



Star of the Month

June 2022

Cameron Tattle

School of Nursing



Congratulations to our Star of the Month for June 2022, Cameron Tattle from the School of Nursing! Cameron has been active in our community throughout 2021-22 by participating in the SON Community Outreach Program with our amazing partners at FreeState Justice, and by volunteering with several different organizations in her spare time. We spoke with her about her experiences volunteering in Baltimore. Read more below!

Tell us a little bit about yourself. What degree program were you enrolled in? What brought you to Hopkins and Nursing?

I just completed the Masters Entry into Nursing Program at the School of Nursing. I previously graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelors in Global Studies and Sustainability. I decided to pursue nursing after working with international NGOs and realizing how intertwined community health is. I chose Hopkins for the amazing opportunities and clinical experience the school provides.

What made you want to get involved with Friends of Patterson Park, Henderson Hopkins, and Girls on the Run? Can you tell us a little bit about the work you are doing?

I was interested in volunteering with these amazing organizations since they all are connected in different ways with my community.

For example, I live next to Patterson Park and enjoy the great events they host, so it was natural for me to volunteer. One of the best events this past year was the Halloween Parade where I was able to help lead the Creative Alliance float through the park! My work with Girls on the Run (GOTR) focused on helping recruit volunteers for the bi-annual 5k race in Druid Hill. It was great to get involved with GOTR in Baltimore after I previously coached teams in California. My other volunteer work in nursing school focused a lot on creating opportunities for members of the Student Nurses Association to volunteer. I was elected Community Outreach Director and during my tenure was able to create connections with over 4 new nonprofits for the SNA students to volunteer. It was a new aspect to volunteering I'd never considered but found it to be very rewarding.

What has your experience been like connecting with community members during the pandemic? Can you tell us about other service opportunities you have participated in?

One of my favorite things to do is volunteer in my community. When I first relocated to Baltimore, it was in the midst of the pandemic and almost everything was virtual so it was a lot more challenging than anticipated. Thankfully I found out about Henderson Hopkins where I was able to deliver food to families in need from a distance. This was a great way to meet my community and

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learn about other neighborhoods in Baltimore. I also was part of the SOURCE Community Outreach Program and worked with FreeState Justice (FSJ) an LGBTQ non-profit. With FSJ I helped host Zoom meetings about upcoming state policy and legislation throughout the pandemic.

What service activities do you have planned in the future? Are there any activities where others can get involved?

As I have just graduated I was able to transfer a lot of my knowledge with the upcoming community outreach directors for the Student Nurses Association. It has been great getting to know various non-profit leaders in Baltimore and being able to share those connections with others is very rewarding. I'm excited to see what SNA will do in the future and hope to stay involved. In my newly found free time, I am excited to continue volunteering with GOTR and other organizations in my community.

How does your community work complement what you're learning in the classroom at the School of Nursing?

My community work aligned perfectly with the holistic aspect of nursing. Whether it be delivering healthy foods, volunteering at local races, or helping with park clean-ups these events were a weekly reminder of the different ways nursing can be implemented in the community.

What advice would you give to other students looking to engage our community?

I think the best advice is to see if one of your hobbies could overlap with volunteer opportunities. For example, I love running and was able to find Girls on the Run when looking for volunteer coaching options. I've now been volunteering with them since 2018!

Thank you Cameron for your commitment and service to our Baltimore community!