



MONTANA CAMPUS COMPACT

# IMPACT **REPORT** 2021-2022

## 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 (MTCC) is a CEO-led network of colleges and universities that collectively work to advance the public purposes of higher education to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility. Together, as campuses united behind this joint mission:

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*We empower students, faculty, and staff to co-create reciprocal 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, listen, act, and lead in pursuit of the public good;*

*We embrace our responsibilities to contribute to the economic, social, environmental, educational, and political health of our communities .*



# MTCC HIGHLIGHTS 2021-2022



2021-2022 MTCC  
AmeriCorps College Coaches

During the 2021-22 academic year, Montana's higher education institutions continued to adapt and respond to the changing needs of their students and communities. From food pantries to mental health offerings and opportunities for students to participate in community life, express their identities, volunteer in the community, and more, Montana's higher education community continued to rise to the challenges. For Campus Compact, this meant collaborative work to connect across distance and learn from peers. In the spring of 2022, we convened our Advisory Committee in-person at MSU Bozeman where the group heard from leaders like Flathead Valley Community College's Gerda Reeb and MSU's Marianne Brough among many others. Our AmeriCorps programs continued to thrive, supported by a dedicated and resourceful staff who worked to ensure that members and partners were well-supported and that programs remained responsive and focused to pressing campus and community needs.

## Responsive Leadership

With inflation hitting a forty year high, the last academic year was an unprecedented time for housing, rental and grocery costs and the ability of many college students and AmeriCorps members to make ends meet was challenged at nearly every turn. The Compact board and staff worked comprehensively across our AmeriCorps and VISTA programs and the Youth Serve Montana scholarship to find solutions to the increasing needs of

our most significant stakeholders. We are proud of the tangible results achieved through these efforts. With the support of the Montana Commission on Community Service, Campus Compact secured an additional \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to provide increased living allowances to participants and better meet the needs of AmeriCorps members and the campuses and communities that host them. The Campus Compact board and staff worked closely with Reach Higher Montana and the Governor's Office of Community Service to permanently increase the value of Youth Serve Montana Scholarships, arriving at \$1500 and \$1000 tiers. Our staff continues to advance work to ensure that we increase support for college students, AmeriCorps members, and community partners.

## Student Awards, Programs, and Scholarships

### George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship:

15 students awarded \$1,000 each

### Montana Athletes In Service:

14 student recipients recognized at the Brawl of the Wild

### Montana Student Volunteer Awards:

12 student recipients

### Newman Civic Fellowship:

5 students honored

### Youth Serve MT Scholarships:

83 incoming freshmen awarded \$1,200 each

## MTCC AmeriCorps Teams

### Improving Access to Higher Education

During 2021-22 MTCC AmeriCorps members coached and mentored over 4,000 first-generation and low-income Montana students and supported their post-secondary and career journeys. These amazing AmeriCorps members identified barriers to success and supported students in overcoming them, generating nearly \$900,000 in scholarships and awards in the process. These efforts fostered new relationships with both the students and local community members using a wide range of evidence-based initiatives. These included: youth-focused out-of-school time activities; food insecurity alleviation; college application nights; FAFSA workshops; STEM career exploration; and college and career planning. In addition MTCC AmeriCorps members recruited nearly 600 community volunteers to mentor students and grow the capacity of their campuses and schools.



*"At the James Welch Native Lit Festival, students were given an opportunity to share how the event had impacted them in front of a large audience. One of my students stood up and, with tears in his eyes, said he saw himself reflected in the stories of the authors and found renewed faith that he could accomplish anything in life." - Katey Funderburgh*

## AmeriCorps Impacts

- 68 AmeriCorps members (19 full-time, 49 part-time college students) engaged in service
- 4,503 youth coached in postsecondary attainment
- 97 mentor/mentee junior and senior high school student matches
- \$893,250 in scholarships awarded to mentees
- 579 volunteers provided 2,154 hours; estimated economic value of \$54,345.42
- 3,151.60 lbs of food and hygiene products donated for campus food pantries
- 481 military veterans served; 257 veterans' family members served

## MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA

### Building Capacity to Address Poverty

VISTA, or Volunteers In Service To America, is a legacy national service program whose members sustainably address poverty. Fourteen full-time MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA members committed to a year-long service term in six communities, building capacity through mentoring programs; establishing K-12-college partnerships supporting post-secondary readiness and transitions; and developing projects to increase retention and completion at Montana colleges. VISTAs served first-generation, low income, minoritized, and student veterans. The program also hosted Fourteen college student VISTA Summer Associates in six local communities. Summer Associate VISTA members addressed learning loss and food security for youth and their families, and served approximately 5,600 individuals across the state.



*"Over a hundred community volunteers showed up (at the University United Food Friday), and together we packaged over 90,000 non-perishable meals to be distributed through Missoula Food Bank's EmPower Pack nutrition program. There was a lot of energy in the room and music playing; the football team was there, along with UM's President Seth Bodnar." - Hilary Rosa*

## VISTA Impacts

- 435 community volunteers recruited
- 5,182 hours of community service by recruited community volunteers
- \$140,131.00 dollar value of cash resources or in-kind donations leveraged
- 5,586 individuals served through the VISTA Summer Associate program
- 1,447 veterans and military families served
- 4,800 disadvantaged youth served
- 60 organizations increased their efficiency, effectiveness, and/or reach

# WHO WE ARE

# FINANCIALS

## 2022-23 Affiliate Campuses

Blackfeet Community College, Carroll College, Dawson Community College, Flathead Valley Community College, Fort Peck Community College, Helena College UM, Miles Community College, Montana State University Billings, Montana State University Bozeman, Montana State University-Northern, Montana Technological University, Great Falls College MSU, Little Big Horn College, Salish Kootenai College, The University of Montana, and the University of Montana Western.

## Executive Board

Karla Bird, Blackfeet Community College; Seth Bodnar, UM; John Cech, Carroll College; Waded Cruzado, MSU; McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Ed.; Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College; ; Kathleen O'Leary, Dawson Community College.

## CEO Council

Sandra Bauman, Helena College UM; Karla Bird, Blackfeet Community College; Seth Bodnar, UM; Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College; John Cech, Carroll College; Les Cook, Montana Technological University; Waded Cruzado, MSU; Haven Gourneau, Fort Peck Community College; Stefani Hicswa, MSU Billings; Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College; Greg Kegel, MSU Northern; Kathleen O'Leary and Justin Villmer, Dawson Community College; Ron Slinger, Miles Community College; Mike Reid, The University of Montana Western; Stephanie Erdmann, Great Falls College MSU; David Yarlott, Little Bighorn College.

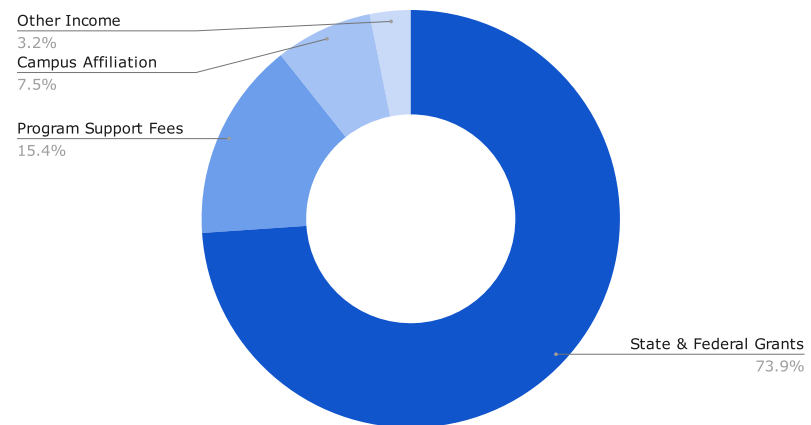
## Advisory Committee

Kim Barrows, Aaniiih Nakoda College; Elaine Little Plume, Blackfeet Community College; Laurie Rodriguez, Amy Honchell and Jennifer Glowienka, Carroll College; Justin Beach, Dawson Community College; Wendy Jeschke (chair), Flathead Valley Community College; Olivia Headdress, Fort Peck Community College; Joshua Archey, Great Falls College MSU; Emily Schuff, Helena College; Jade Three Irons, Little Big Horn College; Richard DeShields, Miles Community College; Kim Cleary and Christa Merzdorf, Montana State University; Jodie DeLay, Montana Technological University; Bethany Hauer, Montana Western; Holly Jones and Brandee Soens, MSU Billings; Randy Bachmeier and Corey Kopp, MSU Northern; Dan Durglo, Salish Kootenai College; and Emily Lynch (vice chair), University of Montana.

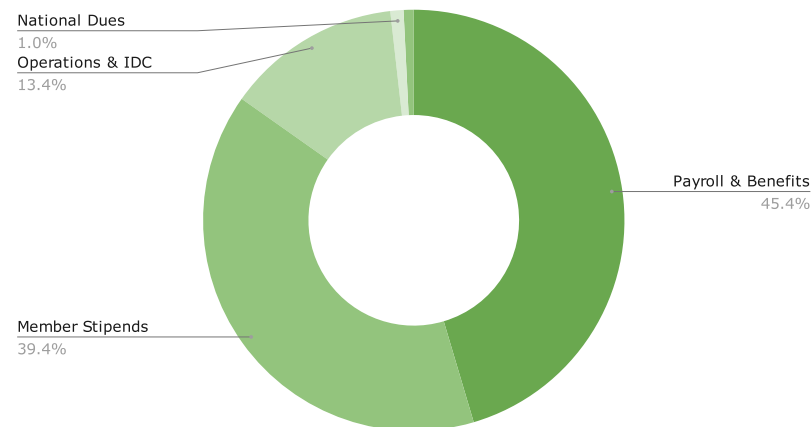
## MTCC Staff & Leaders

Eli Bowe, VISTA Program Specialist; Pete Buchanan, Operations and Finance Manager; Carson Brandt, Brianna Daniels, Josey Diaz, and Jaiden Stansberry, Student Staff; Dannette Fadness, AmeriCorps Program Director; Juniper Fadness, AmeriCorps Program Specialist; Callye Foster, VISTA Program Director; Joshua Hattabaugh, Graduate Assistant; Maura Jones, Program Specialist; Emily McMath, AmeriCorps Senior Leader; and Josh Vanek, Executive Director.

## REVENUE



## EXPENDITURES



### REVENUE

State & Federal Grants	626,339
Program Support Fees	130,535
Campus Affiliation Dues	63,717
Other Income & Carried Forward	26,731
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 847,322</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Payroll & Benefits	322,302
Member Stipends	279,564
Operations & Indirect Costs	95,323
National Dues	7,173
Scholarships	5,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 709,862</b>

### BALANCE

**\$ 137,460**

**MTCC's economic impact** includes items leveraged via the network, but not listed in this budget. Additional items are: \$380,000 in AmeriCorps Education Awards for participants, \$100,000 in Youth Serve Montana Scholarships, campus matches for George M. Dennison Scholarships and AmeriCorps Education Awards.

## OUR PARTNERS

