



Staley School of Leadership  
**SERVICE TEAMS**

# Alternative Break

## **TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA** **Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma** **Saturday, March 15 - Thursday, March 20**

Partner with Cherokee Nation members to support ongoing community-led efforts that support their mission of enhancing well-being and safe living conditions for all community members. Through collaboration and service, students will engage in meaningful projects while building relationships with Cherokee citizens.

### **Past experiences at this site have included:**

- Engaging in a Cultural Learning Day, building relationships and deepening understanding of local traditions
- Constructing a porch to enhance community gathering spaces
- Staining accessibility ramps to support safe and inclusive mobility for residents

This experience is more than just service—it's an opportunity to learn alongside the Cherokee community, gaining insight into their rich culture and traditions. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the communities' history and future through listening to stories of community members that deepen understanding and mutual respect.

**Talequah,  
Oklahoma**



### **Who would love this break?**

#### **Students interested in:**

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Social Work/Sociology  
Social Awareness  
Building Empathy  
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## DALLAS, TEXAS

### AIDS Services of Dallas (ASD)

**Saturday, March 15 - Thursday, March 20**

Gain insight into how nonprofit organizations collaborate within healthcare systems to support individuals and families living with, impacted by, or at risk for HIV/AIDS. Partner with the ASD, a community organization providing housing, advocacy, and essential support services. Engage in meaningful projects that enhance their mission while building relationships with those they serve.

#### Past experiences at this site have included:

- Enhancing outdoor community spaces
- Painting and revitalizing shared spaces
- Organizing and maintaining essential facilities
- Engaging with community members through shared experiences

In addition to service, students will explore the broader social and historical context of the community through guided experiences and conversations with local leaders. This immersive learning opportunity fosters a deeper understanding of community strengths, systemic challenges, and the role of collaborative service in advancing health equity.



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