

# MAVA VISTA Newsletter



## The People Issue



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### Editor's Note

#### Jonathan Grinde - MAVA VISTA

For the last 25 months "uncertainty," "unprecedented," "burnout," and "inequity" have all been constant buzzwords. The four-plus years before that it was intolerance and resistance. Now, war, inflation, insurrection, shortages, and women's rights, or lack thereof, are the focuses. Everyone has an opinion and people are sharing their feelings and beliefs constantly. Instead of being another talking head, I want to bring the focus back to the people who are doing good work in our community. So, this volume of the newsletter is meant to do just that: focus on some of the many people who are striving for better and demonstrating their beliefs. It is in community, organizing, and steadfast perseverance that we will affect the change we want to see in the world. Be of service, do no harm, and be kind.

### Goings on

- The sun is out and summer in Minnesota is officially in full swing. Enjoy it while you can and remember the MAVA VISTA Picnic on July 16th at Bde Maka Ska.
- The VISTAs wish a speedy recovery to the VISTA Program Manager: Maureen Bourgeois!
- Check out the June Conference recordings on Whova while you can; they will be available for 90 days after June 10. The MAVA VISTAs presented (pictured below at the conference).
- Join us at the Volunteer Voice Committee Meeting on July 10th at 10AM - details on the MAVA website.
- Attend either of two "Engaging Volunteers in Skills-Based and Higher Responsibility Roles (Virtual)" trainings on July 7/21.



### VISTA/Supervisor Highlights



NAME: CHANCE CHAPMAN

Site: CAPI USA

Fun Facts: I've been walking a few miles each day since moving to Minnesota; I like to make Chinese stir-fries; I borrow library books and forget to read them

Favorite Place: Peace Rock Garden, at Lyndale Park

Media: Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison

Money no object: Fill my schedule with language tutors

Fully Paid Trip: Jakarta, to all the coffee shops



NAME: KRISTIN VAN HEEL

Site: Foundation for Essential Needs

Fun Facts: I'm a hockey mom of three boys. I'm the VP of Communications for a Hockey Association. I always have a sparkling water with me.

Favorite Place: The ocean. Or the hockey rink.

Media: A Handmaid's Tale

Money no object: Travel the world.

Fully Paid Trip: Fiji

Bonus: Bubbler

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## Profiles



## Welcome, VISTAs



### Morgan Logue

Morgan joins the VISTA cohort fresh off of graduating from South Dakota State University with a degree in Human Biology and a minor in Criminal Justice. She has joined Rainbow Health and will be working on developing their volunteer program. She is interested in the aspects of health that are not typically the focus in our current health system. Morgan is excited to combine her passions of health and advocacy as she serves with Rainbow Health to help recruit volunteers.

### Lena Stern

Lena is staying in the Metro area after graduating from Macalester College this May with an International Studies degree and a concentration in Community and Global Health and a minor in French. She interned with the Hennepin County Department of Public Health, studying their hiring practices with an equity lens. Lena will be the VISTA at Hennepin Healthcare where she will be centered in their volunteer department. She is excited to be a part of the Twin Cities public health community in a new capacity.



## MAVA Staff Highlight Jenna Egan



Jenna Egan is the Director of Membership and Fund Development at MAVA. She is responsible for recruiting, recognizing, and retaining MAVA members and building partnerships with organizations from across multiple sectors. She also leads all of MAVA's communications efforts such as the weekly e-blast, website, MAVA Monthly and social media. Jenna also coordinates and executes MAVA's fundraising efforts such as individual fundraising, corporate sponsorships, and the yearly Strengthening Service fundraising breakfast program.

Jenna could not do this work without the support of MAVA volunteers, staff, board of directors, and the MAVA Membership Committee.

In Jenna's free time she enjoys reading, writing, traveling, being in nature, and serving on the Livability and Engagement Committee for her local neighborhood association.