



MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT

IMPACT REPORT 2018- 2019

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 is a higher education network that 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 community 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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STUDENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

A generous donation from the family of the late George M. Dennison, MTCC's co-founder and the longest serving University of Montana president, prompted the MTCC Board to rename the scholarship the George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship. Known for his tireless record of service, the scholarship honors his vision which reminds us that we are better together, that we should strive to find common ground across political divides, and that the core purpose of an education is to serve the public good. In 2019 scholarships were awarded to ten exemplary Montana college students who, like George, have made noticeable positive differences in the communities where they live.



MTCC is grateful for the donation in support of these scholarships from Jane Dennison and sons, Rick and Robert Dennison, and their families.

NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWS

Eight students from MTCC campuses were honored as Newman Civic Fellows. As part of a cohort of 262 students from around the US, this award recognizes and supports students who have significantly invested in finding solutions to challenges facing Montana communities. The fellowship provides learning opportunities focused on skills fellows need in order to serve as effective agents of change.



“ It is now clear to me that I possess the power to bring about effective change, regardless of my age. Because of this class I know that I am something and I stand for something. ”

— Service Learning Student

SERVICE LEARNING = STUDENT SUCCESS

Recent UM survey data shows the following increased retention and graduation rates for service learning students versus non-SL students:

26% Increased retention rate after two years for students who participated in service learning

12% Increased graduation rate for students who participated in a service learning class

15% Increased combined retention and graduation rate for service learning students versus the campus as a whole.

ENGAGED SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

MTCC, in tandem with the national Compact office and other Western Region Compacts, established the Western Region Engaged Scholars Initiative. ESI aims to develop, support, and connect Compact institution faculty and staff who can advance co-created knowledge, critically engaged pedagogies, models of institutional change, and collaborative action to addresses societal issues. The inaugural class of 13 scholars from Montana, Colorado, and California was selected. To learn more visit Western.Compact.org/ESI.



I M P A C T

INITIATIVES (sampling in addition to above)

- MTCC's Community Building Institute and Building Engaged Citizens Trainings provided professional development for 86 individuals
- MLK Read for Peace: 4,250 K-12 youth participated in 12 communities; 200 volunteers served 238 hours
- Montana Athletes in Service: 14 students from 14 institutions honored
- Volunteer of the Game: 6 students from 6 Frontier College Conference Campuses honored

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- Youth Serve Montana Scholarships: 100 Montana high school students each awarded \$1000 scholarships to Montana Institutions

COLLEGE STUDENT VOLUNTEER IMPACT*

- 5,225 Montana students served 130,474 hours of service
- Positive economic impact to state of Montana: \$3.3 million**
- Top 5 Benefits of Community Engagement as ranked by Students:
 - Met new people
 - Made a difference in the community
 - Increased communication skills
 - Learned new skills
 - Felt needed/valued in the community
- Top 4 community needs being met through student service***
 - Education • Human Services • Environment • Healthcare

* From MTCC Student Engagement Survey at 11 Campuses

** IndependentSector.org ***Ranked in order of significance

VISTA

INDIRECT SERVICE



MTCC places full-time VISTA members with colleges, universities, schools and nonprofits throughout Montana to help assess community needs, amplify local initiatives, and support long-term solutions to poverty through education. MTCC also places summer members in ten-week programs to mitigate summer learning loss, serve summer meals to disadvantaged children and support veterans services.

In 2018-19, 15 MTCC VISTAs served with colleges and universities establishing college readiness programs within K-12 schools, creating food pantries to address student food insecurity, and developing partnerships with Montana nonprofits to support college access and success. VISTA members also served in communities across Montana 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. Twenty-four VISTAs served youth in academic summer programming.

“By spring break, all 29 seniors had been admitted to a community college or university...With the support of programs like MTCC cheering for higher education, countless students across Montana will be encouraged to make their dreams into realities.” — MTCC VISTA Member



AMERICORPS

DIRECT SERVICE

“Many of our students are growing immensely as confident people. We have seen tremendous personal growth and a drive in many students to succeed and see themselves going to college.”

— MTCC AmeriCorps Team Member

The MTCC AmeriCorps program supports K-12 academic success and college access across Montana communities. Dedicated AmeriCorps members serve at K-12 schools, college campuses, and education-centered nonprofits, reaching thousands of Montana students each year. Together, MTCC AmeriCorps members address the Governor’s Goals on Education, which calls for an increase in post-secondary degrees from 40% to 60% by 2025.

In 2018-2019, 13 full-time AmeriCorps Leaders and 57 part-time AmeriCorps Team Members served first-generation and low-income students in 20+ communities and 6 campuses across the state. Fifty-two members served while pursuing college degrees, and earned Education Awards to support their continued enrollment. All members served in programs that focus on academic mentoring and success, and normalizing college-going. Through these activities, MTCC AmeriCorps has a lasting impact on K-12 students across Montana by helping them reach for, and succeed in, accessing post-secondary education.



I M P A C T

VISTA

- 15 VISTAs served at MTCC Affiliate Campuses
- 22 yearlong and 24 summer VISTAs served across Montana
- 1,029 youth and 18 veterans served by college readiness programs
- 232 college students recruited for college readiness programs
- 904 community volunteers recruited
- 4,739 service hours performed by recruited volunteers
- 6,188 disadvantaged children and youth served
- 112 nonprofits, schools, colleges and universities received capacity building services
- \$317,504 cash resources leveraged

AMERICORPS

- 13 AmeriCorps Leaders, 57 AmeriCorps Team Members
- 14,236 youth and 2,887 tribal members served
- 291 youth mentored by AmeriCorps members
- 955 K-12 students were coached in post-secondary access
- 1,242 K-12 students participated in 54 Campus Tours
- 47 high school students received FAFSA support
- 530 K-12 students engaged in 45 career planning sessions
- 377 college students volunteered 2,658 hours in MTCC AmeriCorps programs

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 • University of Montana Western

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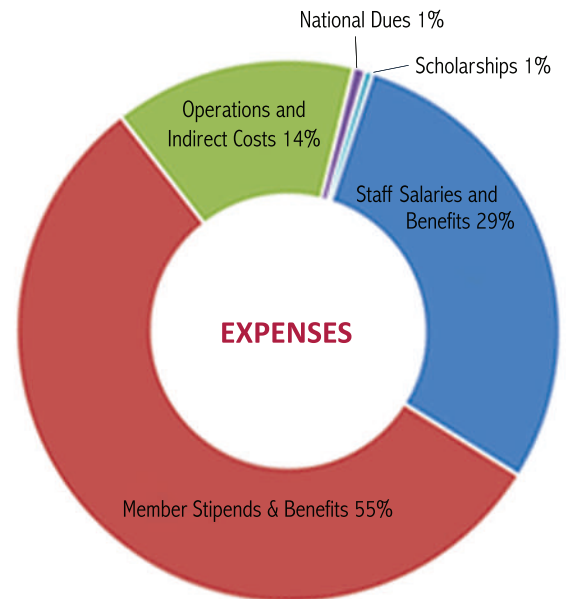
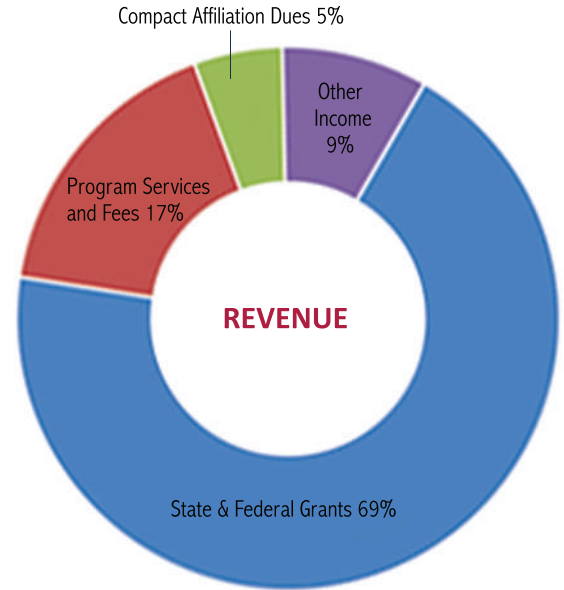
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FUNDING PARTNERS



FINANCIALS



REVENUE

State and Federal Grants	\$ 778,022
Fee for Service/Program Support	\$ 190,997
Compact Affiliation Dues	\$ 59,485
Other Income, Reimbursement, Funds Carried Forward	\$ 97,940
Revenue Subtotal	\$ 1,126,444

EXPENSES

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 314,941
Member Stipends & Benefits	\$ 606,084
Operations & IDC	\$ 157,435
National Dues	\$ 7,681
Scholarships	\$ 5,000
Expenditures Subtotal	\$ 1,091,140

BALANCE

\$ 35,304