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Montana Campus Compact would like to welcome you back to your campus and community for the fall semester 2013. Across the MTCC network we are excited to begin another academic year of service and civic engagement. Montana's colleges and universities are poised for deep, reflective, impactful projects and activities that will improve community life and educate students for their civic and social responsibilities. A new class of MTCC VISTAs has started its year-long term of service. MTCC is awarding mini-grants for 9/11 Service projects. This winter, MTCC will be supporting MLK Day of Service projects throughout the state. Ready Campus trainings for faculty, students, and staff, will take place this fall. Hundreds of Compact Service Corps members will be getting things done around the state this year. We welcome 84 new freshman, armed with Youth Serve Scholarships, to MTCC campuses this semester. And, in November, we look forward to recognizing outstanding student-athletes with the Montana Athletes in Service Award.

Announcements

- Funds Available for September 11th Day of Service. Program coordinators, project partners and active VISTA members are encouraged to submit a [Funding Request Form](#) on behalf of their host institution.
- MTCC is Seeking AmeriCorps VISTA Host Sites for the January 2014-15 class. [Apply Now!](#)
- MTCC Board Chair Jane Karas is in the news - Flathead Valley Community College president Jane Karas is MTCC board chair, and a former board member for Campus Compact nationally. She has recently published this [piece](#) about engaging veterans for the American Association of Community Colleges.
- MTCC Is Hiring! MTCC will be opening recruitment for a training specialist soon, please keep an eye on mtcompact.org for the full announcement.
- Montana Commission on Community Service Accepting Nominees. Apply [here](#) if you're interested in serving with the Commission on Community Service.

Visit our [website](#) for more announcements

Conferences/Webinars/Events

- Join us for our 11th annual [Garden City Triathlon](#) as a racer or a volunteer.

- AmeriCorps 20 Year Anniversary - September 20th, 2013 marks the start of the year-long celebration of the Founding of the AmeriCorps programs in 1993. Check out their guidance [document](#) for more information on how to engage community members with AmeriCorps programs.
- September 19-20 - Campus Compact Heartland [Conference](#).
- National Voter Registration [Day](#) is September 24, 2013. Get your campuses involved.
- October 2-4. Montana Nonprofit Association [conference](#).
- October 11-12 The first [Conference](#) of the American Indigenous Research Association.
- October 23-25 Annual Eastern Region Campus Compact [Conference](#).
- Coming Soon: Online Carnegie Classification Community. This learning community was developed from suggestions originating in the Engaged Campus workgroup. For more information, please contact Amanda Wittman
- Save the Date - April 2-4, 2014 Continuums of Service [Conference](#).



Kirsten Towgood, program assessment specialist for the Compact Service Corps program, recently bade farewell to the Campus Compact network, accepting a position with the University of Montana's Drama Dance department. Kirsten led an impact assessment project covering two years of Compact Service Corps operations.

CSC was recently nominated for a 2013 Service Impact Award, read the submission [here](#).

CSC's Evaluation: a draft version of the 2011-13 Compact Service Corps Impact Evaluation was recently completed. The evaluation looks at community, member and campus impacts, examining the program's strengths and weaknesses and making suggestions for the program's future work. The complete evaluation will be peer reviewed and released in the fall of 2013.

CSC released information on the Training Ground grant, the Clinton Global Initiative University -which offers a full scholarship to CSC AmeriCorps members accepted to the program- and Coordinator Training Events offered through the year and Careers in the Common Good Scholarships for participants. Information on these initiatives can be found on the program's [website](#).

Ready Campus

With funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service, MTCC is supporting a robust set of September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance projects across the Northern Rockies and Great Plains.

VISTA

Welcome our new VISTA leader, Liz Higgins. Liz spent her first year of service as a VISTA at Great Falls College MSU in Great Falls, MT. Her task was to establish a campus garden to allow students to volunteer and raise fresh garden produce for the on-site campus food pantry.



Through the support of students, staff, and the community, they were able to collect donations and build a garden to serve the campus community. The project was integrated into the campus food pantry and is now managed by Great Falls College Student

Government.

In July of 2013, MTCC welcomed 13 new AmeriCorps VISTA members to the team. All of the new members are assigned to projects within the education sector: K-12 success (graduation programs),

college access and success. We could not be more thrilled with the caliber of our new members and the projects that they have committed to! From developing college access mentor programs for high school students to creating strategies for

re-engaging college students that have dropped out to developing tutoring programs, these MTCC VISTAs are hard at work improving educational outcomes for Montanans. Through campus-community partnerships driven by passionate, driven MTCC VISTAS, there is no end to the possibilities!

MTCC welcomes several new VISTA project partners: Montana State University - Office of Student Success, Office of Public Instruction, Montana College Access Network, Children's Museum of Bozeman, and Bozeman High School.

This summer, more than 40 participants are participating in the 'Community Building Institute Training Series', a six part webinar series covering a community building framework that leads to community-driven, sustainable change. MTCC has been offering the training series to AmeriCorps State/National and AmeriCorps VISTA members over the last two years. Based on statewide interest in the training, MTCC is looking at expanding the training series to broader audiences.



July 2013 AmeriCorps VISTA members

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.

Yours in Service,

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

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