

AmeriCorps members use their Segal Education Award to volunteer internationally.

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# Newsletter



Global Service Corps volunteers jumping in a field in Cambodia (photo by: Sophak Touch)

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This newsletter is being sent to AmeriCorps offices as well as AmeriCorps volunteers who requested information from Global Service Corps (GSC). Please share this with AmeriCorps and related agency mailing lists, other staff, and other AmeriCorps active or graduated volunteers.

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## Use the Segal Award to Continue Volunteering Internationally

Are you looking for an alternative way to use your Segal Education Award? Are you interested in volunteering abroad? Take advantage of the unique opportunity Global Service Corps and University at Albany provides for AmeriCorps student and non student members to use the Segal Award for an international service-learning program in Cambodia!

The AmeriCorps volunteers highlighted in this newsletter utilized their Segal Education Award to participate on a GSC/University at Albany service-learning program in Cambodia. The Segal Award covers all in-country program costs, plus airfare.

The stories below tell how a few of the many AmeriCorps past GSC program participants provided service to under-served communities in Cambodia through some of the five unique programs offered by GSC: [Children and Orphanage Care](#), [International Health/Global Public Health](#), [Buddhist Immersion](#), [Teach English Abroad](#), and [Community Development and Leadership Training](#). If you have multiple areas of interest and sufficient time to be in Cambodia, you can combine two or more programs with the [Integrated Program](#) option. You do not need to be a student enrolled in a college to participate in this program. For more information, check out the Cambodia page on our website. For instructions on how to use your Segal Education Award, click [here](#).



AmeriCorps alum Catherine Gresham poses with some students while participating in GSC's Buddhist Immersion/Teach English Abroad Program (photo by: Catherine Gresham)

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## AmeriCorps GSC Volunteers in Their Words

Over the years, AmeriCorps alums have been some of GSC's best and most valuable volunteers. Here are past AmeriCorps volunteers talking about their experiences:

Marina Morshead, two-time GSC volunteer (Children and Orphanage Care Program)



Marina (middle) enjoying a weekend at Ankor Wat with fellow volunteers (photo by: Doris Frasca)

“This project was fantastic, life changing for sure. My time at the orphanage was fantastic. I was able to do a lot, see a lot and observe life there. Cambodia is a wonderful country in great need of help from NGO's. The Cambodian people were incredibly kind, warm and friendly. I had no idea what Cambodia would be like; it blew me away and was a wonderful experience.”

### Alyssa Esparza (Children and Orphanage Care Program)



Alyssa taking a selfie with some of the children at the orphanage (photo by: Alyssa Esparza)

“I did enjoy the project, children, and environment. I think it made me realize how much these children have gone through and to see how well they are doing now amazes me. It encourages me to improve my life so that I therefore can help improve others. I want to continue in

experiences like these to see how others live.”

Catherine Gresham (Buddhist Immersion/Teach English Abroad Program)



Catherine with some of the young monks she helped teach English (photo by: Catherine Gresham)

“I loved everything about our accommodations. The hosts made my stay in Udong very memorable and are the reason I enjoyed my time so well. It was a true cultural experience and friends for life.”

Amanda Wilander (Buddhist Immersion/Teach English Abroad Program)



Amanda doing some site-seeing during her service-learning experience (photo by: Amanda Wilander)

“I went in expecting to be flexible and ready for whatever was presented. I certainly learned a lot about Buddhism and got a really unique view of the Khmer culture that the average tourist wouldn’t get rolling through the country. There’s such a difference between being an American in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, and marked as a tourist, and being an American in rural parts of Cambodia. It was really beautiful.”

Richard Lloyd (two-time volunteer in the Buddhist Immersion/Teach English  
Abroad Program)





Richard with one of his students at the wat (Buddhist Monastery) (photo by: Richard LLoyd)

“There is no one experience that is most memorable over others. I can’t identify anything I wish had gone differently. Every moment spent in Cambodia was valuable. Teaching English in Cambodia has twice left me with a feeling of deep meaningfulness. I cannot think of a better experience in my life. This reaffirmed my commitment to teach English and work towards improving the lives of Cambodians.”

Keerthi Vemulapalli (Global Public Health Program)



Keerthi posing in front of an old Cambodian building (photo by: Keerthi Vemulapalli)

“My most memorable experience in Cambodia is the community visits with the nurses I was working with. I was shocked to see the conditions people were living in, however despite this, they were still smiling, kind, and friendly.”

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All GSC Cambodia programs have monthly start dates. For more information about the application process, check out our [How to Enroll](#) page, and for more information about using the Segal Award, click [here](#).

If you're looking for an alternative, unique way to use your AmeriCorps Segal Education Award, join GSC and use your passion and skills for service to help us continue serving communities in need!

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