



MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT

IMPACT

REPORT

2020-2021

Why Our Work Matters

WE ENGAGE STUDENTS in their communities

WE CATALYZE CAMPUSES to meet community needs

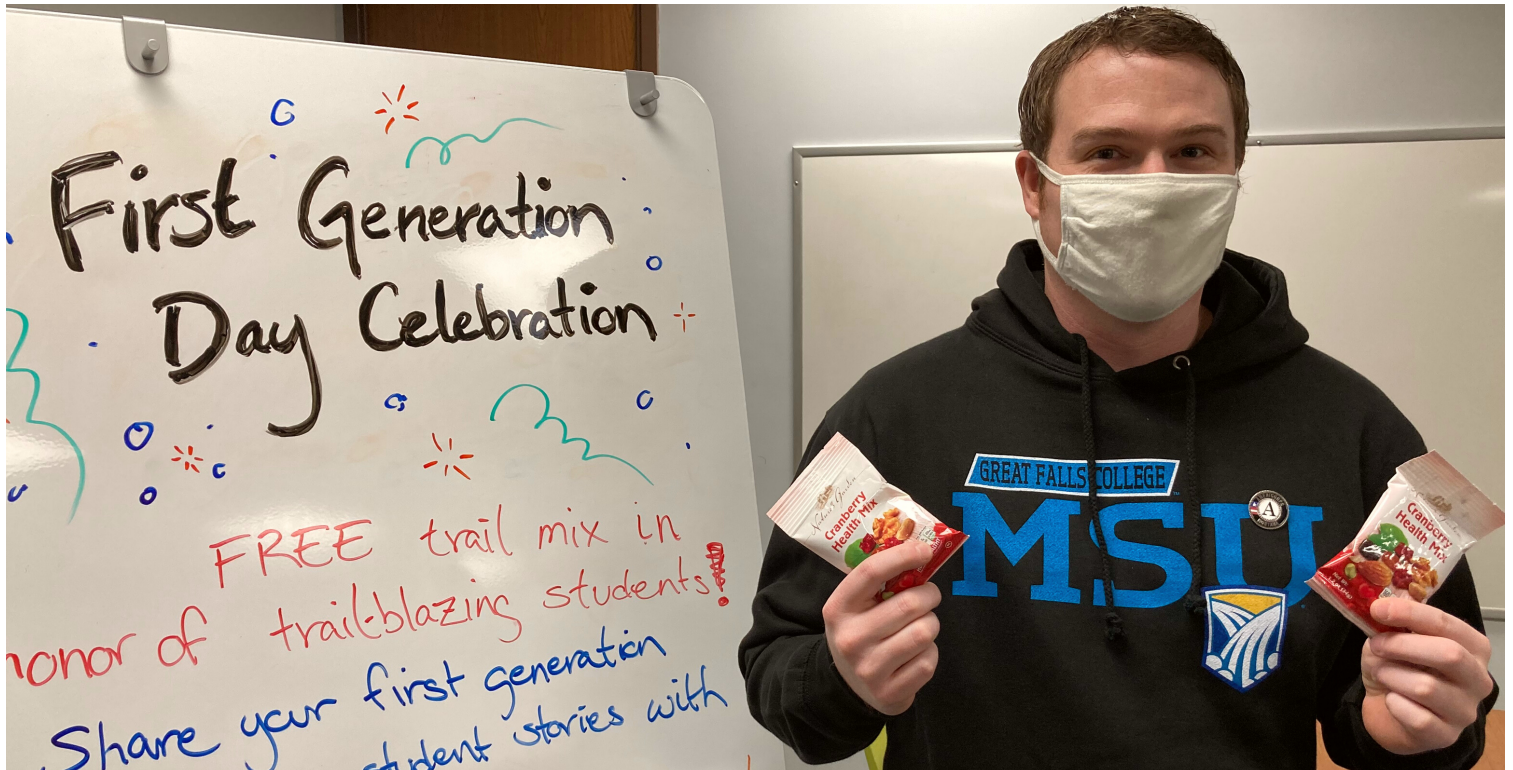
WE REVITALIZE DEMOCRACY through community engagement



Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) is a CEO-led network of colleges and universities that collectively work to advance the public purposes of higher education to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility. Together, as campuses united behind this common mission:

- We empower students, faculty, and staff to co-create reciprocal community partnerships in pursuit of a just, equitable, and sustainable world;
- We prepare students to be effective and informed citizens in our democracy with the capacity to deliberate, listen, act, and lead in pursuit of the public good;
- We embrace our responsibilities to contribute to the health of our communities –economically, socially, environmentally, educationally, and politically.

MTCC Highlights 2020-2021



Great Falls College MSU student MTCC AmeriCorps Team member Nolin Waterhouse

During the past year, our campus partners and network office staff worked to honor students who had contributed to the public good, removed barriers to full participation in education and public life, and worked to build and support the field of campus-community engagement. Our campuses leaned into a deeply challenging time, and supported student voting at record levels. MTCC AmeriCorps teams supported college attainment and success initiatives in deep partnership with high schools and colleges, while our VISTA members created new capacity to support student success; basic needs initiatives, and campus-community partnerships across the state.

Communities of Practice & Advisory Committee

Staff from our campuses met monthly to inform and drive the agenda of the network office and we hosted monthly communities of practice for groups of staff and faculty. These partners committed to deepening their professional learning and improving the quality of service provided to students and stakeholders in order to support campus election engagement, address food security, student basic needs, and more.

Student Awards, Programs, and Scholarships

- **Newman Civic Fellows:** 9 students selected
- **George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship:** \$25,000 awarded to 25 students
- **Montana Athletes In Service:** 11 students awarded
- **Montana Student Volunteer Awards:** 12 students selected
- **Youth Serve Montana Scholarships Awarded:** 86 at \$1000/ea.

MTCC Network Changes

Board chair Jane Karas, stepped down after ten years in the role. Karas now serves as past-chair with the Executive Board. Long-time Montana Western chancellor Beth Weatherby and staff member Ilene Cohen retired, Great Falls College MSU Dean Susan Wolf retired, and MTCC Executive Director Andrea Vernon moved to a full-time position at the University of Montana. Our Executive board elected Haven Gourneau (Fort Peck Community College) and McCall Flynn as chair and vice-chair, respectively, and appointed Josh Vanek to Executive Director.

MTCC AmeriCorps Teams: Improving Access to Higher Education

Montana's expansive geography and small population often mean that access to postsecondary education remains difficult for many first-generation, low-income, and minoritized people. In fact, Montana was classified as an "education desert" by the Chronicle of Higher Ed., meaning the distance to one's desired academic program can impose physical barriers to access for many would-be students. Our full-time AmeriCorps Leaders and part-time AmeriCorps Team Members provide college coaching across the state, helping students overcome barriers to completing degrees and credentials and launching careers. Members offered a wide range of evidence-based activities, including: youth-focused, out-of-school activities; college application nights; FAFSA workshops; career exploration; and college and career planning. Our AmeriCorps teams served with TRIO and afterschool programs and offices supporting student basic needs and college success, supporting campus food pantries and food box programs.

"I collaborated on a project that will benefit the Blackfeet Tribe in getting connected to their traditional territory through the STEM curriculum. I believe that my work will have a great impact because it will make it easier for students to connect with the college and incorporate TEK in the STEM field."

**–Dominique Nault, MTCC AmeriCorps Leader
Blackfeet Community College**

- 47 AmeriCorps members (19 full-time, 28 part-time college students) engaged in service.
- Three Tribal Nation partners: Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Blackfeet Nation, and Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes.
- 3,800 youth coached in post-secondary access programming.
- 223 Mentor/Mentee matches and 18 college campus visits.
- 93 Mentor/Mentee college student matches.
- 170 veterans' family members served; 75 veterans served; 1 military veteran served as an AmeriCorps Team Member.
- 171 volunteers provided 2,386 hours; estimated economic value \$68,096.
- 20,000 science kits distributed to Montana kids.
- 7,837 pounds of food and hygiene products donated for campus food pantries to help address food insecurity.
- 3 AmeriCorps Leaders hired full time by host sites on completion of service.

MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA: Building Capacity to Address Poverty

While committing to a year-long service term, AmeriCorps VISTAs dedicate their time to promoting educational equity and eliminating poverty through assessing community needs, leveraging local and federal funding, bolstering local initiatives, developing and implementing new programming and curriculum, and expanding resources available to veterans. MTCC's VISTA projects support campus-community partnerships for the benefit of Montanans. A total of 30 Montana college students served as VISTA Summer Associates in six local Montana communities, engaging youth in academic summer programming and combating food insecurity through planning, preparing, and distributing healthy meals. In 2020-2021, twenty-one full-time MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA members served in six communities building capacity through: mentorship programs; establishing K-12 school and college partnerships to promote post-secondary readiness; developing projects to increase retention and completion at Montana Colleges targeted at first-generation, low income, minoritized, and veteran students.

"Knowing I could help kids avoid some of the kinds of turmoil that plague my own life was a very valorizing charge for me."

**–Octavia Jimenez, VISTA Member
UM/ Arlee Rehabilitation Center**

- 21 yearlong VISTAs served with partner and affiliate campuses.
- 30 summer VISTAs served in 7 Montana communities.
- 36,880 individuals benefited from VISTA supported projects.
- 23,866 individuals mentored through MTCC summer programming
- 7,580 service hours performed by 486 VISTA-recruited volunteers.
- 21,306 children and youth served.
- 32 veterans and military family members received assistance.
- 122 nonprofits, schools, colleges, and universities received capacity building services.
- \$134,798 in cash resources leveraged through VISTA efforts.
- 6 VISTAs hired full time by host sites on completion of service.
- 103 organizations increased their efficiency, effectiveness, and reach.
- 5,826 pounds of food and hygiene products donated for campus food pantries to help address food insecurity.

WHO WE ARE

FINANCIALS

2020-21 AFFILIATE CAMPUSES

Blackfeet Community College, Carroll College, Dawson Community College, Flathead Valley Community College, Fort Peck Community College, Helena College UM, Miles Community College, Montana State University Billings, Montana State University Bozeman, Montana State University-Northern, Montana Technological University, Rocky Mountain College, Great Falls College MSU, Little Big Horn College, Salish Kootenai College, The University of Montana, and the University of Montana Western.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Karla Bird, Blackfeet Community College; Seth Bodnar, UM; John Cech, Carroll College; Waded Cruzado, MSU; McCall Flynn, Governor's Office and Montana Board of Public Ed.; Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College; Scott Mickelsen, Dawson Community College; Kathleen O'Leary, MT Dept. of Labor and Industry.

CEO COUNCIL

Sandra Bauman, Helena College UM; Karla Bird, Blackfeet Community College; Seth Bodnar, UM; Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College; John Cech, Carroll College; Les Cook, Montana Technological University; Waded Cruzado, MSU; Haven Gourneau, Fort Peck Community College; Rolf Groseth, MSU Billings; Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College; Greg Kegel, MSU Northern; Scott Mickelsen, Dawson Community College; Ron Slinger, Miles Community College; Beth Weatherby, The University of Montana Western; Bob Wilmouth, Rocky Mountain College; Susan Wolf, Great Falls College MSU; David Yarlott, Little Bighorn College.

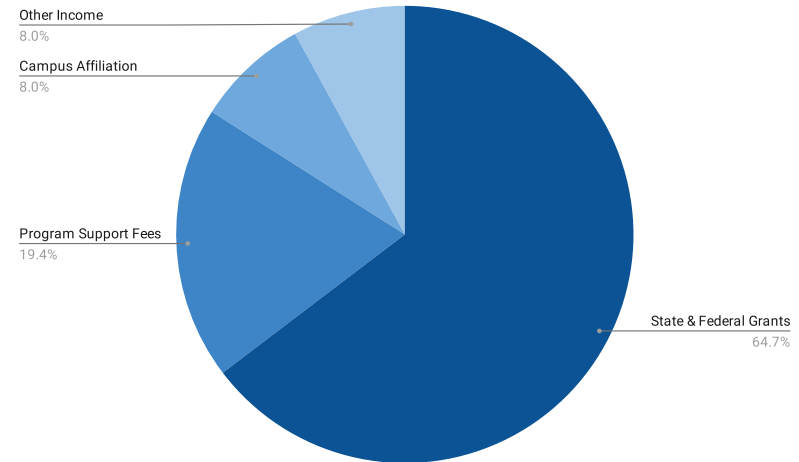
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jennifer Glowienka, Carroll College; Jon Langlois, DCC; Wendy Jeschke, FVCC; Elijah Hopkins, FPCC; Joshua Archey, GFC; Ryan Loomis, Helena College UM; Jade Three Irons, LBHC; Richard DeShields, MCC; Heidi Worley, Molly Lammers and Christa Merzdorf, MSU; Ricardo Sanon and Victoria Pagan, Montana Tech; Pete Buchanan and Holly Jones, MSUB; Corey Kopp and Randy Bachmaier, MSUN; Lisa Wallace, Rocky Mtn College; Ilene Cohen, Montana Western; Katie Wilkins, UM; Dan Durglo, SKC.

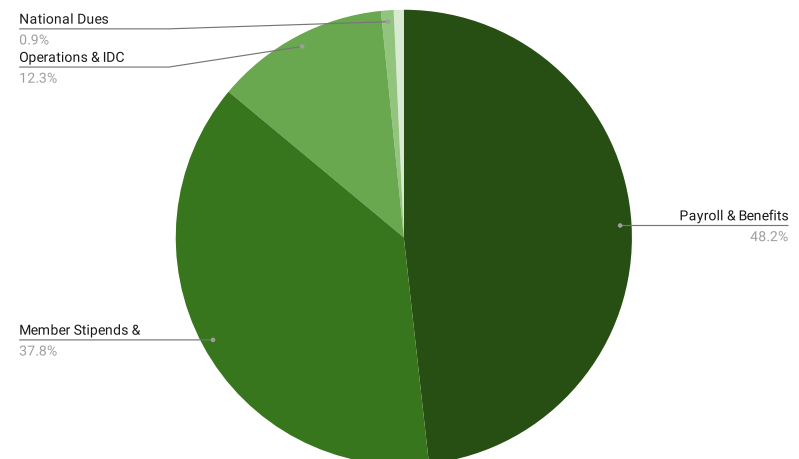
MTCC STAFF & LEADERS

Laurie Berg, AmeriCorps Senior Leader; Pete Buchanan, Operations and Finance Manager; Eli Bowe, Program Specialist; Dannette Fadness, AmeriCorps Manager; Callye Foster VISTA Program Manager; Rachel Keo, Graduate Assistant; Eileen Lambie, VISTA Leader; Kathy Peters, Program Coordinator; Josh Vanek and Andrea Vernon, Executive Director.

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES



Revenue

State & Federal Grants	\$ 518,791
Program Support Fees	155,293
Campus Affiliation Dues	64,364
Other Income & Carried Forward	63,948
Total	\$ 802,396

Expenditures

Payroll & Benefits	\$ 372,753
Member Stipends & Benefits	292,177
Operations & Indirect Costs	95,376
National Dues	6,886
Scholarships	5,500
Total	\$ 772,692

Balance

\$ 29,704

FUNDING PARTNERS

