



**WELCOME TO
PBHA'S PUBLIC
SERVICE
CELEBRATION!**

Houston Award

This award recognizes “moral leadership and extraordinary volunteer commitment.” There is a particular focus on “unsung heroes” who have not necessarily been recognized leaders, but who have made long term impact on the lives of constituents.

Maya Almoussa



“Not to sound sappy, but volunteering with HARTZ gave me a new perspective on the meaning of friendship, accompaniment, love, and trust and how strong they can become even with 1-2 hours of interaction a week.”

Houston Awardee

Cecilia D'Arms



“My greatest growth has been as an individual—both in the life skills that Y2Y gave me, and the confidence that comes only from knowing that you are responsible for a group of people's wellbeing, and shouldering that responsibility with care.”

Houston Awardee

Remedy Ryan



“ In the past four years, I’ve learned how to organize others: how to convince someone to vote for a union or to come to protest. I’ve learned how to listen to others during meetings, to wait to come to a consensus. I’ve become a leader, supporting and guiding others, and helping them into organizers and leaders as well.”

Houston Awardee

Tony Shu

“My role is to help amplify the voice of young adults experiencing homelessness and be an ally in helping to unlock new opportunities and resources...In fact, the mere act of recognizing a young person’s humanity and individuality (and doing the work to minimize implicit bias and set aside stereotypes) can itself be an strong expression of love.”



Houston Awardee

Jaide Talmadge

"I remember the freshman day of service where I first started to get a sense of the organizations at Harvard and beyond that serve the greater Boston community...I came to this school knowing no one and that day I left with people that I can still call friends to this day. PBHA not only gave me peers that share my passion for service, but it is through my involvement with PBHA's programs that I've seen myself grow the most."



Houston Awardee

Meena Venkataramanan

“For instance, with both SAAPS and Stories from the Border, I’ve learned that my co-founding of the organizations in itself isn’t what makes them successful; rather, I must empower our writers, contributors, and members to produce meaningful work and contribute meaningfully to their communities in order for our organizations to achieve their missions.”



Houston Awardee

Tessa Wood

“I believe that the at times negative emotions I have experienced while volunteering – disgust, frustration, even hopelessness – are ultimately more valuable than just teaching skills. It is from reflecting on these emotions that I feel increased motivation to serve others in the future.”



Houston Awardee

Moreland Award

This award recognizes “selflessness, generosity, and work to ensure a caring society in the future.” There is a particular focus on students who have worked to better the lives of children and families.

Ahmad Alnasser



“By helping others reflect, my own growth became intertwined with theirs, and led to me helping out with a couple of different programs, namely in their attempts to restart, revitalize, or gain new volunteers. My growth was realizing the importance of reflection, and guiding others to understanding how important their role is in service outside of just the actual work that is done.”

Christopher Altizer



“Service through PBHA has truly fortified my values, and has guided me to do the work I’ll be doing as a high school teacher after college! Looking back, my intersecting communities have always led me back to PBHA and to Mission Hill After School, and my experience at Harvard would not have been the same without involving myself in public service.”

Shantaya Cowan



“At first, I just felt like a cog in a wheel doing my part to make someone else's world go round. But Stride taught me that although we are one part of a bigger cause, we have power in what we do with our service and can find peace in knowing our justice work is transforming whole generations, one cause at a time.”

Moreland Awardee

Noah DiAntonio



“Through service, my own values, beliefs, and ways of being in the world were also fundamentally changed... Being involved with amazing people who are organizing, struggling, building for a better world has developed my own politics, my self-awareness, and my dedication to do my part.”

Moreland Awardee

Nick Lee

“I’ve also learned that service involves more than just producing results but about building relationships and attempting to understand a community...PBHA has taught me that service requires both persistent commitment and humility, as well as support from peers and mentors.”



Moreland Awardee

Gabriel Wadford

“Volunteering during my time in college has inspired me to center love, care, and respect in all that I do. It’s shown me that service goes beyond work; it is an embodied way of being.”



Moreland Awardee



Lizzie McCord

“Interactions at PBHA never feel like small talk. Ten minutes into a conversation with Kate and she can pinpoint that something is off and figure out exactly what questions to ask me to get me talking. One round into a circle and I find myself reflecting deeply on a question I’d never thought about before. Coming into college, I felt awkward and vulnerable when people asked me about myself. Now, the most energizing thing for me is having real conversations with people and really listening.”



Moreland Awardee

Evelyn Wong

“Working with teammates who shared a restless desire for positive change brought me back to my childhood sandbox days—sometimes it's easy to lose sight of that feeling when embarking on “real-world” solutions to our society’s challenges. Rekindling that feeling of unadulterated determination to create a better world is one of the biggest ways that CovEd has helped me grow.”



Moreland Awardee



IOP & PBHA John Culver Award

In the spirit of Senator Culver, the IOP & PBHA John Culver Award will be given to one graduating senior of Harvard College who has demonstrated a strong commitment to both direct service and political engagement during their time at Harvard.

Ryan Zhang

“Finally, my service has taught me that the most enduring change occurs from the grassroots. At Harvard, it is easy to believe that our nation’s most powerful elected officials wield the levers to change—that change occurs top-down. But through my experiences in PBHA, through my weekly conversations with people of marginalized identities and communities, I believe now that change occurs most effectively and enduringly when one gives a voice to the voiceless.”

IOP & PBHA John Culver Awardee



Spirit of PBHA Award

This award recognizes students who have made outstanding organizational contributions allowing members of PBHA to better serve the community. There is a particular focus on students whose efforts have promoted the efficiency and efficacy of PBHA as a community-service organization. Past recipients have been recognized for fundraising, vehicles and space coordination, outreach, and other similar efforts.

Meherina Khan



“Throughout my time at PBHA, I have learned how important it is to move at the speed of trust, to love unconditionally, to listen deeply, and to embody the values I hold so near and dear to my heart. The PBHA community has inspired me to keep moving forward fueled by a passion to serve community voices in hopes of stewarding a more just tomorrow.”

Spirit of PBHA Awardee

Chan-Stride Award

This award is given to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding, year-round, multi-year contributions to public service during their undergraduate years.

Camryn Turner



“The growth I’ve experienced over the course of the last three years, both term-time and summer, have been immense...I learned to lead with love and approach situations with the campers we serve at the center of every decision. I was able to learn and hone skills such as communication, adaptability, and organization by taking advantage of the chance to reflect and learn from my mistakes. I am graduating confident in my ability to lead and ready to take on any challenge that may come my way.”

Chan Stride Awardee

Connie Cai



“Being a part of PBHA showed me what I had been missing for so long -- a purpose, a belief in something bigger than myself, and most importantly, a commitment to others. No matter where I go now, I know that I will take this with me.”

Chan Stride Awardee

Leo Garcia

“Part of what has made Boston home has been working alongside the immigrant community. For example, I have grown very close to Doris, a custodian and activist with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)...Doris and I began working to fight for justice proactively. She taught me that our liberation is always interconnected. Together, we have planned symposiums, rallies, and more. Together we have marched at the US Capitol. Together we have fought for greater collective justice.”

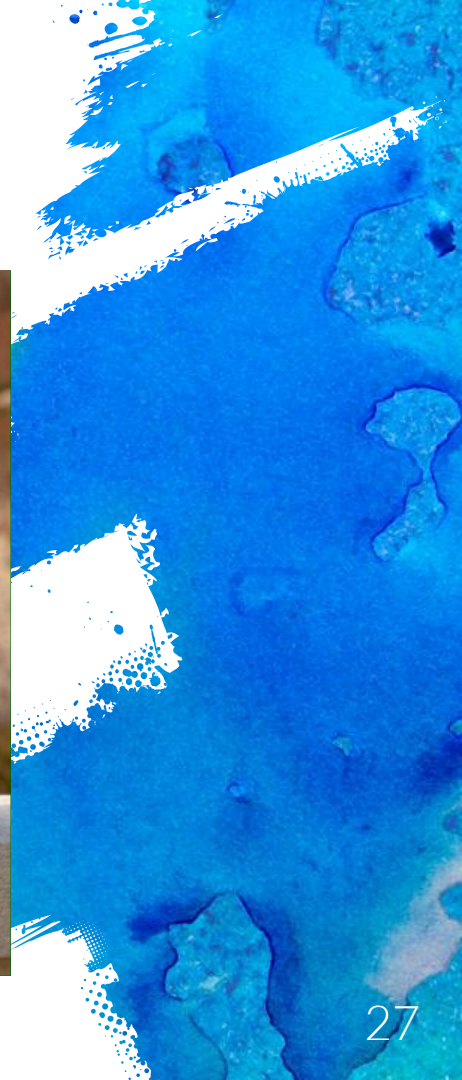


Chan Stride Awardee

Elize Oliverio

“My work with PBHA and RYI have transformed my thinking about my community and world, yes, but also about myself. Working with PBHA and RYI has helped me rethink some of my own perceived shortcomings as assets and strengths, particularly in service work. The learning was not always easy, nor linear, but it was necessary and I am grateful for it.”

Chan Stride Awardee





Chan Stride Post-Graduate Fellowship

PBHA's Priscilla Chan Stride Service Program Postgraduate Fellowships provide opportunities for students who were devoted to service as undergraduates, and who demonstrate a future lifetime commitment to service to engage in a year of full time service. The spirit of the award is to provide fellows with the opportunity to put their vision for social change into action.

Mariana De Leon Dominguez

"I intend to serve this community for the rest of my life. ...I know and have personally experienced the desire and power of mobilization that college students hold, I want to use my own experiences to amplify the voice college student have...to help create change."



Chan Stride Post-Graduate Fellow

Chiamaka Obilo



"I have developed my passions specifically around women's health, behavioral health, and substance abuse treatment, and have consistently been challenged to integrate social justice and public service frameworks into methods for providing care. ... I have learned the importance of being attentive to the range of desires of communities receiving care, as well as expressed needs of those providing services."

Chan Stride Post-Graduate Fellow

Angel Reyes

“Being a part of programs similar to PBHA’s changed my life and made me who I am today. It is what drives me to be there for those who come from the same background as I do....to seek a safe space where they can be themselves.”

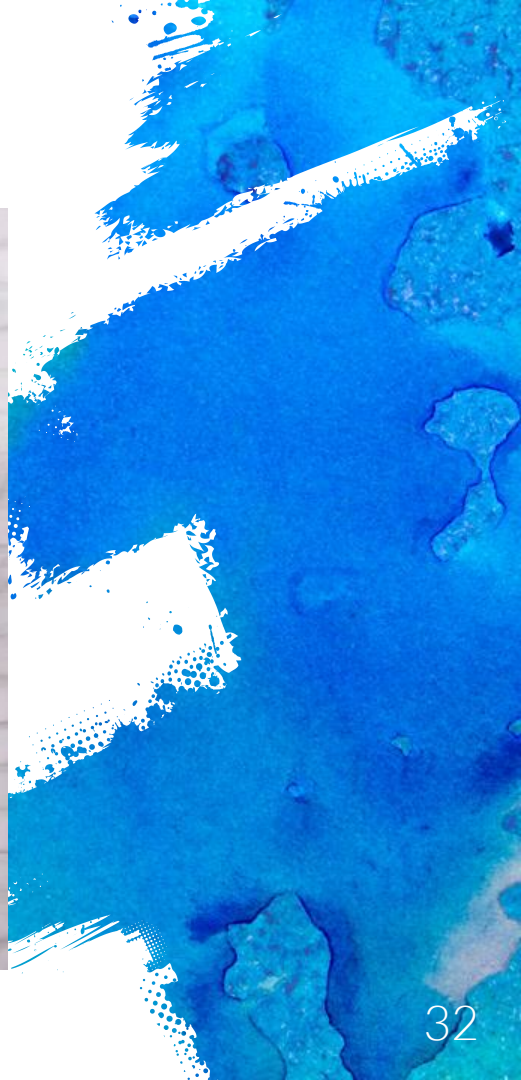


Chan Stride Post-Graduate Fellow

Teresa Tran

“I have found that the most valuable part of my college experience in service are the relationships that I am able to build and maintain. The people that I have met through my service have become integral to the ways in which I serve my community and interact with the world around me”

Chan Stride Post-Graduate Fellow





Outstanding Volunteer Awards

Kody Christiansen
Angela Zhong
Kaia Berman Peters
Sarah Farley
Nia Burch
Deena Saadi
Henry Lear
Audrey Jones
Chris Okine
James Fitz-Henley
Tresor Nshimye
Clarence Ndubisi
Samantha Kahn
Will Nickols
Maya Wilson

Lucia Couto
Morgan Whitten
Dani Perez
Yoseph Boku
Sara Brannan
Ahab Chopra
Catherine Ho
Eliel Ig-Izevbekhai
Stephanie Zhao
Benjamin Ho
Matthew Mardo
Reeda Iqbal
Roula Kouvatas
Vismaya Kharkar
Nabib Ahmed
Samantha Casey