

# ASBulletin

Vanderbilt University  
Alternative Spring Break  
Newsletter

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## ASB 2k13: Lighting Up the World!

During the week of March 2-10, over 460 Vanderbilt students traveled across the country and beyond to Light Up the World for a wide range of communities and issues. This year, there were 39 sites – 37 domestic and 2 international – and ASBers took the road (and air!) by storm to reach their destinations. Many participated in sites that have been around the ASBlock for years, such as Follow Me, Like a Prayer, and Hangin' Around, while others ventured on ASBrand new sites such as Open Your Eyes, Let Your Love Grow Tall, and Proud to Be an American.



ASBers traveled to 25 states, 3 countries, and put in over 18,000 hours of service at over 55 different organizations. But ASB 2k13 wasn't all about the numbers and statistics; it was about venturing to new communities, learning about new issues (or familiar issues in a new light), putting in hard work to serve organizations and populations in need, and making friends and having fun along the way. It's hard to believe that this life-changing week came and went so fast, but we're already looking forward to another amazing ASB in 2k14!

Want to see more stories and photos from ASB 2k13?

Check out our recap video at:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9PhPQSpyww&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9PhPQSpyww&feature=player_embedded)



# Scrapbook: ASB 2k13





## Reigniting the ASB love at **ASBenefit**



After such an incredible week of service and bonding on ASB, it's hard to come back to Vanderbilt and return to life as normal. Good thing that ASBers didn't have to have the post-ASBlues for too long! Participants were able to reunite and reminisce over their spring break experiences at ASBenefit. This year, a few exciting things were added to the Benefit schedule. Participants got to watch a recap video of ASB 2k13, which featured testimonies from Site Leaders, record-breaking statistics from this year's service, photos from all 39 sites, and most notably, actual on-site footage from a handful of different sites (see link to video on first page). In addition, a fun new reflection

activity was introduced. Each site wrote their greatest takeaways from this year's ASB on a paper light bulb. These light bulbs will be displayed in the OACS office, and will serve as a constant reminder of all the amazing things that ASB can teach us. Finally, there was a heartwarming video that showcased all ASB lifers. It played the songs that have been the ASB themes for the past 4 years, and showed pictures of each lifer with all the sites they have been on.

With these additions and others (and, of course, the classic Benefit activities), this year's ASBenefit was a huge success! It got students excited to participate in ASB for years to come.

## A Big Welcome to **ASBoard 2k14!**

If you were on campus during the evening on Wednesday, April 3, you probably spotted some students wearing bizarre costumes. No, they don't normally dress like that; rather, these individuals were geared up for ASBoard Reveal! A day prior, twelve applicants were notified that they had been selected for Board, and on Wednesday, they would find out who their co's were and which position they'd be serving. After dressing up in crazy costumes, singing ridiculous songs to find their co's, and receiving posters that revealed to them which positions they were, they officially became ASBoard 2k14! Although Board 2k13 is sad to be relinquishing their roles, they know that their successors will do a fantastic job with ASB. Next time you see one of them walking around campus (in normal clothes this time), be sure to congratulate them!



### **ASBoard 2k14:**

**Co-Chairs:** Kristin Adams and Aaron Nehamkin

**Education:** Paul Minetos and Abbie Tolon

**Public Relations:** Jim Jin and Vivian Perng

**Placements:** Nick Arnold and Katie Pons

**Site and Service Development:** Sushma Boppana and Patricia Soo

**Treasurers:** Laura Chahin and David DiPanfilo

# Attention Alumni!

Love ASB? Want to ensure that our organization thrives for many years to come?

## ★ DONATE TO ASB! ★

Whether you're a current or soon-to-be alumnus, donating ensures that all our participants, regardless of financial situation, can afford to go on ASB. Visit <https://webapp.mis.vanderbilt.edu/olga/pub/landing?appeal>. When specifying where to donate, choose "Other". Then type "Alternative Spring Break" in the Description box on the following page. We appreciate any and all contributions!

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## A Letter from the Editor



Dear Readers:

It's hard to believe that another year of ASB is coming to a close so quickly! ASB has undergone so many changes in these past two semesters: from getting new advisors, to moving out of the CPH and into the new OACS office in Rand; to the mere fact that we had a record-breaking number of sites and participants this year. ASB 2k13 has certainly left its mark on Vanderbilt's campus and, of course, on all those who took part in and received the lasting impacts of service. From ASBBQ, Site Leader Retreat and Site Reveal in the Fall, to Orientation, Day of Service, and of course the actual week of ASB in the Spring, ASB had a wonderfully successful and fun-filled year and has set the stage for another awesome year.

Just as this semester is swiftly coming to an end, so too is my time as Public Relations Co-Chair. It's been such an amazing run, and I couldn't have done it without the help of my truly wonderful co-Board members. I hope that you've all enjoyed reading about this year's ASB events and activities, and that you'll keep checking out future ASBulletins for new information. From here on out, the ASBulletin and all other PR responsibilities will be put into the very capable hands of **Jim Jin** and **Vivian Perng**, and I wish them the best of luck.

I hope that you all enjoy your summers, and be on the lookout for another issue of the Bulletin sometime in the next few months!

Over and out,  
*Sarah Corapi*

ASBoard 2k13 wants to thank everyone who made this year's ASB a huge success! It's been a pleasure serving as your Board and getting to make ASB happen, and we couldn't have done it without your help and support. Best of luck to ASBoard 2k14! We're looking forward to seeing how ASB continues to grow and impact so many.

