

2008 AmeriCorps & National Service Conference

Life After AmeriCorps Training Descriptions

1. A Career in Education: Making a Difference One Student at a Time

Shari Rusch's journey from special education student to special education teacher is the backdrop for this informative and fun presentation. This training offers a window into the world of special needs and "at risk" students. Shari's personal and profession experiences are intertwined to offer insight and applications for individuals considering a career in education. Attend this workshop to be energized to make a difference as a teacher, mentor and coach!

2. Developing a Personal Mission Statement: A First Step to Living Your Passions

Are you stressing out about the end of your service year? Confused about which path to take and what adventure may be next? Trainer Jeff Birdsall will help you begin your journey from a place of inner clarity, then uncover and articulate your deepest convictions and dreams to provide the ultimate litmus test in assessing your upcoming options. Participants will create a personal mission statement in this interactive and reflective workshop.

3. Get the Job You Deserve – Learn How to Create a Winning Resume'

Antonio Meeks will conduct an interactive workshop that will provide participants the skills and hands-on practice necessary to creating a resume that incorporates transferrable skills and gets results! If you join this workshop, you will walk away from with a completed draft of a resume that will ensure successful job hunting!

4. Interviewing – Putting Your Best Foot Forward

Participants will learn from trainer Temeka Bridges who has had first-hand experience in what to do and what not to do in a job interview. From how to dress to what to say and do, come and be inspired to "put your best foot forward." Participants in this training will learn the meaning of professionalism and how to make sure you are a winning candidate the next time you show up for a job interview.

5. Getting What You're Worth: Negotiating with Confidence

Join this interactive workshop with an AmeriCorps ALUMS trainer who will help participants learn negotiation strategies. The skills gained in this workshop will enable you to understand the various types of compensation and practice techniques you need to be successful in a job search.

6. Making the Most of Your Segal Education Award

Accessing the educational award earned during AmeriCorps service can be confusing. This workshop demystifies the Segal Education Award through an interactive quiz, online tutorial, and practical examples of how the funds might be used. Join this workshop to gain a clearer understanding of the guidelines for utilizing the Education Award through first-hand experience with the **online education award system** to check the balance in your trust account, disburse funds to financial institutions for student loans, and pay for current educational expenses, while linking to schools that **match the education award, grant scholarships, or give academic credit** for national service experiences.

7. AmeriCorps Commitment - Your Personal and Professional future!

The AmeriCorps journey is an unforgettable experience and the commitment that one finds in completing service is a strong opportunity and a spring board for success in all of life's arenas. Join Teecy Bondank Matthews, an outstanding, energy-filled trainer, for a journey that focuses on leadership, change and positive commitments for the future. This session is sure to motivate, inspire and move you to action!