



Meet a member: Dan Richards

My name is Dan Richards, and I am a twenty-six year old resident of Orange, Massachusetts. I enjoy a diverse mix of pastimes, from reading philosophy and poetry to writing and computer work. I am an avid martial artist, studying various forms for over 16 years, and am a veteran of the United States Navy, where I served proudly as a Radioman (telecommunications and cryptography) onboard the USS Hawes. After leaving service, I became involved with a youth organization called The Young Entrepreneurs Society alongside of working many ranging jobs and positions, from 'blue collar' work to high-end corporate employ-

ment.

My experiences with both the military and personal excursion have allowed me to see much of the world, giving me an insight that most lack in our modern age: a diverse and open minded acceptance to cultures and countries.

Currently, I work as a YouthServe AmeriCorps member for the Young Entrepreneurs Society, an organization dedicated to the betterment of rural

youth through entrepreneurship, job readiness and life skills training. I joined AmeriCorps because I wanted to further assist YES in its efforts to be a positive influence in local youth's lives.

The experience so far has been a great one. I cannot say enough good things about AmeriCorps, and YouthServe specifically. I only wish it were more widely incorporated across Massachusetts, as it is a valuable and beneficial program.

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