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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agenda-at-a-Glance

Wednesday, March 4 at Carroll College	
10a-1130a	Commission on Community Service Meeting, <i>Carroll College</i>
1130a-1245p	Attendee Arrival & Service Project check in, <i>Carroll College</i> Training for <i>Doorsteps to Kid Packs</i> leaders: <i>Carroll College, O'Connell Hall Room 107</i>
1p	Doorsteps to Kid Packs: Citywide Food Drive Please dress appropriately for the weather! <i>First Lady Lisa Bullock & Bruce Day, Executive Director, HFS, Carroll College Cube, STAC Dining Hall</i>
5p-6p	Service Project Reflection & Pizza, <i>Carroll College Cube, STAC Dining Hall</i>
Thursday, March 5 at Carroll College	
730a	Attendee Arrival & Registration check in, <i>Carroll College</i>
830a	Welcome and Opening: Dan Ritter, <i>Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Service.</i> Campus Welcome: John Cech, President, <i>Carroll College</i>
9a-930a	Morning Plenary Chester Spellman, CNCS, Director of AmeriCorps
930a-10a	<i>Break with refreshments</i>
10a-1115p	Regional Networking facilitated by Claudia, <i>Energy Corps & Everett, MTCC</i>
1130p-1245p	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
1245p-145p	Lunch at <i>Carroll College, Dining Hall</i>
145p-245p	Tribal Plenary Messages from Medicine Wheel Country, Shane Doyle

3p-415p	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
415p-430p	Break
430p-530p	Rural Plenary , Sarah Calhoun, hosted by <i>Verve Exchange</i>
530p-630p	Dinner— <i>Carroll College Dining Hall</i>
Friday, March 6 at Carroll College National Service Gear Day! Wear your 25th Anniversary gear!	
8a	Arrival - please check out of your hotel before heading to Carroll!
830a - 845a	Welcome & opening activity, <i>Verve Exchange</i>
845a-910a	<i>Abby M. Zent Service Recognition</i>
915a-10a	Alumni Plenary , AmeriCorps 25th Anniversary Alumni Panel, hosted by <i>Verve Exchange</i>
10a-1030a	<i>Break with refreshments</i>
1030a-1130a	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
1130a-1145	Break
1145a-1215p	<i>Closing Plenary</i> Hosted by <i>Shannon Stober, Verve Exchange</i>
1215p	Closing Remarks, <i>Director Ritter</i>
1230p-130p	Lunch, <i>Carroll College Dining Hall</i>
130p	Departure: <i>Safe travels! Thank you for serving Montana</i>

[Schedule and Attendance](#)

Please be on time. You are required to participate in sessions for the whole Symposium. If you cannot attend a session, please notify your program staff.

[Respect](#)

Please avoid side-talk during presentations. Silence cell phones, mute laptops and tablets during sessions.

Visit the Resource Table for session handouts and other materials!

March 5, 2020

Welcome to the 11th annual ServeMontana Symposium!

This year begins a new decade to serve, learn, and forge new paths. For over 25 years, AmeriCorps has served Montana, improving lives and landscapes. At this ServeMontana Symposium, we are gathered to gain knowledge, meet people, and celebrate Service in Montana: Your Path to the Greater Good. Our service builds on the legacy of those before us and makes a real difference across our state. During keynote presentations, breakout sessions, and activities, reflect on how your service impacts all of Montana.

Be brave! Explore topics and ideas that will empower you to serve well and further your life after service. Engage in the Regional Networking session. Deepen your existing relationships and build new ones. Celebrate our impact on childhood hunger with the Doorsteps to Kid Packs food drive.

The ServeMontana Symposium is made possible by professional speakers, supporters, and remarkable staff. We thank them for giving time and resources to make the ServeMontana Symposium a success. Most importantly, we thank YOU for being here, and serving Montana!

In Service,

Kevin Myhre

Commission Chair, Montana Commission on Community Service

Dan Ritter

Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Service

Montana Commission on Community Service

Kevin Myhre, Chair, *Lewistown*

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The Governor's Office of Community Service and the Governor-appointed Montana Commission on Community Service were created in 1993 to promote and expand national service and volunteering in Montana.

Symposium Welcome

Campus Center, Thursday, March 5, 8:30 am

Morning Plenary

Chester Spellman, *Director of AmeriCorps*

Chester Spellman is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. He currently serves as the National Director of AmeriCorps State and National at the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C. Before joining CNCS, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of Volunteer Florida, the Florida Commission on Community Service, for over five years. Chester has 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In 2016, He was recognized as the Young Floridian of the Year by the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida.



Chester and his wife, Amanda, reside in Arlington, Virginia with their four children.

Introduction and Welcome by **Dan Ritter, *Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Service***



Dan Ritter is a Helena native and Carroll College alumnus. He brings business and leadership background to the Governor's Office of Community Service. Dan has worked as a Realtor and as Communications Director for the Montana Chamber of Commerce, in addition to owning and operating a small business. Dan accepted the Governor's appointment to serve as Executive Director in 2013.

Campus Welcome by Dr. John Cech, *President, Carroll College*

Plenary Sessions

Regional Networking

Everett Walker, MTCC and Claudia Hewston, Energy Corps
Campus Center, Thursday, March 5, 10:00 am

Do you want to build friendships with other AmeriCorps members? Have you explored Montana? Do you want to learn more about your community? Meet other service members from around the state, learn about different opportunities around you and build a network of colleagues at the Regional Networking Session.

Tribal Plenary

Dr. Shane Doyle, Messages from Medicine Wheel Country
Campus Center, Thursday, March 5, 4:30 pm

Dr. Shane Doyle is an enrolled member of the Apsaalooké Nation, and hails from Crow Agency, MT. He is a lifelong resident of Montana and has a great passion for his homelands. He works as a public lands advocate for environmental groups like the Montana Wilderness Association, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and the National Park Service. Dr. Doyle is also a research scientist, film producer, and performing artist. His latest film, *Awaxawapiia*, gives a unique perspective on his Tribe's ceremonial use of the Crazy Mountains.



Rural Plenary

Sarah Calhoun, Present Day Pioneering
Campus Center, Thursday, March 5, 4:30 pm



This is an unlikely story. It is a story about pants and small-town Montana. It is a story about music, chainsaws, and possibilities. Sarah Calhoun has two decades of leadership experience in the non-profit and small business sectors, working in the outdoor education industry before founding Red Ants Pants in 2006, a women's clothing company based in White Sulphur Springs, Montana. In 2011, Calhoun created the first annual Red Ants Pants Music Festival, where 6,000 fans came to celebrate rural Montana to raise funds for the Red Ants Pants Foundation whose mission is to support women's leadership, working family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

Plenary Sessions

Alumni Panel

25 years and Beyond: A Celebration of Life After Service

Kim Abbott, Ethan Kunard, Kaleena Miller, and Adam York

Campus Center, Friday, March 6, 9:15 am

Our service legacies have the potential to extend far beyond our service terms and we each have the power to create positive community impacts well into the future. The key is to transfer the lessons learned in AmeriCorps into the skills and values that shape our future. In this session, we will hear from four Montana AmeriCorps alumni who will share their reflections on National Service and how their experiences have shaped the people they are today.

***Kim Abbott** is from Cleveland. She completed two terms of service as a VISTA member and VISTA Leader with the Montana Legal Services Association in 2002 and 2003. She currently works as the Co-Director of the Montana Human Rights Network and serves as a state legislator for House District 83 in Helena.

***Ethan Kunard** is from Kansas. He completed two terms of service as a Big Sky Watershed Corps member in 2012 and 2013 and currently works as the Executive Director with the Montana Watershed Coordination Council.

***Kaleena Miller** is from Upstate New York. She completed two terms of service as an Energy Corps member in 2011 and 2012 and currently works as the Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Madison and Jefferson Counties.

***Adam York** is from Illinois and Louisiana. He served three terms of service beginning as a VISTA member in 2003, a Montana Conservation Corps member in 2005, and a Montana Campus Compact Team Leader in 2006. Adam currently works as a Public Relations Executive in Missoula, specializing in adventure travel and luxury real estate.



Plenary Sessions

Closing Plenary

Shannon Stober, *Verve Exchange*
Campus Center, Friday, March 6, 11:45 am

Shannon Stober, Verve Exchange Founder, is one of Montana's premier facilitators and trainers. Each year she engages hundreds of people in high-powered workshops, retreats, speaking engagements, and coaching. Shannon is a skilled strategist and consultant, with expertise in community building and program theory. Prior to Verve Exchange, Shannon held staff positions with National Service organizations including Montana Campus Compact, Montana Conservation Corps, and the Governor's Office of Community Service.



Introduction by **Lt. Governor Mike Cooney**



Mike Cooney became Montana's 32nd Lieutenant Governor in January 2016 when he was appointed by Governor Steve Bullock. Mike is a long time public servant and elected official, having served in both houses of the Montana Legislature and three terms as Secretary of State prior to becoming Lieutenant Governor. He graduated from Butte High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 1979 from the University of Montana.



25 YEARS of
**NATIONAL
SERVICE**

Abby M. Zent Service Recognition



Karen and Leroy Zent, the Governor's Office of Community Service are proud to present the Abby M. Zent Service Recognition, which encourages all citizens to engage in service to benefit others, and to continue serving throughout their lifetime.

Abby dedicated her life to service. She served two terms in AmeriCorps VISTA and remained active in service throughout her life. We are proud to honor **Orrin Johnson** and **Melissa Lavinder** as the recipients of the 2020 *Abby M. Zent Service Recognition*.

Orrin Johnson attended a small Baptist church from kindergarten through high school where he met many role models who helped form his faith. Orrin served four years in the U.S. Air Force. Later, at U of M, he changed his major from Forestry to Elementary Education because he felt teaching was the best way for him to be a role model for young students. Orrin's university experience broadened his horizons and desire to become a community activist for many worthy causes. Orrin continues teaching, mentoring, and community service as a Foster Grandparent.



Melissa Lavinder's began serving others at a young age and has continued throughout her life. Serving in AmeriCorps VISTA with the Montana Children's Trust Fund allowed her to affect positive change in the lives of Montana families across the state. Because of that experience, Melissa has remained with the organization for six years, transitioning from AmeriCorps VISTA to Program Specialist to Director. Melissa currently serves on the board of Prevent Child Abuse Montana and is a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"Karen and I would like to thank you, the AmeriCorps and VISTA members for your service to Montana communities. We encourage you to continue to find ways to serve others and your communities long after your AmeriCorps/VISTA service in the same way Abby did." - Leroy Zent

Thanks to Carin McClain, Sky Schaefer, Katie McKeown, Vicki Turner, Harold and Roberta Jenkins, Scott Jenkins, Ashli Johnson and Family, Courtney Szalay, and Nathan Walker for their generosity in making the Abby M. Zent Service Recognition a reality.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Thursday, March 5

FINDING YOUR FINANCIAL PATH: Q&A WITH A FINANCIAL EXPERT

Summer Red / Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education (AFCPE) / AmeriCorps Alum

Siena Room, 11:30am – 12:45pm

Thriving on a living allowance requires you to be thrifty! Do you know all the ways student loans can be forgiven? What about how credit scores are calculated? This session will answer these questions and many more! We also have plenty of time set aside for Q&A, so if you ever had a burning financial question, here's your chance to ask an expert.

FUNDRAISING 101: RAISING MONEY FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Kevin Sylvester / Eagle Mount / AmeriCorps Alum

Rice Room, 11:30am – 12:45pm

Fundraising is much more than knocking on businesses and asking for free stuff. Fundraising is all about the right person, asking the right person, for the right amount. Don't you want to be right? This session will tease out and highlight both the art and the science of fundraising.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE: THE PATH OF LEARNING AND GROWING

Jane Rhodes / Professional Development Center

Ross Room, 11:30am-12:45pm

Knowledge and how-to-skills are important, but factors like flexibility, teamwork, communication, and even enthusiasm have become crucial. In this session, we'll discuss what is Emotional Intelligence and how it affects organizational productivity. We'll explore the characteristics of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and social management. Participants will deepen their understanding and recognize the many facets of intelligence.

QUESTION PERSUADE REFER (QPR): PREVENTING SUICIDE ACROSS MT

Dannette Fadness / Montana Campus Compact / AmeriCorps Alum

Avila DeSmet Room, 11:30am – 12:45pm

Suicide rate in Montana is the highest in the country. Learn the signs of crisis and the use of QPR methods to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives. Participants will be empowered to effectively intervene on behalf of suicidal, in-crisis people, and summarize resources available to help in times of crisis. We will be able to differentiate Montana, youth, and national statistics on suicide.

AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT BY FINDING THE RIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Joe Naiman-Sessions / Montana State Parks / AmeriCorps Alum

O'Connell 106, 11:30am - 12:45pm

Finding people willing to volunteer is good. Finding the "right" people to volunteer makes a difference. Join Joe in a crash course in effective volunteer recruitment strategies and 21st century techniques. Learn how to make the "ask" and see it through to great people on the ground.

DECONSTRUCTING CULTURAL HEGEMONY: A CLOSER LOOK AT AMERICAN INDIAN SPORTS MASCOTS

Mike Jetty / Office of Public Instruction

O'Connell 107, 11:30am - 12:45pm

"American Indian mascots are important as symbols because they are intimately linked to deeply embedded values and world-views. To supporters, they honor indigenous people...To those who oppose them, however, the mascots give life to racial stereotypes and revive historical patterns of appropriation and oppression."

Participants will engage with biased materials, reflect upon their ongoing impact, gain an awareness and understanding regarding contemporary and historical bias.

FINDING YOUR FINANCIAL PATH: Q&A WITH A FINANCIAL EXPERT

(repeat session)

Summer Red / Assoc. for Financial Counseling & Planning Education (AFCPE)

AmeriCorps Alum

Siena Room, 3:00pm – 4:15pm

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TEACHING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM & OUTDOOR SETTINGS

Seth Shteir/ Montana State Parks

Rice Room, 3:00pm – 4:15pm

This session will give AmeriCorps members and staff the tools they need to successfully teach and manage elementary school age children in both indoor and outdoor settings. The instruction will include: understanding child development; active inquiry based teaching and learning; simple tips on managing elementary age students; and developing strong lesson plans.

PERSEVERANCE ON THE PATH - CHANNELING GRIT TO GET THINGS DONE

Tray T.S. Deadwyler / THINK FOR GOOD / AmeriCorps Alum

Ross Room, 3:00pm – 4:15pm

This session uses precut archetypal imagery to bring our intuitive and subconscious to the forefront. We can step out of our everyday perspective and into a new realm of what is possible with a fresh eye. This creative "spring cleaning" can breathe new life into places that have long felt stagnant. After a series of simple, body-based experiences designed to relax and soften into a more expansive, curious and even playful perspective. Participants will be guided through a process designed to reignite purpose, engage in the community and their lives.

WORKING EFFECTIVELY ON A MULTIGENERATIONAL TEAM: ON YOUR SERVICE PATH

Shelby Rogala / Montana Nonprofit Association / AmeriCorps Alum

Avila DeSmet Room, 3:00pm – 4:15pm

The struggle of being the youngest – or oldest – or middlest aged person – on a team is real. Tensions between generations exist, and there are differences in how we all approach work, set expectations, and communicate. While some of this is generational, much of it is individual, and learning to work beyond the stereotypes and ask others to do the same can be challenging. This session will explore better ways to connect with your multigenerational team and community.

PATH IN & OUT OF POVERTY

Dean Wells / *United Way of Yellowstone Co. & Chandler Rowling / *United Way of Lewis & Clark Co. / AmeriCorps Alum**
O'Connell 106, 3:00pm – 4:15pm

This session will explore the paths into and out of poverty. Participants will gain new insights into what poverty looks like in Montana, actors that contribute to poverty and block the path out, strategies that prevent poverty and help people find a path out, and ways to incorporate poverty issues into future service and work.

DECONSTRUCTING CULTURAL HEGEMONY: A CLOSER LOOK AT AMERICAN INDIAN SPORTS MASCOTS (repeat session)

Mike Jetty / *Office of Public Instruction*
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Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Friday, March 6

THE BODY AS TEACHER: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE PLANET

Lulu Delphine & Lizzi Juda / *Turning the Wheel Missoula*
Siena Room, 10:30am – 11:30pm

Join us for several interactive group experiences to explore engagement, creativity, leadership, empowered communication, and self-awareness. The body as Teacher will redefine participant's views and an experience of "service," offer participants a renewed sense of engagement with tools for self-awareness, self-care, reflection of purpose, and stimulate collegiality among service members.

GETTING COMFORTABLE WITH CONFLICT!

Brooke Corr / *EmpowerMT*
Rice Room, 10:30am – 11:30am

This interactive skill building workshop explores all the 'it makes perfect sense' reasons many of us feel less than positive about conflict as well as provides opportunities to build emotional intelligence and resilience skills. At the end of this workshop most participants report they feel much more comfortable with conflict and feel ready to build effective conflict resolution skills.

SERVICE & SELF-CARE: YOUR PATH TO GREATER IMPACT

Angela Davis / *MT Conservation Corps / AmeriCorps Alum*
Ross Room 10:30am - 11:30am

AmeriCorps service and stress are not mutually exclusive. While research shows us that some stress can be beneficial, it also suggests that unmanaged stress can have a negative impact on our personal well-being, our ability to tackle challenges, build relationships and succeed. In this session, participants will explore ways to identify and analyze stressors while learning and sharing preventative practices to manage stress and promote self-care.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP: BOARD SERVICE AND NONPROFIT CAREERS

Shelby Rogala / *Montana Nonprofit Association / AmeriCorps Alum*

Avila DeSmet, Room, 10:30am – 11:30am

How can you leverage your work while in service or continue giving back after your service term? The knowledge, you have accumulated, gives you more to offer in service to nonprofits – as a career path and/or as a board member. This session will explore nonprofit basics, career paths, and help chart a route to board service at an organization of interest to you. Take the next step in your journey and continue serving your community – wherever that may be.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WORLD: AMERICORPS TO PEACE CORPS

Bethany Martinez / *Peace Corps RPCV - Ukraine*

Morgan Marks / *AmeriCorps Alum & RPCV - Zambia*

O'Connell 106, 10:30am – 11:30am

Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to submerge yourself in a new culture, learn new language, and have the experience of a lifetime. Learn more about our volunteer experiences abroad from your local Peace Corps Representative and from an AmeriCorps Alum/Returned Peace Corps volunteer currently working as an AmeriCorps manager. Ask questions about service and gain tips to guide you through the application process.

MAXIMIZING YOUR EDUCATION AWARD

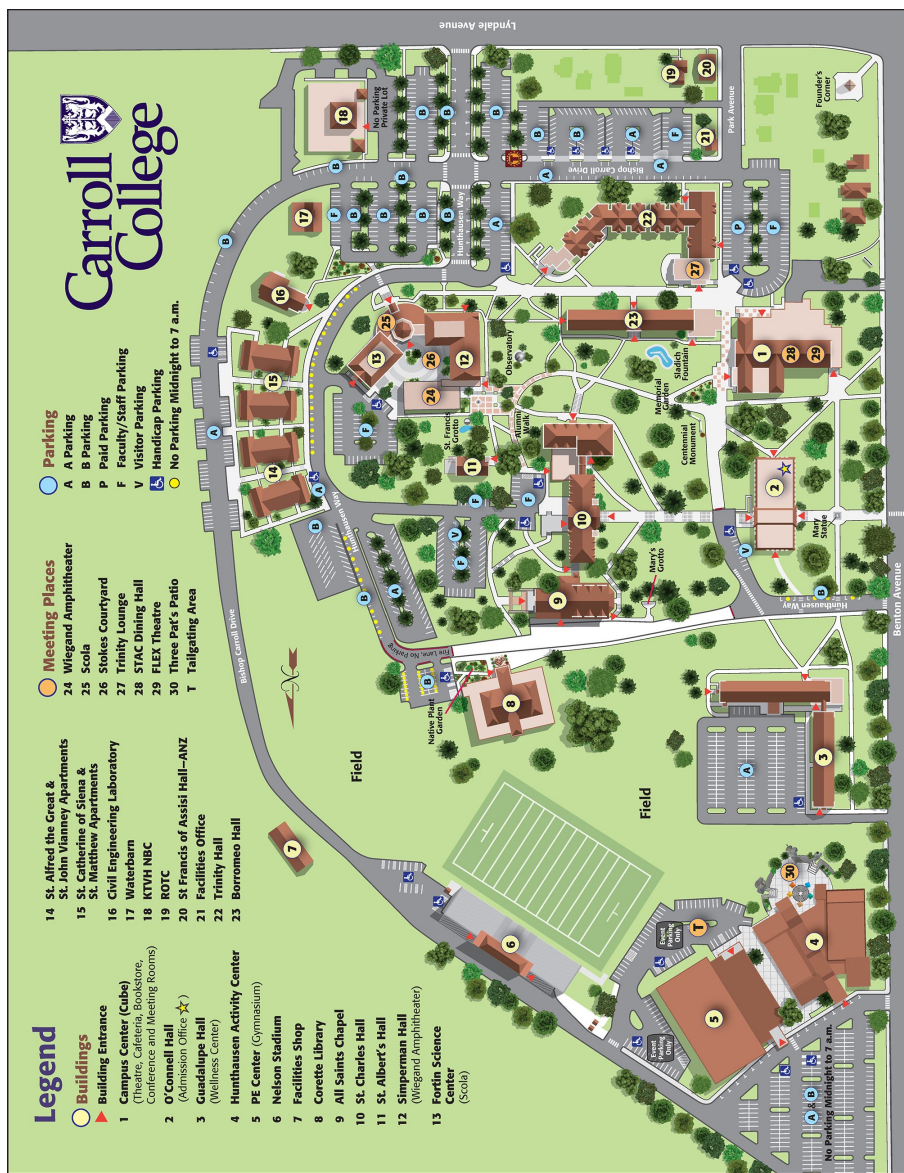
Josh Vanek / *Montana Campus Compact / AmeriCorps Alum & RPCV - Latvia*

O'Connell 107, 10:30am – 11:30am

AmeriCorps and VISTA alums receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (Ed Award) as a benefit of successfully completing service. This session will explore how-tos of maximizing an Ed Award, including matching institutions in Montana and nationally, Employers of National Service and more! Participants will be able to recognize the limitations, uses, tax implications, illustrate the Ed Award matching, and Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

Celebrating 25 Years of National Service in Montana!

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|  | Entrance |  | B Parking |  | C Parking |
|  | Campus Center (Cuba)
(Theatre, Restaurant,
Conference and Meeting Rooms) |  | F Faculty/Staff Parking |  | Handicap Parking |
|  | O'Connell Hall
(Admission Office) |  | No Parking Midnight to 7 a.m. | | |

Meeting Places

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St. John Vianney Apartments
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21 Facilities Office

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| 1 | Camper Center (Cuba)
(Tampere, California, Bookstore,
Conference and Meeting Rooms) |
| 2 | O'Connell Hall
(Administration Office) ★ |
| 3 | Graduate Hall
(Wellness Center) |
| 4 | Hunt-Hausen Activity Center |
| 5 | PE Center (Gymnasium) |
| 6 | Nelson Stadium |
| 7 | Facilities Shop |
| 8 | Corette Library |
| 9 | All Saints Chapel |
| 10 | St. Charles Hall |
| 11 | St. Albert's Hall |
| 12 | Simperman Hall
(Wiegand Amphitheater) |
| 13 | Forlin Science
Center
(Scala) |

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AmeriCorps State Programs in Montana



Montana Energy Corps

The National Center for Appropriate Technology's Montana Energy Corps' members serve to address unmet community energy needs. Promoting sustainable energy education and consumption, members foster energy conservation in communities and serve local government to support sustainability planning. energycorps.org

Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC)

BSWC AmeriCorps members serve statewide to improve at-risk ecosystems at the headwaters of our nation's greatest rivers and mobilize volunteers to restore America's Great Outdoors. BSWC is a partnership with the Soil & Water Conservation Districts of MT, Montana Conservation Corps, and the MT Watershed Coordination Council. <https://mtcorps.org/join/big-sky-watershed-corps-conservation-internships/big-sky-watershed-corps/>



Justice For Montanans Project (JFMP)

Montana Legal Services Association's Justice for Montanans AmeriCorps Project empowers low to moderate income Montanans to advocate for their legal rights and increase access to justice. Members expand intake, help attorneys with case management, develop outreach materials and presentations, help survivors of domestic violence access services, and more. justiceformontanans.org



Montana Campus Compact (MTCC)

Opening the door for post-secondary education, Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps connects college student AmeriCorps members with First Generation College and low-income Montanans. MTCC is an affiliate of the national Campus Compact, with most Montana colleges and universities actively engaging in partnerships, service-learning, and community volunteerism. mtcompact.org/mtcc-ameriCorps



Montana Conservation Corps (MCC)



MCC brings people together to serve on outdoor conservation projects as a route to develop as leaders and citizens. Over the past 26 years MCC has established a program that uses the power of service and the crew dynamic to mobilize a new generation. MCC annually engages over 335 AmeriCorps members to live, learn, and serve outdoors while improving trails and habitat. mtcorps.org



Montana State Parks AmeriCorps

MSP members enhance park lands, build volunteer capacity, create educational opportunities, and strengthen community outreach throughout Montana's diverse state parks. AmeriCorps members serving in this program develop a commitment to stewardship of natural and cultural resources. stateparks.mt.gov/americorps/

100 Fold Studio Corps

Engaging members into service, this nonprofit architecture firm trains design graduates to provide charitable organizations with conceptual designs, drawings, construction documents, and more. Members provide innovative service while improving efficiency, maximizing resources, and conserving energy. www.100foldstudio.org



Communities in Action Corps



Sponsored by Richland
County Health Department

Addressing the needs of Eastern Montanan communities affected by the oil boom, members assist with workforce development, access to healthy food, and increased mental health services. Members encourage local volunteerism and promote collaboration within communities to increase quality of life in Eastern MT. <http://richlandcountyhealth.org/>



AmeriCorps VISTA in Montana

Billings Metro VISTA Project (BMVP)

The City of Billings' AmeriCorps VISTA Project (BMVP) members serve with passion and commitment to mobilize resources and give people in poverty the tools they need to help themselves. ci.billings.mt.us



Montana Campus Compact (MTCC)



MTCC AmeriCorps VISTAs serve from Montana college campuses in partnership with community & faith-based organizations, nonprofits, and schools. MTCC VISTAs serve closely with community groups to address issues involving housing, school performance, hunger, and connect campus resources with community needs.

mtcompact.org

Prevention Resource Center (PRC)

PRC connects communities, State Prevention Programs, and AmeriCorps VISTA statewide. Hosted by the Dept. of Public Health & Human Services, PRC VISTAs serve to keep children, communities and families resilient against risks such as unintended & unhealthy pregnancies, child abuse & neglect, substances, crime and violence, and high school dropouts. PRC VISTA Project promotes the safety and well-being of all. prevention.mt.gov



Rural Dynamics Inc. (RDI)



RDI's statewide AmeriCorps VISTA project is guided by the mission to bring financial security to all Montanans. VISTAs develop financial literacy programs, serve to increase access to affordable housing, and assist people to secure a meaningful income. RDI VISTAs partner with local agencies to reduce poverty, and strengthen community volunteerism. ruraldynamics.org



VISTA

Volunteers In Service To America

AmeriCorps National Direct Programs in Montana

Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest

JVCNW engages AmeriCorps members to serve in solidarity with high need communities. Most serve in rural towns to boost educational achievement among Native children —others serve in domestic violence shelters, mental health clinics, and other localities. JVCNW serves, examines, and acts upon the causes of social and environmental injustice, to promote peace, and to build a spirit of togetherness. jvcnorthwest.org

**JESUIT
VOLUNTEER
CORPS NW**



FoodCorps Montana

FoodCorps places AmeriCorps service members in limited-resource schools where they conduct hands-on nutrition education, build and tend school gardens, and facilitate getting high-quality local food into public school cafeterias. FoodCorps.org

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps members fulfill three goals: to "get things done" by building and renovating houses with low-income families; to strengthen communities by enabling the affiliate to utilize more volunteers more effectively; and to develop construction and leadership skills. habitat.org



AmeriCorps NCCC in Montana National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)



AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region

NCCC's mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through team-based national service. AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region Campus is based in Sacramento, CA and serves WA, OR, NV, CA, WY, MT, HI, AK, ID, UT, and the Pacific Territories.

THANK YOU!

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