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100 Montana Students Awarded Youth Serve Montana Scholarships!

The Governor's Office of Community Service, Montana Campus Compact, and Reach Higher Montana announced that 100 high school seniors from 52 communities across Montana were awarded \$1,000 Youth Serve Montana Scholarships. These scholarships recognize each student's commitment to volunteering in their community. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants volunteered at least 100 hours over the last year. Many students volunteered more than this and in total, the 100 scholarship recipients contributed nearly 17,000 volunteer hours to Montana. Students helped their communities by mentoring their younger peers, assisting seniors in retirement homes, participating in school and community service events, serving as summer camp counselors, volunteering with organizations such as Montana 4-H, National Honor Society & National Junior Honor Society (NHS & NJHS), Key Club, and many more. Scholarships will be used by students attending Campus Compact institutions. Read more here!

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Full-time AmeriCorps and VISTA positions are open now! http://mtcompact.org/service-opportunities/

MTCC's full list of full-time, yearlong AmeriCorps and VISTA positions with colleges, universities, schools, nonprofits and government agencies are now listed at mtcompact.org. If you'd like to request advertising materials for your campus or organization, email Callye Foster.





Shayla Fox Brown, Rocky Mountain College's Experiential Education Coordinator and Stephanie Schnider, University of Providence's Providence Formation Director were voted in as next chair and vice chair for the MTCC Advisory Committee. Big thanks to outgoing chair Joshua Archey from Great Falls College MSU! The Advisory Committee convenes monthly to maximize the collective capacity of our statewide work and to support Campus Compact's mission locally.

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Help Campus Compact Track Student Engagement Locally and Statewide

Campus Compact offers the online <u>Student Engagement Survey</u>, a statewide tool to help gather data about student volunteerism, service learning, and other community engagement activities. Please send the link to individual students, student groups, faculty who teach service learning courses, community partners who work with student volunteers and anyone else who may have information about student engagement activities from fall semester 2017 or spring semester 2018. Please encourage people to fill out the brief survey.

In its inaugural year last year, the survey collected valuable information about this important work across the state. When people fill out and submit the online survey, the information goes to the Montana Campus Compact network office where responses will be analyzed and individual campus reports created. For questions or more information please contact vernon@mtcompact.org



58 Summer AmeriCorps and VISTA Members to Begin Service

Across Montana from Sidney and Poplar in the northeast to Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Missoula, Pablo, Browning, Great Falls and beyond, communities will be hosting Montana college students in full-time, national service positions getting things done, alleviating poverty, and supporting college access and success. If you see a member in an AmeriCorps shirt, please say hello, get to know what they're doing, and thank them for their service! These folks are helping make our communities safer, smarter and healthier!

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MSU Bounty of the Bridgers Project Makes a Difference!

At Montana State University's Bounty of the Bridgers Food Pantry, students and community members are working together to address food insecurity. Read more about the great work happening in Bozeman.



Western Region Campus Compact's 2019 <u>Continuums of Service Conference</u> will happen at the University of San Diego March 6-8, 2019. The conference theme is "Beyond Borders: Embracing Multiple Ways of Knowing and Being."

Stay tuned for additional details!

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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.



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