February Conference Registration and Limited Call for Proposals!

Registration is now open for the February 27th Community Engagement Conference in Bozeman. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and statewide network, registration fees have been waived!

MTCC is also currently accepting session proposals for the conference. Please visit the conference webpage to register and/or submit a proposal.

Proposal Submission deadline: January 12th
Registration deadline: February 22nd
The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship Application is Live!

MTCC works with its friends at Reach Higher Montana and Serve Montana to offer scholarships to community-engaged incoming (fall of 2018) college freshmen. The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship offers $1000 to 100 Montana students who have served at least 100 volunteer hours in the past year. Applications are due January 31, 2018. More information here!

The Reach Higher Montana Scholarship Application is Live!

These $1,000 scholarships are delivered to Montana students annually.

To qualify, applicants must be:

- Montana high school seniors.
- Montana residents who graduated from a Montana high school and are currently attending a Montana college or university.
- Planning on attending school at least half time.
- Maintaining a 2.5 grade point average (GPA)

Apply now: Scholarship applications are available December 1 – January 15.
2018 Civic Engagement Scholarship Winners Announced!

Six students for MTCC affiliated campuses around the state of Montana have been awarded MTCC's 2018 Civic Engagement Scholarship. This fall we had a highly competitive group of 39 students apply for the scholarship, each accomplishing an exemplary service effort that is making positive change in their institutions, communities and the world. The award recognizes students at MTCC affiliate campuses who have dedicated significant time and resources to volunteer projects while they are pursuing a degree or certificate. These scholarships utilize funds raised by MTCC’s network office and are matched by MTCC affiliate campuses. Learn more here.

Congratulations to our 2018 Winners!
Montana Represented at Newman Civic Fellows Gathering!

In November, several Montana Campus Compact institutions sent their Newman Civic Fellows to Boston, to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, and the national convening of Newman Fellows! MSU Billings students Haylee Mooney and Amy Blaquiere and UM Western Student Shayla McGregor are pictured here! More can be seen on the [Campus Compact facebook page](https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=9aaebe774b1cd9cec82a604a7&id=8c19670ff4)

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Adopt-a-Family/Adopt-a-Veteran Program Spreads Holiday Cheer!

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement coordinates an annual effort to help families and veterans in need in the Missoula community enjoy a fun and fulfilling holiday season. The OCE facilitates Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Veteran on the UM campus, helping departments and individuals give back throughout the holiday season.

This year, 27 families and 30 veterans "adopted" - thanks to all who helped make this program a success!
MLK Read for Peace to Happen Around Montana!

MLK Read for Peace is a service project that places volunteers in kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms to read students age-appropriate books about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 2017, 11 Montana communities participated in Read for Peace and we reached over 4,000 students statewide!

MLK Read for Peace will be held around the state in the weeks of and leading up to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January. The impact of Dr. King’s work and life on American history is not often a required part of elementary curriculum. Although students enjoy a long weekend in observation of MLK Day every January, they may not understand the significance of this day. MLK Read for Peace provides students a chance to learn about and engage in Dr. King’s message of peace and equality, and provides both service members and community volunteers a chance to promote his legacy. Read more [here](https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=9aaebe774b1ed9cecc82a604a7&id=8c19670ff4).

**Interested in getting involved??**

Contact the MLK Read for Peace Coordinator in your area:

- **Butte, MT**
  - Daniel Hogan, MTCC VISTA: hogan@mtcompact.org
- **Great Falls, MT**
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  - Kaitlin Willbanks, MTCC VISTA: willbanks@mtcompact.org
- **Helena, MT**
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- **Libby, MT**
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- **Troy, MT**
  - Haley Spurlin, MTCC VISTA: spurlin@mtcompact.org
- **Pablo, Poison, and Ronan, MT**
  - Dayton Smith, MTCC AmeriCorps Leader: dsmith@mtcompact.org
- **Hamilton, MT**
  - Lani Augustine, MTCC VISTA: augustine@mtcompact.org
MTCC Recruiting for AmeriCorps Winter Class!

*Do you know students who are graduating in December?
*Do you know recent grads who are looking for meaningful, full-time, paid positions?

SEND THEM OUR WAY!

Winter Class AmeriCorps Leader positions are currently available in Sidney and Havre. Successful candidates will begin service in January and serve full-time through August 31, 2018, earning $491 bi-weekly as well as up to a $4,400 Segal Education Award. Descriptions of each position and a link to their applications can be found on the MTCC website.
Welcome December Class AmeriCorps Leaders!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members of the MTCC AmeriCorps Leader Team:

- Samantha Clark - Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (Great Falls)
- Caitlin Ervin - spectrUM (Missoula)
- Jessica Secrest - Fort Peck Community College (Poplar)
- Kristian Stipe - Broader Impacts Group (Missoula)
- Rachel Townsend - Montana Tech (Butte)
MTCC VISTA is currently accepting Host Site Applications for our 2018-19 service year!

Visit our website for more info about the application process.
The 2018 Campus Compact National Conference, “True Stories of Engagement”, will take place March 25-28 in Indianapolis. All Pre-Conference events will take place on Sunday, March 25. The day will feature five exciting sessions that focus on a variety of topics, such as engaging race, building healthy civic cultures, and using role-playing games to become immersed in civic learning.

[Learn more about the Pre-Conference.](https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=9aaebe774b1cd9ce82a604a7&id=8c19670ff4)

[Register for the 2018 National Conference.](https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=9aaebe774b1cd9ce82a604a7&id=8c19670ff4)

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2018 Community Engagement Institute - Last Call for Proposals!

Partners in Campus and Community Engagement are currently seeking conference presentations in the following areas:

- community-based research
- community-based teaching and learning
- the practice of engaging campus and community

[Submit proposals by January 15, 2018.](https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=9aaebe774b1cd9ce82a604a7&id=8c19670ff4)
Newman Civic Fellows Application is Live!

Campus Compact’s signature student leadership initiative has opened submissions for 2018 applications. Campus deadline to submit a Newman Civic Fellows nomination: February 1, 2018. More information here!

Story to Share? Send it to Us!

The MTCC Network Office wants to share your good news! Especially those pieces related to campus-community partnership, civic engagement, service learning, volunteerism and democracy. Email your story ideas, or ready made pieces to Josh Vanek to get them included in this monthly newsletter, regularly seen by over 1000 education and community leaders across Montana.

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