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"I'm discovering an entirely new dimension of the Valparaiso community, one that I had no knowledge of living on campus. This town is heavily influenced by the hard work and dedication of a large group of volunteers and community members. These people have known each other for a long time, and they take pride in **STRENGTHENING THEIR COMMUNITY** and improving its opportunities."

ABIGAIL ACCETTURA

"My colleagues are gracious, hospitable, and warm—and I have the deepest admiration for them personally and professionally. The work itself is also something that inspires and energizes me. ...Lutheran World Relief trains communities to be resilient to climate change and disasters so that they can make their community stronger. Relief work isn't about giving money or food to people who don't have it, not completely anyway, it's really about **EMPOWERING PEOPLE** to improve their own lives and communities."

CAPRICE BALLEWEG

"My first day of work I sat next to the CEO at lunch. National Lutheran Communities & Services truly is a family and they have been very **WELCOMING AND OPEN** with me...It is clear through the conversations that I have had that everyone I have encountered has wanted nothing more than to teach me as much as possible. I'm really hoping that this internship can shine a light on where my place in this system will be so that someday it can be me helping a college student with finding a place in my industry."

KAITLYN SPAUDIE

"I have personally been involved with every aspect of the process. I've researched best practices, I've facilitated community conversations, and I've attempted to find the sweet spot so United Way can maximize its impact. I've enjoyed looking at one issue from **DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES**. It has helped to me to understand things holistically, and I've used this in other aspects of my life now as well."

GARRETT WARREN

CAPS FELLOWS FEATURED IN LUTHERAN SERVICES IN AMERICA NEWSLETTER

The most recent issue of the LSA newsletter welcomes CAPS Fellows, [Caleb Rollins](#) and [Nathan King](#), to the LSA team. Read more about Caleb, Nathan, and their work with the LSA [here](#).



In reflecting on his time with LSA, Caleb says, "Through this service, I have never felt more connected with the Lutheran church. I am not working in a church or at a Bible camp or on a mission trip like some of my friends this summer. Instead, I'm sitting in an office, working on ways to connect Lutheran organizations around the world that share a heart for service and to increase the visibility of Lutheran social ministry. Living in a generation of people disenchanted with institutions like the Church, I am passionate about sharing the story of this compassionate part of the Lutheran church that I think my many of my peers would love to get behind."

MANY THANKS TO OUR VALPO ALUMNI CAPS MENTORS!

The Institute would like to express its sincere gratitude to the eleven Valpo alumni who kindly agreed to serve as mentors and conversation partners for the 2014 CAPS Fellows. Mentors and Fellows have been meeting this summer to reflect on how one develops and sustains a sense of calling and purpose, in addition to sharing thoughts about what it means to lead and serve.

KATHRYN BAERWALD '73

GREG KARAS '76

KIM BELLWARE '06

GIDEON LITHERLAND '12

RACHAEL CARBONE '02

KURT MABIS '02

DENNIS CIMBALJEVICH '04

LIZ METTS '04

DANIELLA HERDMAN '04

REBECCA ROOSE '00

SAMANTHA HOLLEY '07

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