezynski
Seattle, WA

Alex Coakley
Denver, CO

Shira Hirsch
Usiacur, Atlantico, Colombia

Jessica Boebel
Sun Prairie, WI

Amanda Chen
New York, NY

Adam Beer
Chicago, IL

Kayla Naus & Gillian McBride
Milwaukee, WI

Alyana Guidotti
Salcedo, Hermanas Mirabal Province, Dominican Republic

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Adam Beer (2016)
Semesters as a BV: 4
Medical Student
Rush Medical College, Chicago, IL

BV showed me not only the importance of being civically engaged, but it showed me how to go about finding touch points for civic engagement. I learned about the network of nonprofits and community organizations and how many of them are structured. Now, living in Chicago, I feel more capable of sending the email to the right person or finding that email in the appropriate place on a website to get off the ground. It sounds simple, but it truly makes a difference. Also, as a BV, I saw social determinants of health in effect. For example, at the YMCA Dane County East, I observed how cumbersome it can be for a mother to exercise when she has worked all day and must care for her child in the evening. Now, as a medical student, I’m more aware of these non-physical barriers and can more readily identify for/look for them when considering the health of a patient.
Kayla Naus (2017)
Semesters as a BV: 3
Masters Student in Urban Studies
UW-Milwaukee

Badger Volunteers allowed me to get out of the student bubble and become civically engaged with the community, not only by volunteering but building relationships with the nonprofit organization and the people we were serving. It has fostered a love for public service and passion for community engagement. After graduation, I served as an AmeriCorps VISTA at the Boys & Girls Club of Albany, NY. I was able to put the BV values into action and facilitate positive change through a year-long service project. Since my AmeriCorps VISTA position ended, I am studying at UW-Milwaukee for my Masters in Urban Studies. I hope to work for a nonprofit organization that not only provides direct services but also long-term change through public policy and advocacy. As someone who studied community and nonprofit leadership for my undergrad, BV provided a model of long-term, sustainable partnerships with community organizations. It also reinforced the importance of self-reflection and privilege, especially as a student volunteering/serving in low-income communities.

Gillian McBride (2017)
Semesters as a BV: 6
Project Manager at Goldstein Law Group S.C., Milwaukee, WI

As a Badger Volunteer, I learned that a person can do public service in any job and any sector as long as they’re working with a purpose and people in mind. Since graduation, I have served in AmeriCorps direct service with Milwaukee Public Schools, in policy-making and development with New Orleans public schools, and currently in business planning and public relations with an employment law firm where we represent a number of Wisconsin businesses, including several led by women and people of color. Each work experience has engaged me with different communities and different tasks, and I credit the skills and perspective I gained through Badger Volunteers with helping me find paths to public service in each one.
March 5, 2019

A message from Wisconsin Institute for Discovery Outreach Coordinator Dan Murphy

Through Discovery Outreach, we spark a curiosity in science for thousands of children, families and educators across Wisconsin. Our cutting-edge, hands-on science programs and events – many of them free – introduce vibrant UW-Madison science to an eager public looking to expand their creativity and imagination. Our programs include the signature, annual Wisconsin Science Festival that celebrates science across the state of Wisconsin, as well as weekly and monthly programs that bring science to economically disadvantaged elementary, middle and high school students. Discovery Outreach is a partnership effort of the Morgridge Institute for Research, the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. Our BVs are absolutely essential to the mission of Discovery Outreach and help us maximize and expand our capacity.

Volunteering at the Discovery Building offers the ability to interact with a variety of age groups, backgrounds, and STEAM disciplines. Our programs are an opportunity to enhance one’s science communication and science literacy skills. The most challenging part is to stay flexible from week to week due to all of our different programs, activities and audiences. Students can gain valuable communication skills especially through using their various personal and educational backgrounds to relate to our program participants. Students can gain new perspectives on how their education can impact the community in a very direct way. Our BVs also get a close look at cutting edge research happening on campus. Volunteering at the Discovery Building is a great way to take a break from studying and do science right in the heart of campus!

We offer year round volunteer opportunities! Our events and programs range from large-scale events such as the Wisconsin Science Festival to our monthly Saturday Science program held on the first Saturday of every month. Be sure to check us out for our fun and exciting upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Daniel M. Murphy, M.S.
Outreach Coordinator
Morgridge Institute for Research
COMMUNITY

Our 80+ community partner sites truly form the bridge between campus and community. Their programming creates meaningful opportunities for Badger Volunteers to make a lasting impact in the Madison community.

**Education**
Bayview Foundation
Boys & Girls Club of Dane County
Catholic Multicultural Center
Centro Hispano of Dane County
Discovery Building
East Madison Community Center
Goodman Community Center
Hamilton Middle School
International Outreach
Literacy Network
Lussier Community Education Center
Madison Children’s Museum
Mentoring Positives, Inc.
MSCR - Allis Elementary
MSCR - Emerson Elementary
MSCR - Falk Elementary
MSCR - Glendale Elementary
MSCR - Hawthorne Elementary
MSCR - Lake View Elementary
MSCR - Leopold Elementary
MSCR - Lincoln Elementary
MSCR - Lindbergh Elementary
MSCR - Lowell Elementary
MSCR - Mendota Elementary
MSCR - Midvale Elementary
MSCR - Orchard Ridge Elementary
MSCR - Sandburg Elementary
MSCR - Schenk Elementary
MSCR - Spring Harbor Middle School
Omega School Inc.
Reach Dane
REACH-A-Child
Read Up
Red Caboose Day Care Center
Red Caboose Lapham
Red Caboose Marquette
Salvation Army Community Center
Schools of Hope - Black Hawk Middle School
Schools of Hope - Cherokee Middle School
Schools of Hope - Jefferson Middle School
Schools of Hope - O’Keeffe Middle School
Schools of Hope - Sennett Middle School
Schools of Hope - Sherman Middle School
Schools of Hope - Toki Middle School
Schools of Hope - Whitehorse Middle School
Schools of Hope - Wright Middle School
West High School - Literacy Center
West High School - Tutoring Center
West Middleton Elementary School
Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation

**Sustainability**
Aldo Leopold Nature Center
BlackHawk Church Food Pantry Garden
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission
Center for Resilient Cities
Clean Lakes Alliance
Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Inc.
Community GroundWorks
Friends of the Henry Vilas Zoo
Friends of Lake Wingra
Habitat for Humanity
Habitat ReStore
Holy Wisdom Monastery Gardens and Grounds Lake View Elementary Outdoor Classroom
Linda & Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability
Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens
Madison Environmental Group/EnAct
REACH-A-Child
Salvation Army of Dane County Food Pantry
Spring Harbor Garden Club
Sustainable Atwood
TEENWorks Goodman Community Center
The Prairie Enthusiasts
UW-Madison Arboretum
Village of Shorewood Hills
Wheels for Winners
Wisconsin Bike Fed
Wisconsin Environmental Initiative

**Public Health**
Capitol Lakes
Catholic Charities Adult Day Center
Central Wisconsin Center
Community Support Network
East Madison/Monona Coalition for the Aging
Gio’s Garden
Home Health United
Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)
Mobility Training & Independent Living Program Options In Community Living
Salvation Army Food Pantry
Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin
South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Braxton
South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Dayton
South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Fisher
South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Triangle
South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Quaker
South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Rommes
South Madison Coalition of the Elderly Post Rd.
St. Vincent de Paul
The River Food Pantry
Three Gaits, Inc.
Meet Michelle, the Elementary Program Support Specialist at MSCR. Her social work career began in Milwaukee as a case manager for women in emergency and transitional living.

Many of the women she worked with felt trapped in their situations and wished they had found an encouraging mentor when they were younger.

These women helped Michelle recognize a need in her community, and she began to work pro-actively to provide supportive and encouraging mentors for kids. Now, she works with MSCR and Badger Volunteers to provide kids with one-on-one attention and connection.

"I really believe in that mission of providing kids with new opportunities and being a supportive adult for them."

Meet Alan, a volunteer bike mechanic and secretary on the board of Wheels for Winners who has combined his love of biking with a passion for volunteerism.

Since I was in high school I had imagined riding my bicycle across the U.S. As my retirement was coming into view, I mentioned to my oldest son Sam that I was contemplating volunteering at a bike shop so I could acquire some bike mechanic skills to support my dream to ride across the country. One day, Sam stopped by the house and asked me if I wanted to start volunteering as a bike mechanic at Wheels for Winners. We started volunteering in the fall of 2011 and the rest, as they say, is history. Interestingly, there was a crew of Badger Volunteers volunteering when I first started (on a Tuesday night).

My son Sam moved to the Twin Cities in 2012, but by then I was completely in love with the Wheels for Winners model and kept on going to the shop by myself. My wife and I did, in fact, ride our bicycles across the country in the late spring and summer of 2014 (we rode a little more than 5,900 miles during our 3 month trip). I joined the board of Wheels for Winners. I have continued the tradition of having a Badger Volunteer crew working with me each semester. And I now run the shop on Monday nights, Tuesday nights and Thursday afternoons.

"It's been an amazing experience for me, and I imagine volunteering as a bike mechanic for as long as I am still around."

Madison School & Community Recreation
AUTOGRAFHS

Gabille Hytens

[Signatures of various individuals]

Cherlene Ngwuram

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Racheal Bawmce

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Olivia Van Ked

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Gianina

2015 - 2019
February 5, 2019

A message from UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca M. Blank |

Education, research and service are UW-Madison’s three-part mission. Faculty, staff and students engage in all of these activities.

The service mission is particularly important for a state school. For ten years, Badger Volunteers has bolstered our service mission by offering countless hours of community service, volunteer time and collaboration with local organizations.

Badger Volunteers embodies the Wisconsin Idea, the concept that UW-Madison should positively influence citizens in Wisconsin and beyond. My guess is former UW-Madison President Charles Van Hise, often credited as the author of the Wisconsin Idea, would be a big supporter of Badger Volunteers.

Research tell us experiences outside the classroom have a profound impact on student learning, and often help shape career trajectories after graduation. Community service gives students an opportunity to apply their knowledge in hands-on ways. Experiences in the community can, in turn, give students new insights into their academic work.

On the ten-year anniversary of Badger Volunteers’ founding, I am grateful for the impact this program has had on the UW-Madison campus and the greater Madison community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca M. Blank
Chancellor
Morgridge Friends Distinguished Chair of Leadership
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THANK YOU TO OUR
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