



2007 National Alternative Break Awards
Active Citizen of the Year
Steve Mayock

Nominator: Christy Burke, Coordinator in Center for Civic Engagement and Volunteerism at University of South Florida

Background: Steve Mayock is currently a student at the University of South Florida and has been one of the main student leaders of the Alternative Breaks program there.

Highlights:

- Has long worked with the Volunteer USF Leadership Board; recently selected as the new student coordinator for the 2007-2008 Volunteer USF Leadership Board.
- Worked on the Alternative Spring Break team of 5 students to collaboratively select the ASB 2007 sites, recruit volunteers to participate in the program and coordinate site leader trainings throughout the 2006-2007 school year leading up to 2007 breaks.
- Participant on Civil Rights Alternative Break trip – in partnership with USF’s Multicultural Office.
- Been a part of the team that has grown the quality and quantity of alternative breaks on USF’s campus in a very short time – includes spring trips and weekend trips.
- “Steve has never-ending commitment and passion for improving the Alternative Spring Break program at USF and does everything in his power to ensure the participants have the best experience possible.”
- This year helped to recruit over 165 volunteers for 16 trips.
- Goes above and beyond “taking the lead to infuse education into trips and encourage fellow USF students to get involved in service to the community, acting as the team motivator and one who truly empowers other team members.”
- Involved in the national alternative break movement – as a participant and site leaders in 2 Alternative Break Citizenship Schools (Hunger in Chicago, HIV/AIDS in San Francisco) and currently serving on the Alumni Committee of Break Away’s Programs Board
- Heavily involved with other campus social justice initiatives, such as
 - the 2006 Awareness Week events
 - Campus Sleepout
 - Invisible Children film screenings
 - Tunnel of Oppression programs.

“These examples hardly scratch the surface in terms of the time and energy that I have witnessed Steve dedicating to his community. His leadership and service experiences have shaped him into a trustworthy and inspiring individual who is deeply dedicated to improving himself and his community.”