



Summer Community Service Fellowship (SCSF)

Quotes from SCSF Fellows – Summer 2025

Overview: This document includes approved quotes from SCSF Summer 2025 Fellows. Clubs and SIGs are welcome to feature these quotes in their SCSF marketing and fundraising materials.

Kylan Benson

SCSF service opportunity: Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA)

Funded by: Harvard Black Alumni Society

"This summer I interned at the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama - Alabama's first and only non-ideological, data driven public policy research center. I worked on a number of projects this summer pertaining to public-non-profit collaboration, federal spending in Alabama, and community justice by doing data collection, data shaping, data visualization, data analysis, and writing research reports and briefs. This work has led me to want to pursue a Masters in Public Policy."

Sarah Berhan

SCSF service opportunity: Mekane Birhan St. Gebriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church

Funded by: Harvard Club of Seattle

"I organized summer activities for an Ethiopian Orthodox Monastery in the Seattle area. My role included being a liaison between church administrators, families, and bishops as well as the actual planning of various courses and community events. This facilitator role pushed me to grow my leadership skills and ability to engage my community. I will not only continue to volunteer at this institution, but am confident that the skills I have learn will be with me as I continue my future."

Sidhi Dhanda

SCSF service opportunity: Boston Globe

Funded by: Harvard Club of Boston

"I developed AI-powered tools to help the opinion section identify story leads, track local issues, and monitor news trends across MA towns. I also supported other editorial projects through data collection and research, and I had the opportunity to do some of my own writing. This experience helped me solidify my concentration choice and made me realize that I ideally want to work at the intersection of tech + journalism in the future."

Melissa Edwards**SCSF service opportunity:** Executive Service Corps of Houston**Funded by:** Harvard University Club of Houston

"This summer, I partnered with the Executive Service Corps of Houston to launch their first digital community platform, designed to help nonprofits share resources, connect, and collaborate more easily. The project gave me hands-on experience blending strategy and technology to support community impact. It was an exciting opportunity to contribute to Houston's nonprofit sector while growing my own skills and perspective."

Wesley Ekes**SCSF service opportunity:** Harvard Medical School**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Boston

"This summer, I worked as a computational biology intern at the Tabin Lab at Harvard Medical School, where I developed image analysis algorithms to track and quantify nuclei in the proventriculus. The experience allowed me to strengthen my skills in computational problem-solving, data analysis, and collaboration with researchers. It not only deepened my interest in the intersection of biology and computation but also affirmed my goal of pursuing a career at the interface of science, technology, and real-world impact."

Chloe Harmon**SCSF service opportunity:** BeKinder Coffee**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Dallas

"This summer, I was a social media marketing intern for BeKinder Coffee (BKC), a nonprofit coffee company based in Dallas with a mission of supporting refugees through employment opportunities, education programs, and job training. My primary responsibility was creating short-form video content, and I feel like it grew my skills and experience in social media marketing. This internship strengthened my interest to explore more about what a career in marketing may have to offer."

Grace Liu**SCSF service opportunity:** American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut

"This summer, I worked as a behavioral research intern at ACEEE, supporting projects on industrial decision-making, international scorecards, and equity in energy burden. My responsibilities included conducting literature reviews, analyzing data, and synthesizing findings to help inform program design and policy recommendations. The experience strengthened my research and analytical skills, broadened my understanding of energy efficiency and its intersections with equity and public health, and clarified my academic and professional goals in psychology and research."

Lucia Lopez**SCSF service opportunity:** San Diego Mesa College**Funded by:** Harvard Club of San Diego

"It was great to learn from so many different department deans about all the different populations of students they serve. There is so many different ways in which they go above and beyond to understand their student's lived experiences and make sure they can stay in school."

Priyanka Mukhara**SCSF service opportunity:** Asian American Bar Association of New York**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Seattle

"This summer, I interned at the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), where I supported the organization through managing its website, newsletters, and event logistics, and gained hands-on experience at networking events and pro bono legal clinics. Through this role, I developed both technical and interpersonal skills, learned about the inner workings of a nonprofit legal organization, and broadened my understanding of the legal profession while building meaningful connections with attorneys across diverse fields."

Brooke Newbury**SCSF service opportunity:** American Red Cross of Connecticut & Rhode Island**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut

"This summer, I worked with the Connecticut and Rhode Island region of the American Red Cross. As a summer intern for the Volunteer Services department, I worked with members of the Community Mobilization team to create a database of potential partners that can provide support for communities in Rhode Island and Connecticut. I have volunteered with the Red Cross for six years, working part-time with the Volunteer Services department to process new volunteers. I enjoyed working with the Community Mobilization Team this summer, as it provided me with the opportunity to connect with Red Cross members outside of my department and to engage in work beyond my usual duties. Moving forward, I plan to continue my part-time volunteer work with Volunteer Services. I also aim to continue engaging with different departments, through both short-term tasks and long-term projects."

Adelaide Parker**SCSF service opportunity:** Great Salt Lake Project at the University of Utah Law School**Funded by:** Harvard Alumni Association of Utah

"I worked at the University of Utah Law School's Great Salt Lake Project, which uses legal strategies to address the environmental and health crises facing Utahns as the state's Great Salt Lake dries up. I helped write a law review on the threats facing global saline lakes, and I published independent newspaper articles spotlighting the Great Salt Lake crisis."

Wyeth Renwick**SCSF service opportunity:** Los Angeles Public Defender's Office**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Southern California

"As a legal intern for the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office, I supported 14 attorneys on 16 felony and 2 misdemeanor cases — including 7 murders — with written, investigatory, and administrative tasks, as well as trial strategy development and client management. Through this experience, I was able to explore what a future career path in law might look like while gaining invaluable exposure to the inner workings of the criminal justice system."

Monique Vobecky**SCSF service opportunity:** Little Sunshine Foundation**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Southern California

"This summer, I worked with the Little Sunshine Foundation to support underprivileged children by helping organize and run weekly backpack and school supply giveaways across several communities. Through this role, I gained valuable experience in leadership, organization, and teamwork while also seeing the direct impact of service. The internship strengthened my commitment to community engagement and gave me skills that will benefit both my academic and professional journey."

Emma Vrabel**SCSF service opportunity:** JFK Hyannis Museum**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Cape Cod

"This summer, I worked at the JFK Hyannis Museum to improve accessibility for all guests, but especially those with disabilities. My work was sponsored by the Harvard Club of Cape Cod. The work was rewarding, and the museum is a very special place!"

Grace Yoon**SCSF service opportunity:** The Provincetown Independent**Funded by:** Harvard Club of Cape Cod

"I worked as a reporter with The Provincetown Independent. I was able to write a range of stories from funding cuts, to ICE, to obituaries. It offered me the opportunity to attempt different kinds of reporting, get to know the Outer Cape and its people on a deeper level than I ever anticipated, and learn from mentors and peers that were all incredibly kind and always willing to help."