



Advanced Learning Division

Strategic Goals: 1, 2, 4, 6



STRATEGIC PRIORITY

1. **Maintain strong collaborative relationships with partners and stakeholders to drive programming and support businesses**

Current activity:

- **Best-practice call with Sec. of Labor's Policy Analyst; share IALR's role as the intermediary**
- **Multiple meetings with stakeholders - education, local government, private businesses, nonprofit partners**
- **Discuss GO TEC with Secretary Merrick (Commerce & Trade)**

Metrics

- **Received \$238,415 for Dan River Year AmeriCorps**
- **Received \$250,000 from SCHEV to serve as the lead for GOVA Region 3 V-TOP Innovative Internship effort.**

BOT Support:

- ❖ **Awareness of AL efforts**
- ❖ **Serve as an IALR Champion in the region/state**
- ❖ **Connect AL Team to appropriate community boards and resources**



Secretary Merricks tours GO TEC lab site at Brooks Crossing and GO TEC Mobile lab

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

2. Develop new initiatives to address gaps and barriers, filling talent voids

EmPOWER: ExTRA Apprenticeships
REACH and REACH AmeriCorps
V-TOP Innovative Internship Collaborative
IALR STEM Scholarships

Current activities:

- Application to National Center for Mobility Management – Community Mobility Design Challenge (planning and technical assistance)
- Presentations to IALR STEM Scholarship recipients [6 ceremonies]
- New Registered Apprenticeships

To watch:

Metrics

Program	Annual Target	To Date:
ExTRA	36 apprentices 12 credentials	9 apprentices
REACH	1316 clients 8160 referrals 75% reduction (ED, 911, 30-day)	567 clients (128 new) 5,947 65% reduction for 32 superusers
REACH PHA	15 members 80 workshops 960 attendees 648 ↑ knowledge 216 Δ behavior	15 enrolled/5 current 41 workshops 424 attendees 295 ↑ Knowledge 306 Δ behavior

BOT Support:

- ❖ Awareness of efforts to:
 - ❖ Assist with member recruitment
 - ❖ Assist with employer engagement

EXTRA

[apprenticeships]



Southside Mechanical Systems [plumbing]



Blair Construction [carpentry]

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

3. Support and expand high-quality, high-impact programs to meet industry sector needs

GO TEC

AET

EmPOWER: Internships, EXCITE

Current activities:

- Region 1 and 4 GOVA per capita applications to expand GO TEC
- Region 5 (ODU and Hampton Roads Workforce Council) grant from the Navy to expand GO TEC.
- AET graduation and Open House for SY24
- Internships: Bootcamps, Friday debriefs and Celebration events, Fam Tour & DC Trip (IALR)

To watch:

Metrics

Program	Target	Current
AET	50 students/yr	FY24: 42 students 8 DPS; 34 PCS
GO TEC VA 2025 (3yr)	3 new Training Labs 15 new teachers trained 3,400 jobs created/filled # in Career Connections	0 0 80 4,387 (SY23)
EXCITE	30 teachers/yr	22
Internships	75 interns (GOVA) IALR	68 interns 16 interns

BOT Support:

- ❖ **Awareness of opportunities**

AET graduates



EXCITE



DPS and PCS Internships





STRATEGIC PRIORITY

5. Research, develop and deploy effective learning models with proven student success

Wonder Community
Dan River Year (DRY) AmeriCorps
Summer Camps

Current activities:

- **Several Wonder Community Workshops**
- **Recruiting for AmeriCorps members**
- **Four STEM camps and two sector-focused camps**

Metrics

Program	Annual Target	Current
Wonder	36 workshops 100 members	7 workshops 30 attendees 82 members
DRY AmeriCorps	41 members 501 students 48 w/ improved SEL 289 w/ literacy gain	29 members enrolled 20 completed \$36,856 Segal 246 students 65 30
Summer Camps	15/STEM camp [60]	59 students STEM 13 students Sector

BOT Support:

- ❖ **Become a member of the Wonder Community**
- ❖ **Assist with AmeriCorps member recruitment**
- ❖ **Awareness**



STEM Camps



Sector Camps





Dan River
Year





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Summer STEM Educator at AmeriCorps | Galileo Mentor | Dean's Team | Sop...

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As my term with AmeriCorps comes to an end I've had some time to reflect think about how truly thankful I am about the experiences I've had this summer.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to my exceptional supervisors, [Dana Silicki](#), [Brian Stanley](#), and Audia Harris. Who gave me an opportunity to be apart of such a great program

A special shout-out also goes out to my incredible coworkers. Collaborating with all of you has been an absolute pleasure. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and camaraderie have made this summer truly memorable.

Working with the talented students from 3rd through 8th grade throughout this summer has been a privilege, and witnessing their growth and curiosity has been incredibly rewarding. I am confident that these young minds will go on to make a positive impact in the world, thanks to the skills and knowledge they have acquired during our Summer STEM Camps.

From this experience, I am reminded of the power of education and the importance of inspiring the next generation of innovators. I am leaving this summer with a renewed commitment to continue advocating for STEM education and its transformative potential.

Thank you, Americorps, for providing me with this incredible opportunity to serve and make a difference in the lives of young learners. My time here has been nothing short of life-changing, and I will cherish it always.

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Upcoming Events & Needs

- ❑ **GO TEC & EmPOWER Presentation: Transatlantic Business & Investment Council, Aug. 8th in Atlanta**
- ❑ **AmeriCorps recruitment**
- ❑ **Wonder Community**
 - ❑ **Tour of Danville Science Center Aug. 12**
 - ❑ **Intro to Excel Aug. 16**
 - ❑ **Henna Aug. 22**
- ❑ **Career Expo East Hampden Sydney Sept. 20-21st**
- ❑ **Career Expo West ODAC Sept. 27-28th**

Please consider participating and/or sponsoring the Expo events.

