



## Campus Compact Montana

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### **Scholarship Funding Available for Montana College Students!**

Our George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship honors students at Montana Campus Compact affiliate campuses who have volunteered significant time, energy and resources – while pursuing a degree or certificate – to projects that make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Half of the funds for each \$1000 scholarship have been donated in memory of George M. Dennison by Jane Dennison and sons, Rick and Robert Dennison, and their families. George Dennison was a champion of service and co-founding board president of the Montana Campus Compact. Applications are due by November 11th.

[Promotional flier here.](#)

[Apply here!](#)

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### **Thanks, Great Falls College MSU and University of Providence!**

Campus Compact gathered its AmeriCorps and VISTA members in Great Falls last week, and we were graciously hosted by [Great Falls College MSU](#). The event was our Building Engaged Citizens training, and AmeriCorps and VISTA members participated in training led by [University of Providence](#) faculty and MTCC Staff. VISTAs spent time on the community building life cycle, grant writing and sustainability; and AmeriCorps members focused on college access and success, and community leadership.

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## Montana Student Engagement Survey is Live!

Annually, Campus Compact gathers data about the overall impact of college student community engagement. We are gearing up to publish the data from the 2018-19 academic year in our annual impact report soon, meanwhile, we've just launched the [2019-20 survey here](#). Please help spread the word!





## Democracy Counts 2019 College Student Voting Report Published

The National Study on Learning, Voting and Engagement (or "n-solve") was just [published here](#).

NSLVE consists of a database of more than 10 million identified student records that have been combined with publicly available voting records for each of the 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 elections. Among other findings, the report found that In the 2018 U.S. midterm elections, college students turned out to vote at double the rate from the last midterm. Across all NSLVE campuses, the average institutional rate in 2018 was 39.1% (up nearly 20 percentage points from 19.7% in 2014).

Additionally, [episode 3 of this season's Compact Nation podcast](#) features an interview with Nancy Thomas (from NSLVE and Tisch College of Civic Life) about the new report's key findings.

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### Compact National Webinar Series: Pertinent, Thoughtful and Free!

On November 14th, Laurie Walker (University of Montana Associate Professor of Social Work), and Turquoise Devereaux (graduate student at Arizona State University, University of Montana alum and former staff member) will present *Decolonizing Approaches to Inclusive Discussions and Trainings: Lessons from Indigenous Perspectives* at 1PM Mountain.

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.*

[For more information and to register, click here.](#)

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### **Forward Montana, Campus Compact supporting Student Election Engagement**

Montana was recently awarded a grant to support student election engagement by the [Students Learn, Students Vote Foundation](#). The grant is supporting Forward Montana Foundation field staff to provide additional voter registration and engagement resources to Montana citizens. The Forward Montana Foundation is working closely with the MTCC Advisory Council to identify strategies to help register college student voters, educate about issues and candidate positions, and increase student voter engagement in the next election cycle. For more information on this initiative, please email Forward Montana Foundation's [Amara Reese-Hansell](#) and [Hannah Pate](#).

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## **\$250 Discount and Early Registration Deadline Approaching for For Campus Compact 2020 National Conference in Seattle**

Campus Compact is partnering with [Up to Us](#), 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 [the conference](#) 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](#).

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## **Conferences, Webinars, Professional Development, RFPs and Resources**

[Campus Compact's Census 2020 higher education resource page is here.](#)

8th International Symposium on Service-Learning, Critical Service Learning Across the Globe: *Transforming Teaching into Social Action*, is [seeking proposals through November 30](#). The symposium will take place June 10-12 in Cyprus.

[Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning](#) is seeking proposals for a special issue

on centering social justice in the scholarship of community engagement. [Proposals will be accepted until January 15.](#)

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

Register for the world's largest and leading global health conference, as well as the largest social entrepreneurship conference, [Unite for Sight](#), taking place April 4-5 at Yale University. Register by October 31 for a reduced rate.

The [International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership and Social Change](#) is seeking papers.

[Community Colleges for Democracy Newsletter.](#) 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.

[Campus Compact's webinar series library.](#) Have some free time at lunch? Check out the webinar recordings from last year's national webinar series and increase your knowledge and skills.

[Campus Election Engagement Project Newsletter.](#) 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.

[Campus Compact Podcast Season 3 New Episodes!](#) 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.

[Campus Compact member discount.](#) Campus Compact members save 20% on books available through the online Campus Compact bookstore!

[Partners in Campus Community Engagement](#) will host a student Symposium on April 14, and a conference on May 27-28, 2020 in Spokane, Washington. A call for proposals will open in October.

## **Resources For Students**

Registration is open for the student-focused [National Week of Conversation Common Ground for Action forum series](#) from the National Issues Forum. **There are 5 forums November 4-9 at various times.**

The Civic Life Project is accepting videos for the [Democracy 2020 Youth Film Challenge](#), a national competition for 15-25 year olds to produce public issue oriented videos to get students engaged and voting.

The College Convention 2020 happens January 5-7 in Manchester, NH. College Convention is a national gathering of college students along with presidential candidates and staff, media, and election experts a month before New Hampshire's primary More information is [here](#).

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## 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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