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Dear MTCC,

Congratulations on another successful academic year! We hope that you'll take a look at the news, events, and opportunities available to you in this newsletter.

For more regular updates and happenings around our network and in your community, please take a moment to "like" MTCC on Facebook by clicking [here](#).

This month we say goodbye to Brian Christianson who is transitioning from MTCC to the Flagship Program in Missoula, Montana. Brian has served the network exceptionally well. His talents, sense of humor, and warm spirit will be missed.

Announcements

- After fifteen years of service, executive director Dean McGovern will be leaving MTCC in August. Dean has accepted a faculty post and will serve as director of the Bennion Center for Public Service at the University of Utah. The MTCC board of directors will begin a search for its next executive director shortly.
- Montana Campus Compact awarded AmeriCorps VISTA grant for FY15. [Read more.](#)
- MTCC awards 100 service scholarships with Student Assistance Foundation and Governor's Office of Community Service. [Read more.](#)
- MTCC is preparing for a Disaster Institute in the fall of 2014. [Read more.](#)
- Campus Compact names new National [President](#).
- Nook named MSU Billings [Chancellor](#).

I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.
Rabindranath Tagore

Events

- 2014 Heartland Conference request for [Proposals](#).
- Call for [Chapters & Reviewers](#) for the 2015 Volume of "Advances in Service-Learning Research" due July 15, 2014.
- June 23, 14 - New York Campus Compact: Engagement [Academy](#) 2014.
- July 14, 14 - CWI's Summer EAST Institute on Service [Learning](#).
- July 28, 14 - CWI's Summer WEST Institute on Service [Learning](#).
- August 15, 14 - The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual [Meeting](#).
- October 15, 14 - 2014 Eastern Region Campus Compact [Conference](#)
- October 19, 14 - 2014 Assessment [Institute](#)
- October 24, 14 - Midwest Service Leaders [Conference](#)

Program Updates

Ready Campus Disaster Institute being held at Rocky Mountain College. MTCC will host a [Ready Campus](#) Disaster Institute at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT in October 2014. Participants will include faculty, staff and students from MTCC institutions, as well as American Red Cross volunteers, Montana Department of Emergency Services personnel and the public. For more information, call or [email](#) MTCC.



Martin Luther King Jr. Semester of Service
This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Semester of Service recently wrapped up with 12 great projects across Montana and the Southwest Region. MTCC, worked with Wisconsin Campus Compact and the Corporation for National and Community Service to fund twelve excellent projects, including MTCC's Read For Peace Initiative, Rocky Mountain College's

semester of service, and projects with Adams State University, The University of Colorado Boulder, and the University of Denver.

MTCC's July '13-'14 Members Close Service

We closed out another great group of MTCC VISTAs last week at this year's July VISTA Close of Service. It was great to hear how everyone's projects came to life, their successes, struggles, and accomplishments as well as their next steps in life; some

are staying on with their projects, others are going on to graduate school, and some are taking some time to travel. We were also able to help out [Bitterroot Land Trust](#) with a service project by removing fencing around newly developing trees and removal of noxious weeds. Check them out - It is a great cause.



MTCC Welcomes New Class of VISTA Summer Associates.

This June MTCC brought on four VISTA Summer Associates. These amazing individuals are working with the Girls Scouts of Montana and Wyoming to help prevent summer learning loss, by supporting Girl Scouts in their summer programming in Great Falls and Missoula. VISTA summer associates will serve alongside current MTCC VISTA members, including the duo of sisters Krysta and Elizabeth Peterson in Missoula, and MSU-Northern nursing instructor Tomonica Clark, serving in Great Falls.

MTCC Recruiting VISTAs to Begin Service in July 2014

We are closing in on completing our July recruitment. Currently we have placed twelve of seventeen VISTAS with great projects such as a University of Montana Financial Literacy project, a continuation of the partnership projects between Montana State University and the Children's Museum of Bozeman and Montana Afterschool Alliance. Open MTCC VISTA positions can be viewed [here](#). Please help spread the word about the great projects in Kalispell, Browning, Butte, Miles City and more.



Thanks for spending some time reading about MTCC activities. As always, if you have something that you would like to learn more about or something that you would like see included in future issues of our newsletter, please contact us. We enjoy hearing from you.



Dean McGovern,
Executive Director

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McGovern'.

Dean McGovern
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