



Campus Compact

Montana



2015 Annual Report

About Montana Campus Compact

Who We Are

Founded nationally in 1985, Campus Compact is a coalition of more than 1,100 college and university CEOs who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education. As the only national higher education association dedicated solely to campus-based civic engagement, Campus Compact promotes public and community service that develops students' citizenship skills, helps campuses forge effective community partnerships, and provides resources and training for faculty seeking to integrate civic and community-based learning into the curriculum.

2015 Affiliate Institutions



Mission

MTCC advances the public purposes of colleges and universities by deepening their ability to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility.

Vision

Communities in Montana, and the surrounding region, will experience significant, community-initiated, positive impact through the service of college students.

2015 Strategic Priorities

I. Enhance our national leadership by expanding civic engagement opportunities

Goals: Increase awards, national service placements, events, and recognition to ensure quality volunteer and service experiences

II. Increase the positive impact higher education has on community-identified needs

Goals: Maximize Compact membership in Montana, engage institutions from neighboring states in MTCC programming, and formalize new campus-community partnerships

III. Strengthen MTCC to maximize civic engagement potential

Goals: Enhance professional development opportunities, develop advisory committees, and increase unrestricted revenues

IV. Instill long-term civic habits in our alumni

Goals: Define staff roles for alumni engagement, incorporate alumni outreach and training in program offerings, and develop

MTCC Board of Directors 2015



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MTCC Advisory Committee



Wendy Jeschke, *Flathead Valley Community College and MTCC Advisory Committee Chair*

In spring of 2015, MTCC's inaugural Advisory Committee came together to serve as local champions for the Campus Compact movement around Montana, and to inform the Compact's network office on important decisions. This group meets monthly, sets annual goals and works to advance the public purposes of higher education in Montana. Among its accomplishments, the Advisory Committee helped to inform Montana's response to the work across the country to articulate a Campus Compact action statement, to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Compact movement. The Advisory Committee also completed strategic planning and began local, strategic conversations with board members to ensure strong direct linkages between local campus work, and the work of the broader network.

Led by the Compact network: among the important founding principles behind the Advisory Committee was the idea that the agenda for the Advisory Committee's work be set by campus affiliates, and that the group have strong, campus-based leadership. MTCC was lucky in its first year to have Wendy Jeschke, Service Learning Coordinator, Flathead Valley Community College serve as the chairperson for the group. Wendy's passion for service and volunteerism has helped to make the committee a welcoming place for committee members with different experience and knowledge of campus partnerships, service learn-

ing and civic engagement.

2015 MTCC Advisory Committee Members

Fort Peck Community College: Elijah Hopkins, VP For Student Services

The University of Montana: Andrea Vernon, Office for Civic Engagement Director

Montana State University: Ariel Donohue, Program Manager, Diversity Awareness Office

Great Falls College MSU: Lauren Reyes, Student Activities Coordinator

MSU Northern: Carol Reifschneider, Dean, College of Ed., Arts and Sciences, and Nursing

Helena College UM: Curtis Peterson, Instructor, General Education/Social Sciences

University of Montana: Daisy Rooks, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

Helena College UM: Della Dubbe, Director of Library Services

UM Western: Ilene Cohen, Director, TRiO office

Carroll College: Kelly Parsley, Professor, Health Sciences

Flathead Valley Community College: Marlyn James, Professor, Early Childhood Ed.

Carroll College: Nisan Burbridge, Internship Coordinator

Montana Tech: Ruth Anne Shope, Associate Director, Institute for Educational Opportunities

University of Great Falls: Tom Raunig, Associate Professor of Education

University of Great Falls: Twila Croft, Director, Career Services

Flathead Valley Community College: Wendy Jeschke, Coordinator, Service-Learning

Rocky Mountain College: Jill Washburn, Community Service, Veterans & Parent Relations Coordinator

Little Big Horn College: Te-Atta Old Bear, Dean of Students

MSU Billings: Jeff Rosenberry, Interim Associate Dean of Students

Dawson Community College: John Bole, VP of Student Affairs

Notes From MTCC's Network Office



MTCC VISTA Summer Associates, Missoula cohort.

These college student VISTA Summer Associates served 10-week terms with Montana nonprofits and municipalities.

2015 was a busy year in the Campus Compact world. We: saw our network increase to seventeen affiliates; began matching AmeriCorps Education Awards; launched a new AmeriCorps program and brought on our largest ever Corps of college student VISTA Summer Associates; saw the MTCC Advisory Committee form and begin taking on meaningful work; and launched the Civic Engagement Scholarship awarding six exemplary college students.

Often we at the Campus Compact network office are asked questions like “what are others doing to advance this work?” and “what can we do at this campus?” If one thinks of the answers to those questions in terms of programs, course offerings and initiatives there are literally hundreds if not thousands of directions for a campus to take its community engagement. Important in those questions however, is understanding the broad meaning of higher education’s “public purposes.” Education does, and has historically delivered huge public benefits to communities, the country and world. Most tangibly perhaps, we train professionals for careers, provide context and meaning for their work, and often, directly link graduates with employment.

However, presuming that higher education lends to career development or civic development is applying too simple a lens to what happens. Higher education, especially that which places a mission like *educating students for civic and social responsibility* at its core, is about making communities more livable, addressing our biggest problems as a global society, and engaging deeply with our host communities. So when folks ask questions like “what can we do” or “what *more* can we do”, it’s good to look both at similar campuses, and at the existing local partnerships and investments (offices, awards, programs, etc.) the campus has made. Too often, the allure of newness can take our attention away from our long-standing work. Below are a few answers to the “*what can we do*” question:

Campus Compact Board Members and other administrators can:

- Attend the Campus Compact board meetings and events like the President Summit in March, 2016;
- Host a faculty in-service discussing service-learning pedagogy and community engaged learning;
- Nominate staff and faculty to serve with MTCC’s Advisory Committee;
- Encourage campus participation in Campus Compact programs and initiatives;
- Support assessment of service learning and community engagement;

Staff and Faculty:

- Participate in campus dialogs and planning efforts around community engagement;
- Serve on local boards and committees, linking higher education to community needs;
- Explore service-learning as a teaching tool, and share your experience with colleagues;
- Encourage student participation in community volunteerism and service-learning courses;
- Nominate students for awards like the Newman Civic Fellows; and
- Participate in Compact programs and initiatives, propose a session at the Continuums of Service conference in Denver, in 2017.

Neither of these are meant to be exhaustive lists , but perhaps they will encourage thinking about the great possibilities in this work.

Josh Vanek, Interim Executive Director 2014-2015

Goal 1: Enhancing our National Leadership

Youth Serve Montana Scholarships



Our Youth Serve Montana Scholarship recognizes youth volunteerism, encourages young leaders to further their learning, and provides tuition assistance for Montana high school graduates who wish to attend college at a Compact Institution. These scholarships are made available through a partnership between Student Assistance Foundation (safmt.org), the Montana Governor's Office of Community Service (serve.mt.gov) and Montana Campus Compact.

In 2015:

98 Montana high school graduates received the 2015 YSM scholarship representing **93**

Montana high schools collectively, and **5** home schooled recipients are recognized for approximately **17,923** hours of service to their communities.

2015 recipients are attending: Carroll College, Dawson Community College, Flathead Valley Community College, Great Falls College MSU, Missoula College UM, Montana State University, Montana Tech of the University of Montana, MSU Billings, Montana State University Northern, Rocky Mountain College, Salish Kootenai College, Montana Western, and the University of Montana

Total amount of scholarships awarded in 2015: \$98,000,000



Civic Engagement Scholarships



In November of 2014 Montana Campus Compact's Board of Directors approved the creation of a scholarship to honor exemplary college students who have excelled in volunteerism and community engagement during their collegiate careers. MTCC's Network Office held a fund-raising event (2014's Garden City Triathlon) and these funds were matched by Campus Compact affiliate institutions.

This year's Civic Engagement Scholarship recipients:

Top row Taylor Warren, Carroll College. Holly Johnson, University of Great Falls, Annalese Warner, University of Montana. **Bottom row** Nicolas Bragg, Montana State University, Alicia Morley, Montana Tech and Katy Warner of University of Montana.

Goal 1: Enhancing our National Leadership

Montana Athletes in Service –November 21, 2015

Montana Campus Compact honors civically engaged student-athletes who make a commitment to community service by raising awareness for civic engagement, encouraging other students to become more civically engaged, and leaving a legacy in their communities. MTCC will recognize the following students during halftime at the Brawl of the Wild, at Montana State University on November 21, 2015.

MONTANA ATHLETES IN SERVICE 2015



Taylor Buschy
Montana State University



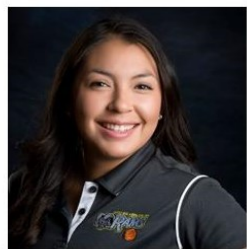
Kayla Johnson
Salish Kootenai College



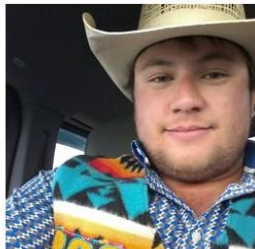
Cameron Lee
MSU Billings



Zach Levitt
Flathead Valley
Community College



Vanessa Old Coyote
Little Big Horn College



Ben Powell
Blackfeet Community College



Robert Prichett
Rocky Mountain College



Callee Remsen
Montana Tech of UM



Tiffany Marks
University of Great Falls



Emily Mendoza
University of Montana



Jesse McCloud
University of Montana Western



Taylor South
Carroll College



Greg Thompson
Helena College UM



Brett Thompson
MSU Northern



Anthony Williams
Fort Peck Community College



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Goal 2: Increasing the Positive Impact Higher Education Has on Community-Identified Needs



MTCC VISTA Impact Snapshot

Number of campus-community partnerships developed:	34
Number of full-time VISTA members serving in 2014-2015:	29
Number of full-time Summer Associate VISTAS in 2015	29
Value of cash, grants and in-kind generated:	\$535,018.23
College student volunteers recruited:	791
Community volunteers recruited:	1,235
Number of veterans served and family members:	362
Number of disadvantaged children and youth served:	10,817.00

MTCC VISTA Project Highlights

September 11, 2015 National Day of Service Remembrance.



On September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance 2015, [MTCC](#) AmeriCorps VISTAs gave back to their communities all over Montana and northeastern Wyoming. Every year Compact VISTAs participate in the September 11th National Day of Service, and this year they did not disappoint. From Gillette, Wyoming up to Havre, Montana VISTAs volunteered at special events and led and supported local service projects. Here is one example of what our amazing VISTAs did:

Bozeman: Cards, Letters and Treats to First Responders

VISTA members in Bozeman created a program that engaged 500 local children to create thank you cards for their fire stations. They were able to garner free supplies from local businesses (ACE Hardware, The Children's Museum, Costco and Staples) to create cards and received a donation of free donuts from Granny's Gourmet Donuts. On September 11th they delivered all of the cards and treats to four Fire Stations in the Bozeman area; the fire fighters were very grateful for the recognition.

Goal 2: Increasing the Positive Impact Higher Education Has on Community-Identified Needs

MTCC AmeriCorps Launches!



In the late summer of 2015, MTCC's network office received notification from the Governor's Office of Community Service that it had been funded to launch a new AmeriCorps program, linking college student AmeriCorps members with first generation and low income youth. Through this initiative, college student members serve as college coaches, supporting local work to provide K-12 young people with experiences, tools, and motivation to enroll and be successful in postsecondary education. This program successfully launched in October, 2015 when four AmeriCorps leaders began their service with MSU Northern, Bitterroot College UM, Montana Tech and Dawson Community College. Leaders have been assembling teams, establishing school and nonprofit partnerships and supporting national days of service, subsequently.

MTCC Education Award Matching

The Montana Campus Compact Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Matching Program began in early 2015, in honor of the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps and the 50th anniversary of VISTA. The Eli Segal AmeriCorps Education Award is a voucher used for educational costs, awarded as a post-service benefit for completing a term of national service in AmeriCorps and VISTA Programs. The MTCC board voted to match the Segal AmeriCorps Education award and currently thirteen campuses have made formal commitments to the match, ranging from \$1000-2000, depending on the institution. The match is made available to current students, and helps to attract AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni to MTCC affiliate institutions, while increasing the value of the Education Award. For a full listing of affiliate institutions that participated for FY2015, see Goal 3 on the Strengthening MTCC table.

Martin Luther King Junior Read for Peace –January 2015



MTCC campuses across Montana supported Martin Luther King Jr. Read for Peace, a statewide service-learning project that placed college student volunteers in K-3rd grade classrooms. Students read age-appropriate books to classes to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy. The event provided students with information about Dr. King, poems, and art activities they completed, and then displayed in local libraries and shopping centers!



Read for Peace: By the Numbers

Number of communities that participated: **14**; College student volunteers engaged in the event: **10**; Montana schools that hosted an event: **42**; Number of AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers engaged: **19**; Number of Senior Corps volunteers engaged: **42**; Number of AmeriCorps State and National program volunteers: **9**; Total volunteers engaged: **123**; Volunteer hours: **159**; K-3 beneficiaries: **2,975**.

Goal 3: Strengthening MTCC

 Affiliate	Youth Serve Montana Scholar- ship	Newman Civic Fel- lows	Mon- tana Athletes in Service	MLK Mini - Grant	AmeriCorps VISTA	Ameri- Corps Program	Read for Peace	AmeriCorps Education Award Matching
Blackfeet Community College			X		X			
Carroll College	X	X	X					X
Dawson Community College	X				X	X		
Flathead Valley Community College	X	X	X		X			X
Fort Peck Community College			X		X			X
Great Falls College MSU	X			X				X
Helena College University of Montana		X	X				X	X
Little Big Horn College		X	X					
Montana State University Bozeman	X	X	X		X		X	X
Montana State University Billings	X	X	X		X			X
Montana State University Northern	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Montana Tech of The UM	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rocky Mountain College	X		X					X
Salish Kootenai College	X		X		X			
University of Great Falls	X	X	X		X			X
The University of Montana	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
The University of Montana Western	X		X		X			X

Goal 4: Instilling Long-term Civic Habits In Our Alumni



MTCC Alumni Spotlight: Mira Mendick

When and where did you serve during your term as a Compact AmeriCorps VISTA Member?

I served as an MTCC VISTA with the University of Montana Financial Education Program from July 2014 to July-2015. The overall goal of my year was to develop an enhanced entrance loan counseling to be delivered to all University of Montana students. I assisted with the development of this project through research, which contributed to the outlines I developed to be used to guide informational videos. The state decided to take this project on as a bigger initiative, which will result in all students in the MSU system having access to this enhanced entrance loan counseling.

How did your year of service impact your life?

I got to meet and work with amazing individuals, who are making big changes in the world of higher education. My year of service made me aware of some of the needs and challenges that student's face when entering college, which inspired me to continue my work in the field of higher education.

What are some highlights from your year of service?

Besides the main focus of my project, I worked on a communication plan, a nonprofit resource sheet, a list of emergency and transitional housing, planned and facilitated student task force meetings, created informational flyers to be used by advisers, a career comparison chart, a write up for the Foreign Student Handbook, student surveys, and a financial aid glossary. In addition, I created partnerships with community nonprofits, such as HomeWORD, tabled at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance workshops, attended Missoula College tabling events, and partnered with the Personal Finance professor.

Where are you now, and in what way are you still involved with civic engagement?

I've stayed in Missoula and I am working in the Academic Advising Center at Missoula College. I'm embarrassed to admit that I haven't been so involved in civic engagement lately, because I've been so busy with work, but I'm excited to start looking for meaningful ways to contribute to the community. Reach out to me if you need a volunteer!

Thank you for your service to Montana, Mira!



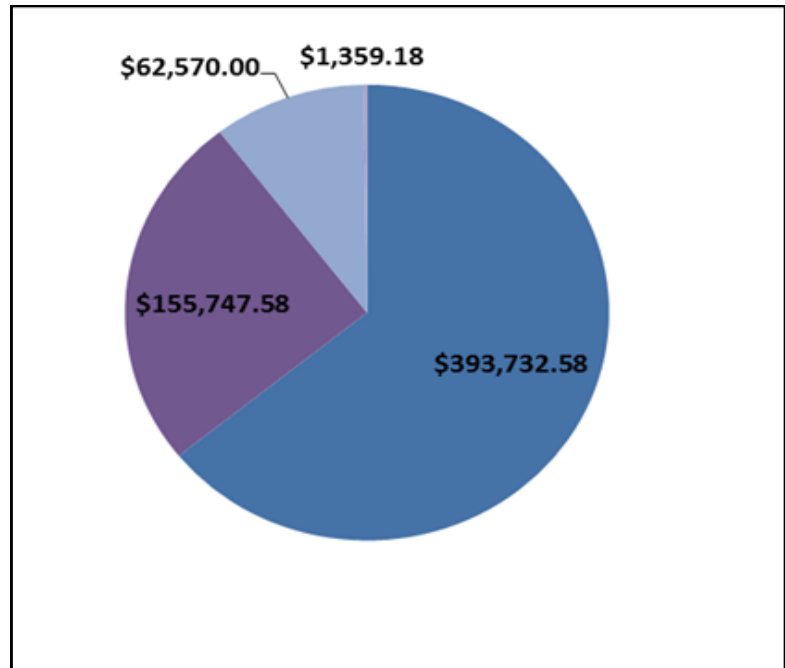
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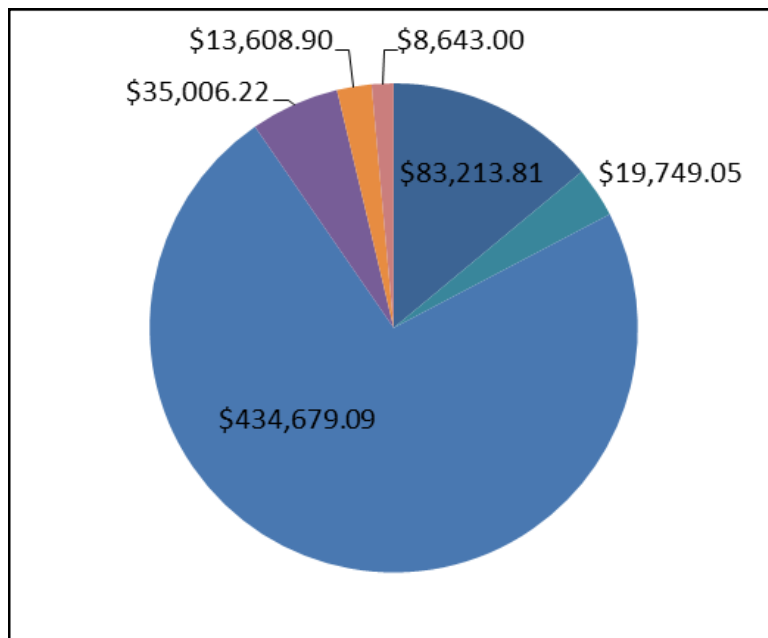
• FY 2015 Budget Highlights

FY 2015 REVENUE TOTAL \$613,409.34

1 State and Federal Grants	\$393,732.58
Sub-Award and Other Funds	
2 Fees for Service /Programs	\$155,747.58
3 Affiliation Dues	\$62,570.00
4 Other Income	\$1,359.18



FY 2015 EXPENSE TOTAL \$594,900.07



1 Staff Salaries & Wages	\$83,213.81
Other Salaries and Wages	
2 Benefits and other compensation	\$19,749.05
3 VISTA Staff Support, Staff Travel, VISTA Travel, Relocation	\$434,679.09
4 Operations	\$35,006.22
5 Staff Travel	\$13,608.90
6 National Dues & Other	\$8,643.00



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"I became closer with members in my community getting to know the struggles they face and becoming familiar with the opportunities our community provides to help the less fortunate conquer these struggles. I felt this term I became a lot more familiar with the homeless people in our community and it helps me understand as a nurse how I can help them with their struggles. I am thankful for the opportunity to work in the community and become familiar with different cultures. I feel I am learning how to provide care to a variety of cultural groups in my community."

Student AmeriCorps member, Montana State University

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Network Office Staff and VISTA Leaders 2015



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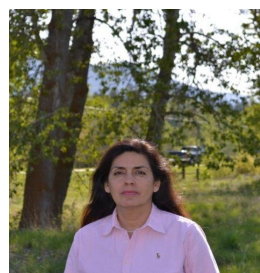
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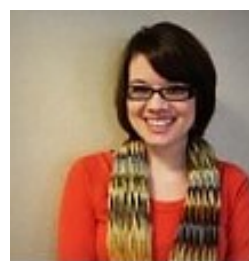
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