

# Bonner

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## How did you find out about this opportunity?

I found out about Bonner through an invitation email that was sent to me as an incoming freshman once I applied to TCNJ and received my acceptance. [You will receive acceptance letters for Bonner] before May 1st which is the national commitment day prior to receiving your TCNJ acceptance letter. [Contact: Katie Khan, khanl1@tcnj.edu]

## What should a student know about this opportunity?

Bonner is a wonderful cohort of student and staff members who have a passion for social justice and community service. As a Bonner, you can expect to do 300 total hours of community service a year. The program has bi-weekly meetings and sites ranging from environmental and sustainable justice to youth education, and adult education. Bonners help to provide services to the surrounding mercer county community and receive, a scholarship of 50%-100% [in-state] tuition.

## When did you join?

I joined the fall of my freshmen year, a student can join up to the fall of their senior year. I joined Bonner because I have a passion for community service. Once I read the email that was sent, I instantly applied and I wouldn't look back at all.



## What has your experience been like?

My experience has been wonderful. I am on a site called PEI Kids and we have done so much for the boys and girls at the site. I look forward to meeting the new incoming class every year. I am a part of many different aspects of Bonner such as the leadership team, recruitment, and site. Bonner has given me many professional connections and [helped me develop] so many skills such as communication, artistic, leadership, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills and so much more.

## Why should ROSCOE students be interested in this?

Not only do you get a scholarship which can help with college and completing college, but the experiences you gain while being at a site or during the meetings, are so valuable. You can gain experience in leadership, become an intern, become a site leader, and you leave a legacy on the program and at TCNJ with your final project. Helping serve the surrounding community while also gaining a unique college experience seems very interesting and fulfilling to me.

## What faculty or staff do/did you work with?

I work with Althia Muse, director of Bonner as she is my site coordinator, my advisor, and my staff mentor. I also work with all staff during recruitment such as Katie, Destiny, and Sam.