

# Vis-A-Vis Volunteer Orientation Night



# Meet Our Staff!

- President: Rebecca Riecki
- Placement Chairs: Ndidi Ojiako & Billy Crimmins
- Outreach Chairs: Vanesa Ramos & Alana White
- Social Chairs: Val Gabay & Blanca Alcantar
- Stubo Rep: Saira Hussain
- YMCA Advisor: Akua Forkuo-Serkyere



# What Our Coordinators Do

- Placement Chairs
  - Logistics of school placements
- Outreach Chairs
  - Spread the word about our organization
- Social Chairs
  - Create social events for our organization
- Academic Chair
  - Maintain Vis-A-Vis Readers program
- Stubo Rep
  - Liaison between YMCA & our organization



We are here for **YOU!**

# Other Events & Opportunities!

- Vis-A-Vis Events
  - Check-Ins
  - Social Events
  - Babysitting Night
  - Apply to be a coordinator!
- YMCA Events
  - Bailey Scholarship
  - Trainings & Workshops
  - Interfaith Programming
  - Much more!



# YMCA Volunteer Code of Conduct

Akua Forkuo-Sekyere



# Volunteer Expectations

- Each week, prepare for each volunteering session
  - Create lesson plans
  - Read chapters of books & create engaging questions
  - Reference activities/games document
- Attend monthly “check-ins” & other social events
- Complete semester feedback form
- Represent Vis-A-Vis!
- **Be proactive and communicate!**



# Volunteer Responsibilities

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1. You must be reliable and dedicated.
2. You will need communication skills to work with students.
3. You will need to be able to relate to various cultural and socio-economic groups.
4. You will need enthusiasm and imagination.

## As a Vis-A-Vis volunteer I will...

1. Be punctual to all of my tutoring sessions.
2. Be aware of my choice of clothing (no suggestive or offensive clothing).
3. Contact my teacher & school site coordinator at least 24 hours before a known absence.
4. Contact my teacher & school site coordinator if an unavoidable absence arises.
5. Email the placement chairs if any problems or concerns arise
6. Abide by the YMCA code of conduct
7. Fill out the end of the semester survey

# Zoom Etiquette

- Be aware of your surroundings
  - Zoom backgrounds
  - Quiet, non-distracting environment
- Be aware of your attire & demeanor
  - Eyes are on you
- Be aware of your computer features
  - Take caution with screen sharing
- Check that everything is working properly





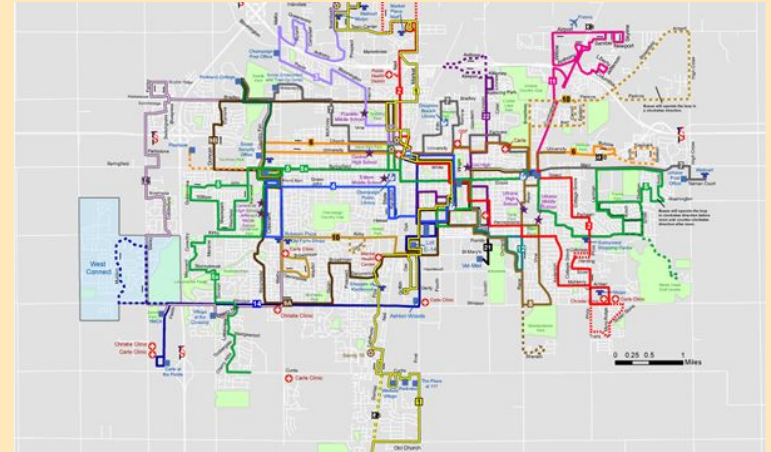
# Book Distribution: Vis-A-Vis Readers

- Social justice emphasis
  - Pre-approved book list
- Two Methods
  1. Champaign library card
  2. Scanned Book PDFs
- Communicate with teacher about book choice before each reading session
- *Only applies if you're volunteering virtually*



# Transportation

- We do not provide transportation for volunteers
- Modes:
  - Car
  - Bus
  - Bike
  - Uber/Lyft
- Bus Routes



# COVID Guidelines

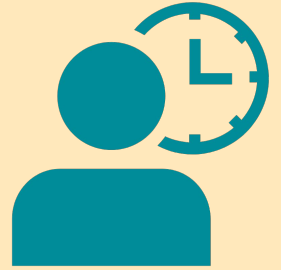
- Unit 4 Champaign School\*
  - Submit vaccination card asap!
- Unit 116 Urbana School
  - Vaccination requirement TBA
- Wear a mask when you volunteer
- If you experience symptoms:
  - Get tested & stay home if test positive
  - Communicate with your teacher & site coordinator
- Protect yourself & others around you



# Next Steps for Volunteering

- Complete background check
  - Fingerprinting for international students
- Submit vaccination card
- Reach out to your placement teacher & school site coordinator
  - Introduce yourself
  - Determine start date (once background check is cleared)
  - Ask how volunteer sessions will be run
  - Ask about your school's policies for volunteers

# Upcoming Office Hours



- This Week
  - **Friday, September 3rd, 2021 from 12-2pm**
- Next Week
  - **Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 from 3-5pm**
  - **Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 from 12-2pm**
- Held in the Clarke Lounge of the University YMCA
  - 1001 S. Wright St, Champaign

# Closing Reminders

- Turn in background checks & vaccination cards!
- People to contact:
  - Placement Teacher
  - School Site Coordinator
- Check email consistently
- If needed, email us or attend office hours



# Thank you for coming!

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