



NEXT STEPS
AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



Show your Commodore pride and make a meaningful difference for students with intellectual disabilities by giving to Next Steps at Vanderbilt!

The Details

Vanderbilt Giving Day begins at midnight on Wednesday, April 7th until 11:59 p.m. This is your opportunity to triple your impact! Katie Marshall is generously matching all gifts to Next Steps 3:1, up to \$7,000.

This means that your gift to Next Steps will be tripled! There is no minimum for the gift amount. Gifts of all sizes are greatly appreciated!

Katie's Story

My name is Katie Marshall and I am a 2019 alumna of Peabody's Masters program in special education. During my time at Vanderbilt I was privileged enough to work as a graduate assistant with the Next Steps program. During my



time at Next Steps, I witnessed how the program created a community that fostered values of friendship, working hard, and inclusion.

Working now in public education, I look back and realize how important the opportunities for job exploration and internships, campus involvement, and general independence and self-determination Next Steps gives its students. I can share countless stories with students and experiences that shaped me professionally thanks to Next Steps. It was my home during my time at Vanderbilt and I hope it can continue to be that for others.



Your Gift to Next Steps at Vanderbilt:

- Directly supports students and graduate assistants. Each semester, students enroll in one or two Vanderbilt courses that fit their personal academic interests, needs and future goals.
- Helps prepare our graduates for meaningful employment. More than 91% of program graduates find paid employment within three months of graduation. This far exceeds national employment rates of 18%. Next Steps graduates have worked at places such as Best Buy, the Gardner School, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Tennessee Performing Arts Center and more.

In these challenging times, your support on Giving Day is vital. Gifts of all

sizes combine to advance discovery and education and support the
changemakers of tomorrow.

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