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Congratulations, to our first cohort!

All twenty of our fellows that started with GrizzlyCorps graduated during the last week of July. The inaugural cohort of GrizzlyCorps fellows have set the bar high — their commitment, sincerity, and enthusiasm have been exemplary of the very service that GrizzlyCorps hopes to encapsulate as a program. It is with immense gratitude that we say our temporary goodbyes to our very first cohort, and we are deeply appreciative of their dedicated service this year.



Alexis Wilkman
Brian Pimentel
Bryce Hutchins
Cayley Eller
Delphine Griffith
Elliot Grant
Grace Ferguson
Jacob McDaniel
Jason Landers
Jenna Waite

Jessie Kanter
Kathleen McCully
Kestrel Grevatt
Kevin Price
Liz McDonald
Madrona Quinn
Oia Walker-van Aalst
Raini Patteson
Rose Joseph
Rose Curley



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A special thank you to the Chief Service Officer of California
 Volunteers, Josh Fryday, for making a special appearance at our
 Graduation Ceremony!
 - All graduation videos will be posted to the <u>GrizzlyCorps Youtube</u> <u>Channel</u> in September. Check back for updates!
- By the end of the service year, 11 out of our 20 fellows received both long & short-term employment opportunities through GrizzlyCorps, many of them directly with our host sites.
 - 3 fellows will be returning for a second year with the program.
- Our GrizzlyCorps Blog features Fellow Voices showcasing their service year and their experiences broadly.
 - See the full feed & Read more <u>here</u>.



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NEW FELLOW HIGHLIGHTS





Jonathan, Humboldt State University, California With a strong passion for community resilience, Jonathan will be serving with the El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District. He will be working with their organizations to increase their capacity to engage community members and implement projects. Since his departure from the military in 2013, he has been dedicating his life to critically analyze the complex

Mikayla, UC Berkeley, California

Mikayla will be serving with Sustainable Conservation in Modesto, California to help assess opportunities for SGMA and CV-SALTS to drive better outcomes in water and sustainable agriculture. Based in the East Bay, Mikayla is passionate about reproductive rights and environmental justice, and she hopes to pursue a legal career in the future.



Nicholas, St. Lawrence University, New York An ecologist by training and activist at heart, Nicholas Filannino joins the GrizzlyCorps this service term working with Wild Farm Alliance in Watsonville, California. When not working towards revolutionizing our food systems, Nick can be found trying to lean new languages, writing poetry, Olympic weightlifting, or Kayak fishing

Pauline, Evergreen State College, Washington

Pauline hopes to combine her skills in ecology, education, and art to work in science communication and social justice. She is concerned about the inequalities of climate change and disaster response/ preparedness. With the Santa Monica Mountains RCD she'll be helping people in the urban-wildland interface prepare their homes for fire.



59,500 HOURS

32 SERVICE SITES

50± COUNTIES

35 FELLOWS



During a very hectic year, riddled with a global pandemic and various climate emergencies, GrizzlyCorps has provided me the opportunity to support growing local efforts to address some of our most pressing issues while supporting me to grow professionally and build lasting relationships with my community

- Cayley E



As a recent graduate,
GrizzlyCorps has given me a
tremendous opportunity to learn
and grow compared to traditional
early-career pathways. I have a
wide latitude to explore my
interests and experiment with
new ideas, leaving me with
innumerable skills and
perspectives to take into the
future.

- Bryce H





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