Why Our Work Matters

We ENGAGE STUDENTS in their communities

We CATALYZE CAMPUSES to meet community needs

We REVITALIZE DEMOCRACY through community engagement

In collaboration with our affiliated campuses, students and communities, Montana Campus Compact serves to advance the public purposes of college and universities to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility.

► WE EMPOWER our students, faculty, staff, and community partners to co-create mutually beneficial partnerships in pursuit of a just, equitable, and sustainable world.

► WE PREPARE our students for lives of engaged citizenship, with the motivation and 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.
MTCC supports students, faculty and communities across Montana with a broad spectrum of programs and awards that encourage and recognize community service and enable service learning professional development. The commitment, relationships and shared sense of purpose we see in our work every day are the building blocks to strengthening our communities and our democracy. Below are a few of MTCC’s achievements in 2016-2017.

**PREPARING & SUPPORTING SERVICE LEARNING**

This year, University of Montana Associate Professor Robin Saha received Campus Compact’s national Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award recognizing his exemplary leadership in advancing student civic learning and fostering campus-community partnerships. Saha has consistently engaged his students in real world environmental problems and connects them with affected communities. His nationally recognized work shed light on the water crisis in Flint, Michigan and has been cited in Fortune Magazine and the Boston Globe. Saha’s work is an outstanding example of mastery in service learning pedagogy.

MTCC provides professional development and service learning training to faculty, staff and administrators across Montana, preparing them to teach service learning classes and support their efforts in establishing community based partnerships. This year MTCC conducted five service learning workshops, engaging 95 faculty from seven colleges and universities. Our affiliate institutions reported teaching 431 service learning and/or community-based courses.

*from MTCC student survey on 8 campuses **Ranked in order of significance

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

In the fall of 2016, seven students from a highly competitive group of applicants were each awarded with a $1000 Civic Engagement Scholarship for performing exceptional service work which is making a meaningful difference in their institutions, communities and the world.

**NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWS**

Eleven students from Montana were selected as Newman Civic Fellows, among a national cohort of 273 students from Campus Compact’s affiliate institutions. These student civic leaders were nominated by their campus CEO for their investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the world. The fellowship provides them with access to exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BENEFITS**

- 6,021 Montana students served 214,054 hours of service
- Positive economic impact to state of Montana: $4.5 million
- Top 5 benefits as ranked by students**
  - Increased communication skills
  - Met new people
  - Learned or developed skills
  - Made a difference in the community
  - Enhanced resume/gained professional experience
- Top 3 community needs being met through student service**
  - Education • Human Services • Healthcare

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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

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**INITIATIVES (sampling in addition to above)**

- MTCC’s Community Building Institute and Building Engaged Citizens trainings provided professional development for 95 individuals
- MLK Read for Peace: Over 4,000 K-12 youth served in 11 participating communities; 129 volunteers recruited who served 215 hours
- Montana Athletes in Service: 12 students from 12 institutions honored
- Volunteer of the Game: 6 students from 6 Frontier Conference Campuses

**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS (additional sampling)**

- Youth Serve Montana Scholarships: 100 Montana high school students each awarded $1000 scholarships to Montana Institutions
- Affiliate campuses matched 64 AmeriCorps Education Awards with $62,517

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The MTCC AmeriCorps program increases college access and success for Montanans by placing full-time AmeriCorps members in K-12 schools, college campuses and non-profits. Leaders recruit students from their campuses to be part-time AmeriCorps team members. AmeriCorps members use a wide variety of programming that aligns with the Governor’s Goals on Education, calling for an increase in post-secondary degrees and credentials from 40% in 2014 to 60% in 2025.

In 2016-17, members served K-12 first generation and low income students in 15 communities. Innovative programming included academic mentoring, afterschool student success programs, FAFSA support and normalizing college going. Members leave lasting impacts on students, families and communities by helping students reach for and succeed in post-secondary education – an essential building block for higher paying careers.

“I saw a change in understanding in myself and the students I mentored. Listening and learning their perspectives on higher education helped me to understand the barriers. I was glad to show them college is an obtainable goal.”

— AmeriCorps Member, College Access Program, BCC

MTCC VISTA places full-time members with colleges, universities, 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 Associate class placing members in ten-week terms to mitigate summer learning loss, serve summer meals to disadvantaged children and support veterans services.

In 2016-17, 23 MTCC VISTA members served in 11 communities establishing mentorship programs, developing partnerships between K-12 schools and colleges to encourage college going, and building Native American and Veteran support services in Montana colleges to help with retention and completion. Forty-two Summer Associates served in 7 communities, engaging youth in academic summer programming and planning and preparing healthy meals.

A M E R I C O R P S

- 10 AmeriCorps Leaders; 43 college student team members
- 2,387 youth and 1,583 tribal members served
- 275 long-term mentor matches; 1,548 short-term mentor matches
- 335 youth engaged in comprehensive college access programs
- 117 high school students received FAFSA support
- 432 youth participated in college campus visits
- 291 students engaged in financial literacy training
- 5,350 youth engaged in summer programming
- 188 college student volunteers served 625 hours
- 220 K-12 youth volunteers served 523 hours
- 622 community volunteers served 7,456 hours

V I S T A

- 28 yearlong and 42 summer VISTAs placed across Montana
- 1,439 community volunteers recruited
- 374 college students recruited
- 14,841 service hours performed by recruited volunteers
- $117,755 cash resources leveraged
- 20,884 disadvantaged children and youth served
- 436 veterans served
- 84 active duty military members and families served
- 380 organizations received capacity building services
- 43 new programs created to increase K-12 completion and college access and success
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 • Rocky Mountain College • Salish Kootenai College • University of Providence • University of Montana • Montana Tech

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WHO WE ARE

FINANCIALS

REVENUE

OPERATIONS & IDC $153,031
State and federal grants $647,613
MTCC affiliation dues $59,227
Fee for service / program support $224,030
Other income, reimbursements, funds carried forward $66,663

REVENUE SUBTOTAL $997,503

EXPENSES

Staff salaries and benefits $329,945
Member stipends and benefits $464,286
Operations & IDC $153,031
National Dues $7,556
Scholarships $3,500
Other income, reimbursement, funds carried forward $66,663

EXPENSES SUBTOTAL $958,318

BALANCE $39,185

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