

# NATIONAL **BONNER** LEADERS

Summer Newsletter 2018



## COMMUNITY Partners 2018-2019

- Dan River Nonprofit Network
- Danville Area Humane Society
- Danville Church-Based Tutorial Program
- Danville Life Saving Crew
- Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History
- Danville Parks and Recreation
- Danville Science Center
- Forest Hills Elementary School
- God’s Storehouse
- Goodwill Industries Noblis
- River District Association
- The Arc of Southside
- United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County
- VCU Massey Cancer Research Center

## NEW NATIONAL Bonner Leaders 2018-2019

- Nick Price
- Rana Davis-Robinson
- Douglas Merrell
- Allison Kelley
- Allison Davis
- Ashley Ruelo
- Jared Brown
- Bradley Bizzell
- Isabella Jaramillo
- Grey Cappazoli
- Austin Paynter
- Ethan Williams

## ANNUAL REPORT

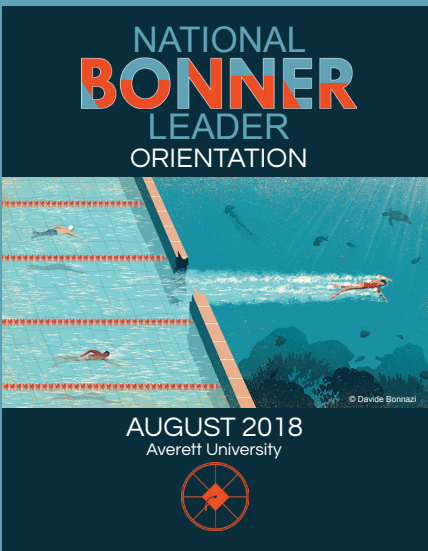
On May 15, 2018 April submitted the first Averett University Annual Report to the National Bonner Foundation. Included in the report were the accomplishments of the first year of the Averett University National Bonner Leader Program, goals for next year, and capacity-building projects being done by National Bonner Leaders in the community. Since submitting the report, Bonner Foundation President, Bobby Hackett, has followed up with a conference call to discuss the success for the first year of the program, and express his excitement in the coming years.

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, WAGNER COLLEGE

During the week of June 5-8, four of our National Bonner Leaders traveled to Wagner College on Staten Island, New York to attend the annual Bonner Summer Leadership Institute. Students engaged with other Bonner students from across the national Bonner network, built leadership skills, and shared ideas for social action to bring back to their own community.

## 2018 NATIONAL BONNER LEADER ORIENTATION

We will hold our 2018 National Bonner Leader Orientation starting August 12, 2018-August 15, 2018. New National Bonner Leaders and current National Bonner Leaders will come to campus early. The goal of this week is to orient our new National Bonner Leaders, connect with current Bonner Leaders, work with students to develop leadership skills, and learn more about the Danville community. Students will make community partner site visits, participate in leadership development sessions, and have opportunities to bond as a group.



## OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SENIOR NATIONAL BONNER LEADER

Ethan Williams from Maryville College Bonner Scholars Program will be transferring into our National Bonner Leader Program and Averett University for his senior year. Williams has completed over 1000 hours as a National Bonner Scholar and is hoping to finish his service in Danville using his passion for law enforcement and criminal justice.

## PENDING PROCESS TO ADMIT CURRENT STUDENTS

We have had some interest from current Averett University students wanting to join the National Bonner Leader Program. Our current National Bonner Leaders had a chance to discuss the possibility of inviting more students to join. Over the course of the next couple of months, our goal is to develop an interview/application process to open to current Averett students interested in joining the National Bonner Leader Program at Averett University.

## AMERICORPS REPLACEMENT

We are beginning to plan for our next AmeriCorps VISTA to work with our National Bonner Leaders. April’s VISTA term is up in November, so we will need to recruit from Bonner Alumni to fill this position. Please let us know if you have anyone in mind so that we may reach out to them.

