



*Montana* | **Campus Compact**

# Campus Compact

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## *AY 2013-14 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.*

## AY 13-14 Affiliates



## 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.*

## Strategic Priorities (2011-2014)

### 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 systems for tracking alumni communications.

# About Montana Campus Compact

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# Notes From MTCC's Network Office



*Educating Citizens. Building Communities.* In Montana, it's more than a tag-line, it's part of higher education's fabric. Fall is always an invigorating time for our network office staff, as well as the collective students, staff, faculty and administrators at the institutions that make up the Montana Campus Compact. Our work is about engaging higher education with community and educating students for civic and social responsibility. In Montana this work takes so many shapes, and has so many supporters, that it's truly a unique and special thing to be a part of. Campus Compact is a presidential organization which means that CEOs from across the country sign on with the national and state Campus Compact move-

ment. Understanding Campus Compact, is understanding a diverse coalition of colleges and universities; from tribal colleges, Montana University System campuses, community colleges, and private institutions, all making a collective commitment to improve community life, and educate their students for civic and social responsibility.

The programs offered to this Compact network are a large and arguably the most tangible part of what we *do*. However, the lion's share of the work of "educating citizens and building communities" happens directly from our affiliate campuses, and often without the direct involvement of the network office's staff. We stay very busy and take the charge to provide value to our members incredibly seriously. However, from a practical standpoint, we are lucky to work in a state and region where there is robust support for community engagement, and where *educating students for civic and social responsibility* is increasingly imbedded in curriculum, and in higher education's culture. This report only shares a small portion of the far broader impact that this coalition called the Montana Campus Compact was responsible for. That said, thanks for taking a minute to examine what MTCC accomplished over the past year.

Some final notes:

- We've organized this annual report to align with our strategic priorities for the past year, and to the best of our ability are using this an opportunity to provide details about what we got done;
- One of the shortcomings of this report is that it only captures those impacts and stories that the MTCC network office was specifically involved with;

Thank you again for taking the time to familiarize with MTCC, and don't hesitate to be in touch with any of us.

Best,

Josh Vanek

*MTCC VISTA Krysta Peterson volunteering on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service*



# 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. In 2012, scholarships were made available through a partnership between Student Assistance Foundation, and Montana Campus Compact.

**100** Montana high school graduates received the 2014 YSM scholarship representing **72**

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

**2014 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 for 2014 academic year : \$100,000**



## Newman Civic Fellows



**The 2014 Newman Civic Fellows**

Carroll College ~ Justin Marks, Helena College University of Montana ~ Ryan Pitts, Flathead Valley Community College ~ Mara Menahan, University of Montana ~ Chad Ledbetter, Great Falls College MSU ~ Jessica Lammi, University of Montana Western.

Montana Campus Compact honors Montana students who demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing their communities. Through service, research, and advocacy, Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change.

**This year's Newman Civic Fellows include:**

William (John) Cowles, Montana State University ~ Mattie Walton, Montana State University Billings ~ Alisa Dowling,

# Goal 1: Enhancing our National Leadership

## Montana Athletes in Service

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 recognized the following students at Montana State University on November 23, 2013:



Top left to right: **Taylor Cummings**, Senior, Civil Engineering, Women's Basketball at **Montana State University - Northern**; **Lewis Polkow**, Senior, Secondary Education, Men's Track & Field at **Montana State University-Billings**; **Brian Labbe**, Senior, Elementary Education, Football at **The University of Montana Western**; **Haylee Gallego**, Sophomore, Nursing, Women's Basketball at **Dawson Community College**; **Conner Hausauer**, Junior, Secondary Education, Men's Golf at Carroll College

**Jayde Hair**, Junior, Biology, Volleyball at **Rocky Mountain College**; **Kelsey DeWit**, Senior, Business Management, Women's Basketball at **Montana Tech**; **Andy Austin**, Senior, Psychology, Football at **Montana State University - Bozeman**; **Eva Green**, Junior, Business, Women's Basketball at **Salish Kootenai College**; **Jordan Sullivan**, Senior, Marketing, Women's Basketball at **The University of Montana**

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



Montana Campus Compact was awarded funding and led a five-state region (Montana, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri) in Campus Compact's MLK Collegiate Challenge and Day of Service initiative. This unique event mobilized college students, staff, faculty and administrators to honor the King legacy through service.

**Impacts:** There were a total of 4,550 volunteers mobilized who served 14,573 hours on 124 different projects. Local service projects ranged from diversity-focused

projects, partnerships with schools, food drives, low-income build projects, and city-wide service celebrations.

**Regional partners on MLK Collegiate Challenge:** Truman State University, Rocky Mountain College, Rogers State University, University of Denver, University of Colorado Boulder, Northeastern State University, East Central University, Westminster College, Brookhaven College, Cameron University, Adams State University, and Harris-Stowe State University



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



### MTCC VISTA Impact Snapshot

|                                                         |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of campus-community partnerships developed:      | 24        |
| Number of full-time VISTA members serving in 2013-2014: | 43        |
| Value of cash, grants and in-kind generated:            | \$165,841 |
| College student volunteers recruited:                   | 380       |
| Community volunteers recruited:                         | 1717      |
| Number of veterans served:                              | 201       |
| Number of disadvantaged children and youth served:      | 2675      |

## MTCC VISTA Project Highlights

### Local College Access Network for Ravalli County ~ Bitterroot College



Charles “Roch” Turner, an MTCC VISTA housed with Bitterroot College of the University of Montana, developed an agreement with a local philanthropic organization that resulted in a \$35,000 contribution to the new UM campus scholarship fund. That contribution is expected to increase to \$100,000 as student need increases. Additionally, Roch secured a \$27,000 grant to expand dual enrollment opportunities for Ravalli County high school students.

Roch developed an effective outreach model that has raised awareness of the Bitterroot College, as well as actively recruited for new students. This model was developed with sustainability in mind so that outreach will continue long after his VISTA term ends!



Meet Kelsey Nix. Kelsey served two terms of service as an MTCC VISTA with the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming, from 2012 to 2014. During her terms of service, Kelsey expanded the Discover, Connect, Take Action Project in Billings to include 20+ partners and 650+ girls. Partners included United Way of Yellowstone County, Yellowstone County Boys and Girls Club, Billings YMCA, and the First Tee MT, amongst other local partners. She also worked to recruit 6 Summer VISTA Associates and 10 work study students to help run the program.

In her second year, Kelsey assisted with the expansion of the Discover, Connect, Take Action Project to 5 other sites throughout Montana and Wyoming. This also included helping expand the MTCC partnership to 5 more VISTAs placed with Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming and MTCC affiliates.

After completing her terms, Kelsey was hired by Girl Scouts as a Girl Scout Leadership Experience Manager to implement programs and membership retention goals. She also supervises the new MTCC VISTA on site with Girl Scouts in Billings.

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

### Compact Service Corps



Compact Service Corps is an AmeriCorps program funded by the Corporation for National & Community Service. Students from ten MTCC institutions participated as AmeriCorps members, getting things done for their communities while gaining practical hands-on experience. Compact Service provides incentive for students to serve with schools that receive Title I funding, poor assessment scores, or with high free and reduced lunch numbers. AmeriCorps members additionally serve un-insured, and under insured community members, and provide capacity building services to community nonprofits.



*Great Falls College MSU grad Melissa Wynegar shows her AmeriCorps pride during graduation.*

#### AY 2013-14 Impacts

- **875** Montana college students served as AmeriCorps members;

**7818** K-12 students provided academic enrichment by AmeriCorps members;

Value of AmeriCorps Education Awards reaching Montana college students: **\$618,318\***

Number of hours served by Montana college student AmeriCorps members: **269,740 \*\***

Amount paid to Montana students to receive training and professional development during service:

**\$4,750.08**

*\* as of 11/2014, \*\* Combines 39,515 training and 230,225 direct service hours*



### Martin Luther King Junior Read for Peace



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: **12**; College student volunteers engaged in the event: **32**; Montana schools that hosted an event: **42**; Number of AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers engaged: **33**; Number of Senior Corps volunteers engaged: **76**; Number of AmeriCorps State and National program volunteers: **8**; Total volunteers engaged: **184**; Volunteer hours: **300**; K-3 beneficiaries: **4,519**

# Goal 3: Strengthening MTCC

|  | Youth Serve Montana | Newman Civic Fellows | Montana Athletes in Service | MLK Collegiate Challenge | AmeriCorps* VISTA | Ready Campus | Read for Peace | Compact Service Corps |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Blackfeet Community College</b>                                                |                     |                      |                             |                          | X                 |              |                |                       |
| <b>Carroll College</b>                                                            | X                   | X                    |                             |                          | X                 | X            | X              |                       |
| <b>Dawson Community College</b>                                                   | X                   |                      | X                           |                          |                   |              |                |                       |
| <b>Flathead Valley Community College</b>                                          | X                   | X                    |                             |                          | X                 |              | X              | X                     |
| <b>Fort Peck Community College</b>                                                |                     |                      |                             |                          | X                 |              |                |                       |
| <b>Great Falls College MSU</b>                                                    | X                   |                      |                             |                          |                   |              |                | X                     |
| <b>Helena College University of Montana</b>                                       |                     | X                    |                             |                          | X                 |              | X              | X                     |
| <b>Little Big Horn College</b>                                                    |                     | X                    |                             |                          |                   | X            |                |                       |
| <b>Montana State University Billings</b>                                          | X                   |                      | X                           |                          | X                 |              | X              | X                     |
| <b>Montana State University Bozeman</b>                                           | X                   | X                    | X                           |                          | X                 |              | X              | X                     |
| <b>Montana State University Northern</b>                                          | X                   | X                    | X                           |                          |                   | X            | X              | X                     |
| <b>Montana Tech of The UM</b>                                                     | X                   |                      | X                           |                          | X                 |              | X              | X                     |
| <b>Rocky Mountain College</b>                                                     | X                   |                      | X                           | X                        |                   | X            |                | X                     |
| <b>Salish Kootenai College</b>                                                    | X                   |                      | X                           |                          | X                 |              |                | X                     |
| <b>The University of Montana</b>                                                  | X                   | X                    | X                           |                          | X                 | X            | X              | X                     |
| <b>The University of Montana Western</b>                                          | X                   |                      | X                           |                          | X                 | X            |                | X                     |
| <b>University of Great Falls</b>                                                  |                     | X                    |                             |                          | X                 |              | X              | X                     |

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



### MTCC Alumni Spotlight: Wendy Jeschke

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

*I served as Flathead Valley Community College's Campus Corps leader for 2 years (August 2009 – August 2011). In this capacity, I had the opportunity to work closely with a dedicated team of AmeriCorps members, organize and coordinate monthly service projects, build and maintain relationships with Community Partners, develop civic engagement skills and grow*

*personally and professionally. With a passion for service, this position was a great fit for me.*

**How did your years of service impact your life?**

*Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" and that is exactly what I did during my two terms as an AmeriCorps member. Not only did my service allow me to grow and develop as a leader, but it attached meaning to everything. For example, the importance of reflection really hit home for me. I was always busying volunteering, but very rarely took the time to reflect on my service until AmeriCorps.*



*I discovered a calling for service through the Campus Corps Program. I learned to be confident in my skills and abilities to organize and coordinate large service projects, speak in public, facilitate meetings, and work with diverse people. AmeriCorps was a great stepping stone to where I am today.*

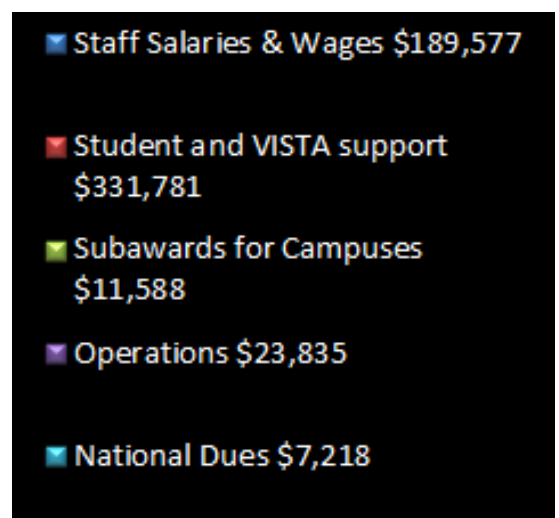
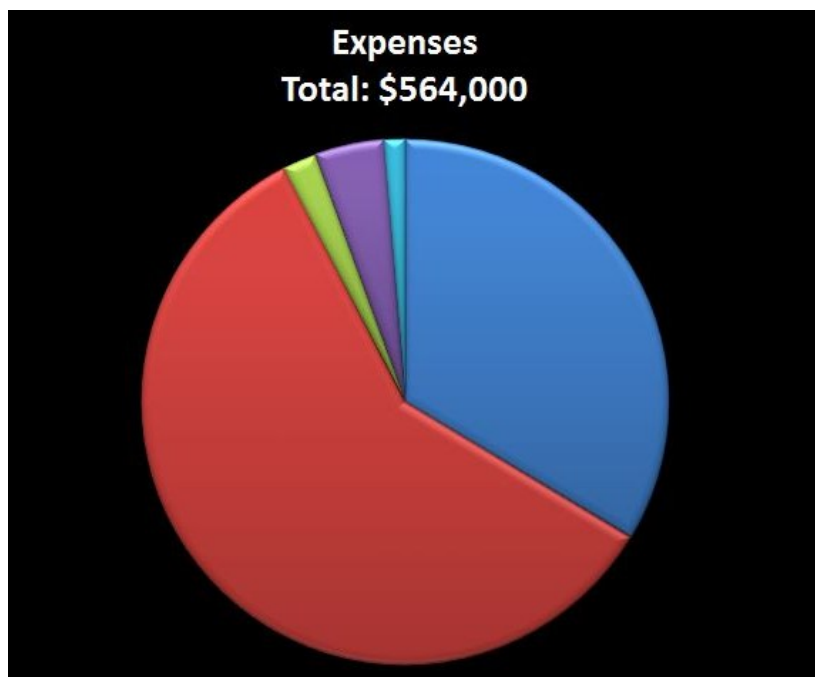
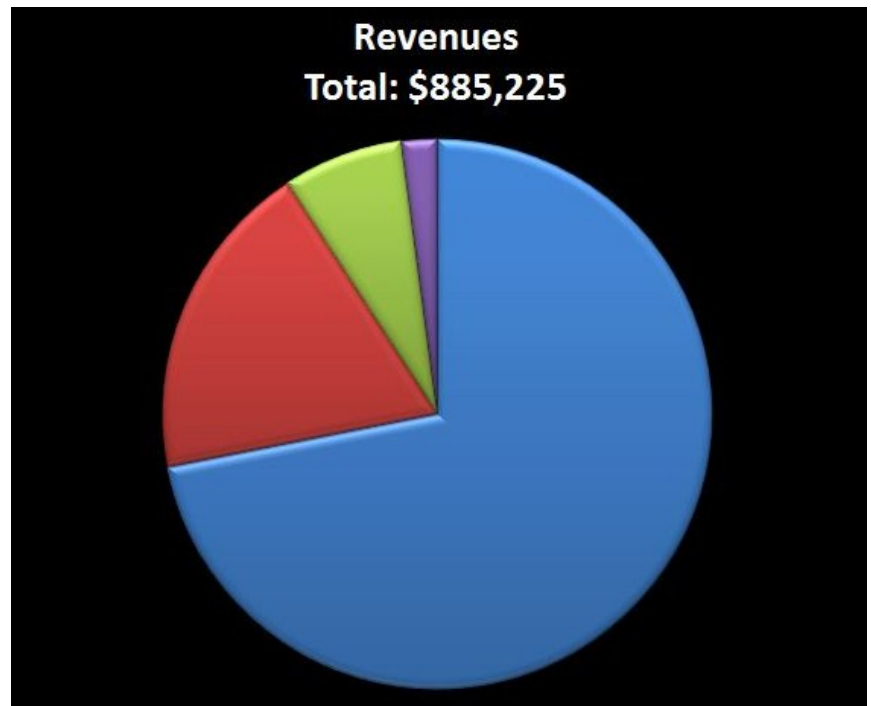
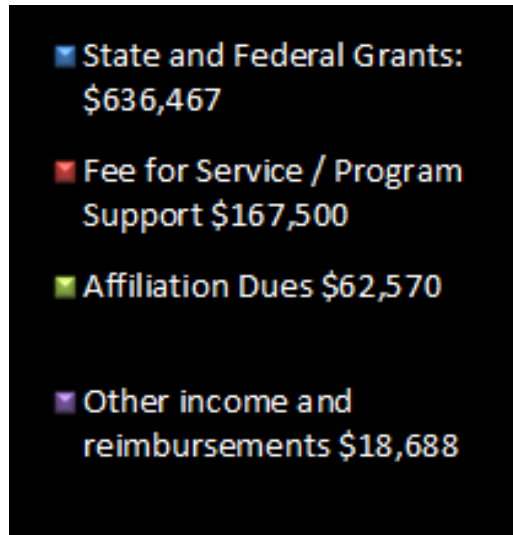
**Where are you now, and in what way are you still involved with civic engagement?**

*Currently, I serve as the Service Learning/AmeriCorps Coordinator at Flathead Valley Community College. I am proud to work at such a distinguished institution and further assist with engaging college students in meeting community identified needs through meaningful service.*



# 2013-2014 Financial Report

## • FY 2014 Budget Highlights



\*Revenues and expenses follow FY14, July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014. Some FY14 revenues were multi-year grants that have carried over into FY15, and which give the incorrect impression of significant reserves.



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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 from Montana State University

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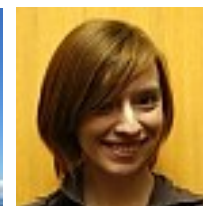


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