

# UNH Among Top Peace Corps Volunteer-Producing Schools

## UNH ranks No. 21 among medium-size schools

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**CORI REES, A 2014 UNH GRADUATE WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS A HEALTH VOLUNTEER IN ZAMBIA.**

UNH ranks 21st among medium-sized schools on the Peace Corps list of top volunteer-producing colleges and universities.

UNH has ranked among the top medium-sized schools every year for the past decade, and there are 15 alumni currently volunteering worldwide.

“Peace Corps service is an unparalleled leadership opportunity

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that enables college and university alumni to use the creative-thinking skills they developed in school to make an impact in communities around the world,” notes acting Peace Corps director Sheila Crowley. “Many college graduates view Peace Corps as a launching pad for their careers because volunteers return home with the cultural competency and entrepreneurial spirit sought after in most fields.”

## Ready, Get Set

Think you might want to become a Peace Corps volunteer? UNH has partnered with the Peace Corps to offer a prep course to help students develop four core areas of competencies, a measure that could provide a competitive edge when applying for Peace Corps service.

Through Peace Corps Prep, students will:

- Engage in undergraduate academic coursework and field experiences that emphasize community engagement and

Service in the Peace Corps is a life-defining, hands-on leadership experience that offers volunteers the opportunity to travel to a community overseas and make a lasting difference in the lives of others. Since the Peace Corps’ founding in 1961, 724 Wildcats have traveled abroad to serve as volunteers.

Cori Rees '14, who is currently serving as a health volunteer in Zambia, credits her alma mater with teaching her the importance of hard work and motivation.

“I am training the community health volunteers to teach about HIV/AIDS, malaria, and maternal and child health in their villages and to implement programs that will hopefully increase the

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quality of health of our larger community," Rees says. "I am empowering the youth through the school clubs, which focus on teaching about the importance of education, goal-setting and planning for the future, and living a healthy lifestyle, which is essential in areas where 10 percent of the population is infected with HIV/AIDS."

The Peace Corps ranks its top volunteer-producing colleges and universities annually according to the size of the student body. See the 2017 rankings [here](#), and find an interactive map that shows where alumni from each college and university are serving [here](#).

The Peace Corps sends Americans with a passion for service abroad on behalf of the United States to work with communities and create lasting change. Volunteers develop sustainable solutions to address challenges in education, health, economic development, agriculture, environment and youth development. Through their Peace Corps experience, volunteers gain a unique cultural understanding and a life-long commitment to service that positions them to succeed in today's global economy. Since President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961, more than 225,000 Americans of all ages have served in 141 countries worldwide. For more information, visit [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov).

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