



## Schools, Communities Engaged for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

This year, Montana Campus Compact hosted its 7th annual Read for Peace event to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr's legacy by placing volunteers in elementary classrooms across Montana to read books about MLK and the civil rights movement.

# Approximately 200 volunteers participated in the event, reaching over 4,248 students!

Project leaders and volunteers this year included college students AmeriCorps and VISTA and Senior Corps members, Lt Governor Mike Cooney, Missoula Mayor John Engen and city council members, as well as many community volunteers! Thank you to all who participated, please follow the MTCC blog for a full recap.

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# **Campus Compact Featured on New Angle Podcast**

MTCC's director Andrea Vernon and Campus Compact president Andrew Seligsohn were recently featured on the University of Montana A New Angle podcast. <u>Listen here!</u>



# Spring 2019 Community Building Institute

Held twice per year, the Community Building Institute (CBI) series offers participants intentional, proven approaches to community entry, needs assessment, and ultimately creates high impact, community-driven programs and initiatives. CBI is based on the community-building framework, or "6 steps," that are used as a model for sustainable community development initiatives. This training includes six, hour-long sessions facilitated by experts in community organizing. Participants have opportunities to interact with trainers and are provided support materials and an optional certificate upon completion of the training.

The CBI Training Series is a crucial resource for the sustainable development of community-based initiatives. The six web-based sessions will take place **Tuesday**, **Wednesday**, **and Thursday beginning February 19th through February 28th**, **2019** 



## Carnegie Community Engagement Webinar: Finalizing your Application

### January 31 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EST

This webinar is for campuses that are in the process of putting together their application — for first-time and re-classification applicants — for the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. The focus of the webinar will be discussion of strategies for coherently conveying evidence in a way that makes your best case for institutionalization. Advice and insights will be provided from campus-based experiences with putting together an application, and ample time will be provided for any questions participants have as they finalize their application. Anyone interested in the classification is welcome to attend, but this webinar is not oriented to a more foundational overview of the classification framework.

Click here to register.







# **Deadline Approaching: Youth Serve Montana Scholarships**

Montana high school students who have volunteered for at least 100 hours in the past year are encouraged to apply for a <u>Youth Serve Montana Scholarship</u>. These \$1000 scholarships are made possible with support from Reach Higher Montana and the Governor's Office of Community Service, as well as Montana Campus Compact. Applications must be received by Thursday, January 31st.



## **Host AmeriCorps or VISTA Members!**

Our <u>VISTA</u> and <u>AmeriCorps</u> RFPs are live for the 2019-2020 cycle. If your campus or a partnership between a campus and a nonprofit or government agency could benefit from a full-time capacity building VISTA, or a full-time direct service AmeriCorps member, we encourage you to apply.



# **MTCC Summer Associate Application is Live!**

Colleges, universities, nonprofits and community organizations are encouraged to host AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates to support camps, summer nutrition programs, STEAM and enducational programs, and more. The



## **ServeMontana Awards Now Accepting Nominations**

The Governor's Office of Community Service and the Montana Commission on Community Service are proud to present the 2019 ServeMontana Awards. The purpose of these awards is to recognize individuals of all ages and backgrounds who, through their dedication and commitment to community service, have greatly enhanced civic life in Montana. Those selected for the award will be honored with a ceremony at the Capital in Helena in May.

We invite you to nominate individuals and organizations who:

- 1. Volunteer in ways that cause a lasting change in people's lives.
- 2. Demonstrate a strong commitment to serving their community.
- 3. Engage in service that greatly benefits others.
- 4. Exhibit leadership in their service.
- 5. Represent determination and perseverance.

These awards represent the best in positive community change through service, volunteerism and community leadership.

Deadline: Sunday, March 31, 2019

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# Ten Montana College Students Awarded Inaugural George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship

Ten Montana college students (from Helena College, Fort Peck Community College, Miles Community College, Carroll College, MSU Northern, UM Western, MSU and UM) were recently selected from a competitive applicant pool for the George M. Dennison Civic Engagent Scholarship. Read more about each of these inspiring students here.

### MTCC Student Engagement Online Survey Now Live

Each year MTCC gathers student engagement data from our network of campuses to capture the scope and impact of student service across our state. The survey is live now for the 2018-2019 year, please encourage students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community partners to fill out the survey.

MTCC Student Engagement Online Survey is here.



#### Continuums of Service Announces Pre-Conference Sessions

Western Region Campus Compact's <u>Continuums of Service Conference</u>, whose theme is Beyond Borders: Embracing Multiple Ways of Knowing and Being, announced six preconference sessions. Sessions offered include:

- A Focus on Place: A New Paradigm for Community Engagement in Higher Education
- Community Colleges as Civic Power Plants: Generating, Harnessing, and Spreading Civic Power
- Connecting Indigenous and Western Knowledge Systems for Climate Mitigation and Resilience and Student Success
- Dialogue Tools for Addressing Community Conflict & Transforming Relationships
- Contemplating the Monumental Murals: Chicano Park as a Site of Disjunctures, Meaning, Reconciliation, and Resistance
- Exploring the Nature of our Partnerships: Institution-wide Data Collection on Community Engagement

Additional information about these preconference sessions can be found here.



# Newman Civic Fellowship Nomination Deadline Approaching

The Newman Civic Fellowship is a one-year experience that provides students with training and resources to nurture their assets and passions and help them develop strategies for social change. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides in-person and virtual learning opportunities focused on the skills fellows need to serve as effective agents of change in addressing public problems and building equitable communities.

To read a testimonial from UM student and Newman Civic Fellow, Sophie Moon, <u>click here.</u> Learn more at <u>compact.org/newman-nomination</u>.



## **Campus Compact's National Webinar Series Continues!**

Campus Compact's 2018-2019 webinar series takes the great and varied work happening around the country and brings it straight to your desk. Sessions range in scope from connecting writing and service learning to place-based community engagement, and students and spirituality. For more information and to register, click here.



Submit a proposal for the 2019 Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting being held June 5-8 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Proposals are due January 31. <u>Learn More & Register</u>

IMPACT Conference to take place February 21-24 at the University of Virginia in partnership with Madison House. <u>Learn More & Register</u>

Transformational Intergroup Dialogue Workshop Facilitation Trainings taking place between January and March 2019 in Philadelphia, PA. <u>Learn More & Register</u>

## 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 <u>Josh Vanek</u> to get them included in this monthly newsletter, regularly seen by over 1000 education and community leaders across Montana.



#### **Montana Campus Compact Affiliates:**

Blackfeet Community College

Carroll College

Dawson Community College

Flathead Valley Community College

Fort Peck Community College

Great Falls College MSU

Helena College UM

Little Big Horn College

Miles Community College

Montana State University Billings

Montana State University

Montana State University Northern

Montana Tech

Rocky Mountain College

Salish Kootenai College

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