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## Center for Urban Education

### Leadership Council Chronicle

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AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer and new CUE team member, Ethan Swan

#### Thinking about Becoming a Teacher?

We are enrolling new students for the spring 2021 semester through the end of December.

Call Dr. Rosanne Fulton, Director, UNC Center for Urban Education, at 303-637-4334 or [email](#) her for more information.

Watch our [short video](#) to learn more about the CUE teacher-preparation program.

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### Who Is This Game-Changer, Anyway?

Our newest team member, Ethan Swan, came to the [UNC Center for Urban Education](#) by way of [AmeriCorps VISTA](#). VISTA connects volunteers with nonprofit organizations and public agencies, who work as a team to empower people and communities to overcome poverty.

[Generation Schools Network](#) is an AmeriCorp host organization, and they generously gifted an AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer to the Center for Urban Education for the 2021/2022 school year. We thank them for their contribution to creating healthy, inclusive school ecosystems.

AmeriCorps VISTA promises to bring talented, driven, passionate people to the table who will expand capacity and “be a game-changer for your organization.” They delivered. Swan is a superstar who is contributing a year of full-time service to the Center. He’ll help us prepare even more top-notch teachers who will go on to teach in our urban classrooms.

An Air Force veteran who served in Security Forces for four years, Swan was a military police officer and guarded assets vital to national security. Though that was almost 10 years ago, Swan says, “Service is still second nature to me.” That’s what led him to pursue a degree in public health after retiring from the military. He graduated from the University of Colorado–Denver in December of 2020.



Swan guarding Air Force One

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Swan advising a student

As he was looking for a job mid-pandemic, he saw the opportunity to help local communities through the AmeriCorps VISTA program. Swan interviewed with Dr. Rosanne Fulton, Director of the Center, and felt it was a good match.

“Stronger educators provide a stronger education to our children, and that leads to more successful students,” said Swan. He added, “Educators have the power to raise the wellbeing of the community overall.”

Swan’s duties include providing student advising services and recruiting new students at local community college career fairs.

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“We are extremely fortunate to have such a bright, enthusiastic person on our team,” said Fulton. “Ethan will increase our capacity to serve students and help us enroll more teacher candidates in our program.”

When he isn’t busy being a superhero volunteer, Swan loves to read, play with his three-year-old Shih Tzu–Pomeranian mix, Kunno (pronounced Koo-noh); and watch sports. Though he was born and raised in Pennsylvania, he’s a self-professed “giant Green Bay Packers fan.” GO PACK GO!

We thank Ethan for his service and look forward to working with him this upcoming year.



Kunno in his prize-winning Halloween costume

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