Tulane among Peace Corps’ 2019 top volunteer-producing schools

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Alina Meador, left, graduated from Tulane University with a degree in public health and Latin American studies in 2016, and is serving as a health volunteer in Vanuatu. (Photo provided by Peace Corps)

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Alina Meador graduated from Tulane University with a degree in public health and Latin American studies in 2016, and is serving as a health volunteer in Vanuatu. Meador works with the Ministry of Health to send qualified nurses to local health facilities. She leads workshops educating community members and children about relevant health matters and preventing malaria and other diseases. She is also part of a Peace Corps-wide organization that helps to empower women, teaching gender equality, domestic violence prevention and other gender-based violence awareness across Vanuatu. She credits the public health knowledge and training from Tulane that is now the foundation of her work. "Tulane incorporates a ‘service learning’ component into their core curriculum. This instills a love of service for others into every Tulanian, past and present,” Meador said.

Tulane’s Center for Public Service now oversees the Peace Corps Prep Program, designed for students interested in post-graduate service to the Peace Corps and similar organizations.

The Peace Corps ranks its top volunteer-producing colleges and universities annually according to the size of the student body. View the complete 2019 rankings of the top 25 schools in each category here and find an interactive map that shows where alumni from each college and university are serving here.

*Medium Colleges & Universities – Total Volunteers:
Between 5,000 and 15,000 undergraduates

1. George Washington University – 54
2. American University – 51
3. Tulane University – 44
4. College of William and Mary – 40
5. Western Washington University – 32

Graduate Schools – Total Volunteers:

1. Tulane University – 20
2. University of Michigan - Ann Arbor – 18
3. University of South Florida – 16
4. American University –15
4. University of Denver – 15
6. George Washington University – 14
6. New York University – 14

*Rankings are calculated based on fiscal year 2018 data as of September 30, 2018, as self-reported by Peace Corps volunteers.