

MAVA VISTA NEWSLETTER



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Editor's Note

by Jonathan Grinde

The 2022 VISTA Picnic took place on July 16th on Thomas Beach at Lake Bde Maka Ska. It was a pleasant early afternoon filled with fruit, chatting, and a couple photo ops. It was the first time this many MAVA VISTAs from the 2021-2022 cohort have been together. Those in the image are as follows, from left to right: Jonathan Grinde (MAVA), NorKhadijah Lindgren (Anoka Tech), Amelia Blair-Smith (YWCA), Julie Risser (PPNCS), Morgan Logue (Rainbow Health), Chance Chapman (CAPI USA), Lena Stern (Hennepin Healthcare), Lindsey Noyed (FFEN), and Maureen Bourgeois (VISTA Program Manager). Cat Holl and Tim Francis were unable to attend.

As the summer is beginning to wrap up, two VISTAs will be finishing up their years of service in August: Lindsey Noyed and NorKhadijah Lindgren. As such, they are the two VISTAs highlighted in this newsletter on the next page. They have both been great members of the cohort and strong contributors in their projects. The MAVA VISTA Program will be sad to see them go, and wishes them well on their future pursuits. We know they will continue to do great things!

Things to watch out for

Aug. 3 - Volunteer Voice Meeting

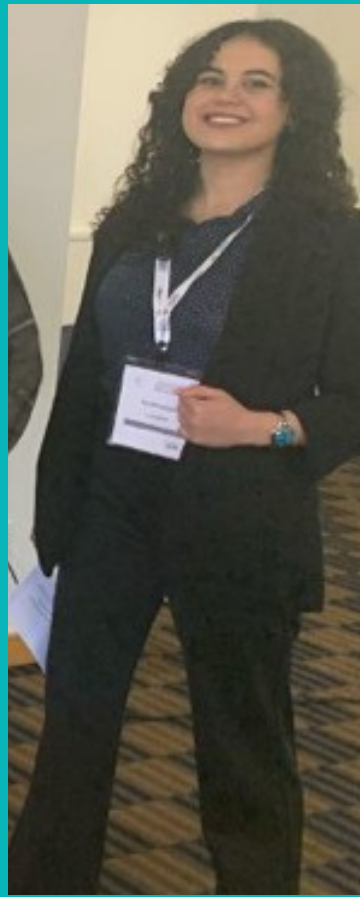
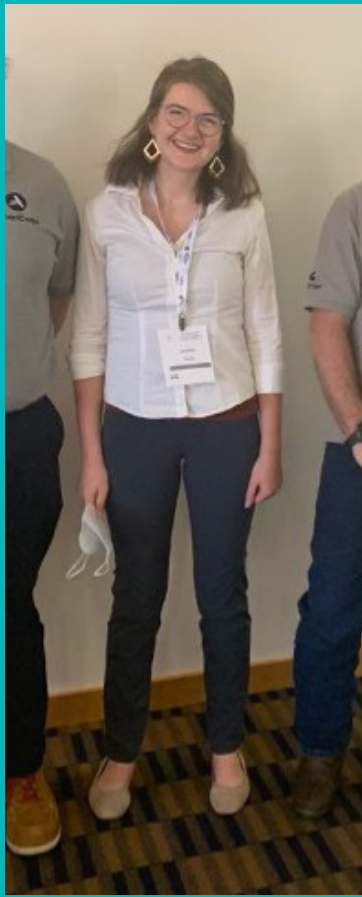
Aug. 10 - MAVA Appreciation Celebration - join us!

and the MAVA VISTA History - posted on

mavanetwork.org/content.aspx?

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MAVA Staff Highlight

Alyssa Kleppe is the Training and Event Coordinator at MAVA. She works with MAVA's Training, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director to help deliver many of MAVA's different training and event offerings. Her main responsibilities are organizing, maintaining and promoting MAVA's training and events held throughout the year. This includes things like MAVA's public facing trainings, MAVA's annual conferences, the Volunteer Impact Leadership Training Series, and the annual meeting and awards ceremony. She also works on MAVA's contracted trainings for outside organizations and attends trainings as tech support when needed. Alyssa started as an intern for MAVA in the fall of 2021 to complete her degree in sociology from the University of Minnesota Duluth and after completing her degree she joined the MAVA team full time! In her free time, Alyssa enjoys playing ultimate frisbee or video games and binging TV shows with her partner.

VISTA Highlights

Name: Lindsey Noyed

Site: Foundation for Essential Needs

Fun Facts: I've never broken a bone, I have a pit bull named Frankie, I love painting portraits

Favorite Place: The MIA

Media: Avatar the Last Airbender

Money no object: Open an art museum that doubles as an animal rescue in France

Fully Paid Trip: Venice, Italy

Fill out the "highlight" form here:
<https://forms.gle/xqQA5WjcNMAiSBH7>

Name: NorKhadijah Lindgren

Site: Anoka Technical College

Fun Facts: I am an artist, I have a Maincoon cat, and I love to travel in the states and around the world.

Favorite Place:

Washington D.C.

Media: Marvel's Moon Knight

Money no object: Help college students get free schooling

Fully Paid Trip: Visit my family in Singapore and Malaysia



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