



SELECTED WORK & PORTFOLIO

Bowling Green Alternative Breaks Experiential Leadership Journey

Immersive Service Learning | Reflection | Community Engagement | Place-Based Leadership

Completed through student leadership and site leadership roles with Bowling Green Alternative Breaks (bGAB) at Bowling Green State University



Overview

Bowling Green Alternative Breaks helped shape my approach to experiential leadership, community engagement, and reflective learning. Through multiple immersive service experiences and leadership roles, including serving on the bGAB Leadership Team as Community Outreach Coordinator and as a site leader, I engaged with issues such as sustainability, food insecurity, gentrification, veterans' well-being, and community development.



Experiential Focus

- Immersive service-learning experiences rooted in community partnership
- Leadership development through reflection, dialogue, and shared responsibility
- Place-based learning connected to real social and environmental issues
- Experiences across sustainability, food insecurity, community development, and veteran well-being
- Growth through both participant and student leadership roles



Leadership Development Value

- Connected leadership to place, service, and lived experience
- Strengthened facilitation, communication, and community-building skills
- Deepened understanding of purpose-driven and socially responsible leadership
- Formed an important foundation for later work in civic engagement and social impact



Sample Experiences

- Community Outreach Coordinator, bGAB Leadership Team
- Site Leader — Grand Rapids, MI
- Experiences focused on sustainability, food insecurity, and community well-being
- Service-learning trips in Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina, and Virginia



Project Value

- Shows how sustained experience can shape leadership philosophy and public narrative
- Demonstrates the role of reflection in turning experience into learning
- Connects service, community, and leadership development in a practical way

