



MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT

IMPACT

REPORT
2017-
2018

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 advances the public purposes of colleges and universities to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility. In collaboration with our affiliated campuses and community partners:

- ▶ **WE EMPOWER** students, faculty, and staff to co-create mutually beneficial 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, 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.

INITIATIVES, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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“The cultivation of community-committed leaders has never been more crucial...Our country needs more people who know how to bring communities together for positive change.”

— Andrew Seligsohn, Campus Compact President

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In partnership with MTCC affiliate campuses, Reach Higher Montana, and the Governor's Office of Community Service, 12 students from campuses around the state of Montana were awarded MTCC's 2018 Civic Engagement Scholarship. Each of these students has dedicated significant time and resources to volunteer projects that are positively changing their institutions, communities, and the world, while simultaneously pursuing a degree or certificate.



NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWS



Seven students from MTCC campuses were honored as 2018 Newman Civic Fellows. As part of a cohort of 268 students from around the country, this award recognizes and supports students who have significantly invested in finding solutions to challenges

facing U.S. communities. The fellowship provides learning opportunities focused on skills fellows need in order to serve as effective agents of change in addressing public problems and building equitable communities.

MTCC CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Over the past 25 years, MTCC's campuses have ensured that the public service mission of higher education is intentionally embedded into curriculum, that students are engaged in community as a matter of course, and that faculty help students find relevant, meaningful ways to put their learning to work. Compact campuses statewide have actively sought to work across barriers between public, private, and tribal institutions; have come together to support scholarships for incoming freshmen and continuing students; supported incentives to attract and reward AmeriCorps alums to serve in our state; and created a culture of service that permeates the fabric of higher education in Montana.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR OUR NEXT 25 YEARS?

We believe that now more than ever higher education is critical to sustaining our democracy. As political differences, inequity, and income disparity increasingly divide Americans, Compact institutions offer an alternative model—a way of doing business that starts with the fundamental principal that our collective good as a society must always be at the center of our work. Our work is far from over!



PROGRAM IMPACT OVER 25 YEARS

- ▶ 6,673 AmeriCorps and VISTA members served in Montana
- ▶ 55,569 volunteers recruited for schools and nonprofits
- ▶ 301,539 hours volunteered in Montana communities
- ▶ 127,093 youth served over the past 25 years
- ▶ \$4,607,516 economic impact of volunteer hours*
- ▶ \$11,125,480 Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards used at Montana Universities and Colleges
- ▶ \$13,932,494 grant funds disbursed for MTCC programs

*based on avg hourly rate for volunteer work over past 25 years as reported by independentsector.org

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INITIATIVES (sampling in addition to above)

- MTCC's Community Building Institute and Building Engaged Citizens provided professional development for 122 individuals
- MLK Read for Peace: 4,145 K-12 youth served in 16 participating communities; 221 volunteers served 451 hours
- Montana Athletes in Service: 12 students from 12 institutions honored
- Volunteer of the Game: 6 students from 6 Frontier Conference Campuses honored

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- Youth Serve Montana Scholarships: 94 Montana high school students each awarded \$1000 scholarships to Montana Institutions
- MTCC campuses matched 64 AmeriCorps Ed. Awards with \$62,628

COLLEGE STUDENT VOLUNTEER IMPACT*

- 8,484 Montana students served 211,649 hours of service
- Positive economic impact to state of Montana: \$4.7 million
- Top 5 benefits as ranked by students**
 - Increased communication skills
 - Made a difference in the community
 - Learned or developed skills
 - Met new people
 - Felt needed/valued in the community
- Top 3 community needs being met through student service**
 - Education • Human Services • Healthcare

* From MTCC Student Engagement Survey at 11 Campuses

** Ranked in order of significance

AMERICORPS

DIRECT SERVICE



The MTCC AmeriCorps program increases college access, success, and retention in Montana through dedicated service efforts by AmeriCorps members in K-12 schools, college campuses, and education-centered nonprofits. Together they address the Governor's Goals on Education which calls for an increase in post-secondary degrees from 40% to 60% by 2025.

In the 2017-2018 academic year, 13 full-time AmeriCorps leaders and 66 part-time AmeriCorps team members served first-generation and low-income students in 15 communities across the state. MTCC programs focus on mentoring, afterschool success programs, FAFSA support, and normalizing college-going. Through these activities, members have lasting impacts on the students, families, and communities they serve by helping more students reach for and succeed in post-secondary education.

“It has been amazing to watch him work through his struggles this year and come out successful. When I began working with him he had no plans to go to college, and now he is college bound!”

— MTCC AmeriCorps Team Member

VISTA

INDIRECT SERVICE

“My VISTA year showed me that one of the most impactful things we can do to break the cycle of poverty is to make educational materials accessible to everyone rather than just to those who can afford them.” — NW Literacy Center of Montana 2017-18 VISTA

MTCC places full-time VISTA service members with universities, colleges, schools, and nonprofits throughout Montana. VISTAs help assess community needs, amplify local initiatives, and support long-term solutions to poverty. MTCC also hosts a summer class, placing members in 10-week terms to mitigate summer learning loss, serve summer meals to disadvantaged children, and support veterans services.

In 2017-18, 26 MTCC VISTA members serving in 12 communities established K-12 mentorships and after school programs to help K-12 school success efforts; developed service learning programs in colleges to increase retention and college completion; and created dual enrollment programming between K-12 schools and colleges to encourage college going. Twenty-three summer associates served in six communities, engaging youth in academic summer programming, and planning and preparing healthy meals.



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AMERICORPS

- 13 AmeriCorps Leaders; 66 college student team members
- 16,707 youth and 2,849 tribal members served
- 988 youth were mentored by AmeriCorps members
- 754 students engaged in college access, success, retention programs
- 302 high school students received financial literacy and FAFSA support
- 704 youth visited 6 Montana college campuses
- 15,719 students engaged in AmeriCorps educational programming
- 1,322 college student, youth, and community member volunteers served 8,986 hours

VISTA

- 26 yearlong and 23 summer VISTAs placed across Montana
- 502 college students and 2,759 community volunteers recruited
- 27,322 service hours performed by recruited volunteers
- \$273,987 cash resources leveraged
- 33,305 disadvantaged children and youth served
- 436 veterans served
- 633 organizations received capacity building services
- Yearlong VISTA service members helped initiate ten new programs to help move Montana students out of poverty

WHO WE ARE

OUR CAMPUSES

Blackfeet Community College • Carroll College • Dawson Community College • Flathead Valley Community College • Fort Peck Community College • Helena College UM • Little Big Horn College • Miles Community College • Montana State University • MSU Billings • Great Falls College MSU • MSU Northern • Montana Tech • Rocky Mountain College • Salish Kootenai College • University of Providence • University of Montana • U Montana Western

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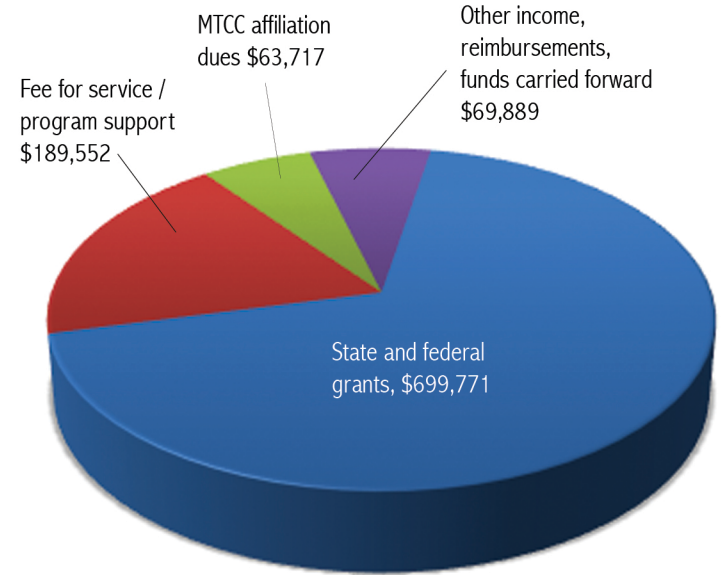
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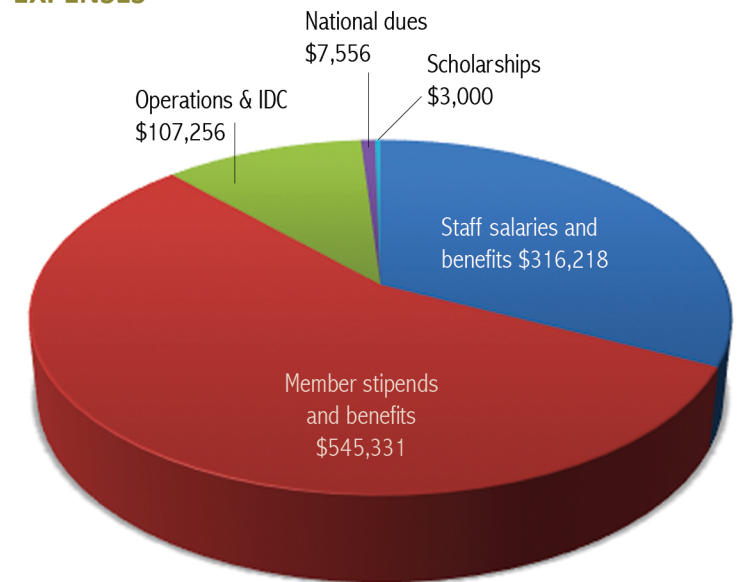


FINANCIALS

REVENUE



EXPENSES



REVENUE

State and Federal Grants	\$ 699,771
Fee for Service/Program Support	\$ 189,552
Compact Affiliation Dues	\$ 63,717
Other income, reimbursement, funds carried forward	\$ 69,889
Revenue Subtotal	\$ 1,022,929

EXPENSES

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 316,218
Member Stipends & Benefits	\$ 545,331
Operations & IDC	\$ 107,256
National Dues	\$ 7,556
Scholarships	\$ 3,000
Expenditures Subtotal	\$ 979,361

BALANCE

\$ 43,568