



Support the Corpsmembers of the Year

The Corps Network invites your support of the 2018 Corpsmembers of the Year at our annual National Conference, happening February 11 – 14, 2018 in Washington, DC.

The Corps Network National Conference is the premiere annual gathering of America's Service and Conservation Corps. Attendees include senior staff from Corps across the country; officials from federal agencies; and leaders in the fields of national service, outdoor recreation, environmental conservation, education and workforce development. As the official Corpsmember of the Year sponsor, your organization will have the opportunity to share your message with professionals who are passionate about the stewardship of our public lands and communities.

Who are the Corpsmembers of the Year?

The Corpsmembers of the Year are the highlight of The Corps Network National Conference. This award annually honors five extraordinary young adults from America's Service and Conservation Corps.

Selected through a competitive nomination process, these five individuals have exceeded the expectations of their Corps by overcoming challenging circumstances, exhibiting outstanding leadership skills and demonstrating an earnest commitment to service and civic engagement. The Corpsmembers of the Year are role models and powerful ambassadors. Their stories of personal growth, transformation and success convey why Corps are important. During the Conference, their speeches inspire us and give context to our workshops and plenaries. After the Conference, the Corpsmembers of the Year continue to be spokespeople for the Corps movement.

SPONSOR BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Recognition in the award title (The Corpsmembers of the Year, sponsored by "Name of your Organization")
- Opportunity to speak and/or show a video during the Conference
- Full page ad in Conference Program
- 5 conference registrations

(see full prospectus for further details)

SPONSORSHIP COVERS:

- Participation of the Corpsmembers of the Year in The Corps Network National Conference (food, lodging, transportation, leadership & public speaking training).
- Costs associated with engaging Corpsmembers of the Year in various events and speaking opportunities throughout the coming year



PREMIERE SPONSOR LEVEL

Demonstrate your organization's support for promising young professionals in conservation and community stewardship

Have a Prominent Presence at The Corps Network Annual National Conference

Meet Recent Corpsmembers of the Year

The Corpsmembers of the Year are a diverse group. Over the years, they have included young parents and former convicts who enrolled in their local Corps to find stability and a fresh start; recent veterans who turned to the Corps seeking meaning in their civilian lives and the chance to retrain for impactful careers in land management; outdoor enthusiasts and natural leaders who have used their passions and talents to engage other youth in community activities and public lands. Below are profiles of three of the 2017 Awardees.



DORELL BOYD - *Citizens Conservation Corps (WV)*

After high school, Dorell applied to Citizens Conservation Corps to combine his passion for service with his desire to hone his carpentry skills. In partnership with the National Park Service and National Trust for Historic Preservation, Dorell participated in multiple Hands on Preservation Experience (HOPE) Crew Projects at Prince William Forest Park and Shenandoah National Park. He learned how to repair and glaze windows, and how to restore original chimneys and other historic stone structures. During his time with the Corps, Dorell was promoted to Crew Leader; with his ability to master new skills, he was a huge asset to the Corps and to partner organizations. The talent Dorell demonstrated and his positive attitude led to his being hired by the National Park Service in 2016 as a maintenance employee at Prince William Forest Park.



AMANDA MATHIAS - *Mile High Youth Corps (CO)*

Mandy Mathias turned down an offer to attend business school and started a 2,200-mile journey on the Appalachian Trail. Upon completing the trek and realizing a new sense of self-awareness, Mandy decided to give back by becoming an AmeriCorps member. On the MHYC Energy and Water crew, she learned how to perform utility-use assessments and install energy and water-saving retrofits in low-income homes. She quickly stood out among her peers and was elected to the Leadership Council. Mandy was part of the most active Council the Corps has seen in years, working hard to plan several service opportunities as well as a seminar series. One of Mandy's biggest achievements with MHYC was a \$10,000 project she initiated with the Littleton Housing Authority (LHA), through which the Corps installed retrofits in over 80 homes.



KALEF JONES - *PowerCorps PHL (PA)*

Kalef Jones rose through the ranks to become the first Corps alumni to be hired as a full-time staff member. Kalef has earned a great deal of recognition: as an Assistant Crew Leader, he won PowerCorps' Organic Leadership award and the Outstanding Youth Partner award from his sending agency, The Youth Violence Reduction Program. As an Associate Crew Leader, he completed the Corps' first ever internship with the Mayor's Office, and served as a featured speaker in a My Brother's Keeper lecture series. Kalef's humility and conscientiousness has inspired Corpsmembers and staff. Although he has a history with the justice system, Kalef's maturity has enabled him to acknowledge his vulnerabilities and move forward. Using skills he gained during his 18 months of AmeriCorps service, Kalef now leads a Green Stormwater Infrastructure crew.

2017 Corpsmembers of the Year pictured on front.

**Ready to show your commitment to America's
next conservation & community leaders?**

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