



Two Important Deadlines Are Approaching!

First up, we've got the Youth Serve Montana Scholarship - Deadline: Friday, January 31st! These \$1000 scholarships are awarded to Montana high school seniors and incoming college freshmen. The one major criterion is that the applicant has volunteered for at least 100 hours in the past year. We are pretty flexible about how and where those hours happen, knowing that is many of our state's communities service happens informally and

neighbor to neighbor. We are proud to do this scholarship with our friends from Reach Higher Montana and the Governor's Office of Community Service. Please help spread the word especially among Montana high schoolers and their families!

Next, we've got the Newman Civic Fellows nominations due by Monday, February 3rd. Our Newman Fellows have gained some great skills and connections from the program and have rated the experience highly, and we hope that all 18 MTCC institutions nominate a Fellow. Please note that nominations need to be by campus CEOs, so be sure to coordinate with president's/dean's/chancellor's offices. Thank you!



Funding Available for Campuses

We are proud to offer Campus Compact affiliates and their partnering nonprofits, schools and government agencies the opportunity to request AmeriCorps and VISTA members to help advance their important educational equity, college access and success initiatives. Whether it's a VISTA to help organize a campus's efforts to create or enhance support systems for students, or to start or sustain a P-20 partnership, AmeriCorps and VISTA members are an invaluable resource!

Host an AmeriCorps VISTA

Accepting applications

Host an AmeriCorps Team

Accepting applications.

Host VISTA Summer Associates

Coming soon.



MLK Read For Peace Project Has Statewide Impact!

On January 17th and 20th, campuses, schools and communities across Montana joined together to share the legacy of peace and justice of Martin Luther King Junior! Campus Compact, along with partners from other AmeriCorps and Senior Corps program read MLK books in 250 classrooms in 18 communities. All told, 247 college student volunteers and 92 AmeriCorps, VISTA and Senior Corps members read and ran MLK activities with to 5461 Montana youth.



Want To Know When We're Recruiting AmeriCorps Members?

Spring college graduates from the great state of Montana are some of our finest recruits for AmeriCorps and VISTA service in Montana. These full-time, paid positions work to address some of our campuses and communities most pressing needs. The positions come with health insurance, child care and an Education Award voucher, as well as valuable networking and experience. From college access and success initiatives to food security, Campus Compact members do it all! We compile and keep a list of faculty and staff members interested in sharing these important positions with students in Montana first! If you'd like to get on that list, or have colleagues who would, please contact Claire Foley at MTCC!



Welcome to Miles Community College, President Slinger

Miles Community College's Trustees recently announced that Ron Slinger, former VP of institutional advancment at Red Rocks Community College will be its new president. Welcome to Montana, President Slinger and thank you for your service in the interim role, Aaron Clingingsmith.



Summit of Presidents and Chancellors: March 29, 2020 in Seattle

The Compact20 Summit of Presidents and Chancellors will be a working meeting with a focus on producing actionable results for individual campuses and for Campus Compact. In particular, as we leave the Summit:

1. Participants will take with them practical ideas for increasing participation on their campuses, with a special focus on seizing the opportunity of 2020 to build electoral

- engagement and long-term commitment.
- Campus Compact will benefit from the knowledge and experience of Presidents
 and Chancellors as we refine a curriculum for strengthening the capacity of senior
 higher education leaders to catalyze positive change in civic engagement and
 democratic learning.

Throughout the Summit, we will be motivated by the theme Compact20—full participation—as we explore the linkages between full participation in our democracy, our economy, and our social and cultural life. <u>Further information and registration materials are</u> here.



Compact Affiliate Benefit: Record Your Student Community Engagement Data

Annually, Campus Compact gathers data about the overall impact of college student community engagement which is <u>published in our Impact Report here</u>. Additionally, we have the <u>2019-20 survey here</u>. Campuses which submit their data receive a tailored report at the end of the academic year, and roll their students impacts into overall statewide data, which allows the Campus Compact staff to articulate part of the community impact that higher education has in Montana to diverse constituencies. Please consider using this tool, or sharing your data from other systems. For more information and questions, please speak with Andrea Vernon.



Compact Webinar Series: Pertinent, Thoughtful and Free!

Campus Compact's National Webinar series has returned for AY 2019-2020 with more to support and inspire you. Topics touch on issues of relevance to faculty, staff, students, and their partners in education and community building. Be sure to tune in to each session for information, tools, and resources to help you in your work. These webinars are being offered free of charge, but all participants must register in advance to receive an access link.

The next webinar is: Building Democratic Skills through Deliberative Dialogue, on Jaunuary 30th at 1:00 PM

For more information and to register, click here.



\$250 Discount For Campus Compact 2020 National Conference in Seattle

Campus Compact is partnering with <u>Up to Us</u>, a leading program from Net Impact to offer \$250 off registration for Campus Compact's Compact20 national conference. Any faculty member, community engagement professional or student from a Campus Compact member institution who hosts a dialogue using select National Issues Forum Institute guides on their campus prior to <u>the conference</u> is eligible for the discount. More information on the discount is here.

Compact20 is the largest and most inclusive national conference focused on the role of higher education in building democracy and healthy communities. Sessions explore topics such as civic engagement, community-engaged research, civic- and service-learning, institutional change, campus-community partnerships, and more. Compact20 provides professional development and networking opportunities for community engagement professionals, engaged faculty, community partners, student civic leaders, and campus leaders. Current registration discounts end on November 14th.

Compact20 happens March 29-April 1, 2020 in Seattle. More information here.



Conferences, Webinars, Professional Development, RFPs and Resources

The Montana College Access Network's Annual Conference will happen March 9-11 in Polson, Montana. More information is here.

Interfaith Youth Core's annual Interfaith Leadership Institute (ILI), will happen August 7-9, 2020 in Chicago, IL, is a three-day workshop that equips undergraduate students and educators with the skills to bring the movement for interfaith cooperation back to their campuses and communities. Learn more here, and sign up to be the first to know when registration opens in March 2020 and receive a \$50 discount. The discount code *CCILI* provides Campus Compact affiliated campuses with \$100 off the \$299 registration fee and is stackable with other discounts. Learn more here about discounts and scholarships.

Campus Compact's Census 2020 higher education resource page is here.

Apply to be part of a cohort of institutions that will develop democratic engagement action plans to receive a <u>Voter Friendly Campus Designation</u> offered through NASPA and the Fair Election Center's Campus Vote Project. Priority deadline is January 30.

The <u>International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning</u>, <u>Leadership and Social</u> Change is seeking papers.

<u>Community Colleges for Democracy Newsletter.</u> Campus Compact is celebrating the great work of our community college network with a newsletter full of valuable tools, events, and information to help you prepare community college students to be informed, active, and mobilized leaders in our democracy.

<u>Campus Compact's webinar series library.</u> Have some free time at lunch? Check out the webinar recordings from last year's national webinar series and increase your knowledge and skills.

<u>Campus Election Engagement Project Newsletter.</u> Sign up for the Campus Election Engagement Project national newsletter to stay up to date with the latest news and information from one of our trusted partners in the work of campus election engagement. <u>Campus Compact Podcast Season 3 New Episodes!</u> Bring higher education community engagement on the go with Compact Nation Podcast! Tune in bi-weekly for conversations with leading community engagement professionals and discussions of new research and innovative work in the field. Eighteen episodes available in the third season.

<u>Campus Compact member discount</u>. Campus Compact members save 20% on books available through the online Campus Compact bookstore!

<u>Partners in Campus Community Engagement</u> will host a student Symposium on April 14, and a conference on May 27-28, 2020 in Spokane, Washington, the conference is currently accepting session proposals.

Salt Lake Community College will host the National Community College Conference on Service Learning and Community Engagement on May 29 and 30, 2020. The conference will include presentations covering a range of timely issues, interactive deep-dive sessions to create and apply concepts, and networking opportunities to continue to build the field, all with a specific focus on two-year institutions.

Student Resources

The Civic Life Project is accepting videos for the <u>Democracy 2020 Youth Film Challenge</u>, a national competition for 15-25 year olds to produce public issue oriented videos to get students engaged and voting. The fee is waived through January 31st.

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.



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

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