

2002-2003 Executive Director's Report

The Montana Campus Compact is a statewide coalition of college and university CEOs committed to the civic purposes of higher education. To support this civic mission, MTCC promotes community service, encourages collaborative partnerships between campuses and communities, and assists faculty who seek to integrate civic engagement into their teaching and research. The seventeen (17) CEOs of MTCC join in solidarity with 850 other campus leaders across the country to place higher education in service to the nation.

Program Highlights

Montana Campus Corps

- Engages college students in extracurricular service projects that address critical community needs including illiteracy, juvenile delinquency, public health or safety concerns, environmental degradation, hunger, poverty, and math/science tutoring.
- MTCC finishing its 8th year of Campus Corps programming.
- MTCC placed and funded **57** Campus Corps members on 11 campuses.
- Campus Corps members engaged **1550** volunteers in **15,556** hours of community service.

MTCC VISTA Project

- Engages full-time members in community capacity building activities to eliminate poverty Montana.
- MTCC finishing its 3rd year of VISTA programming
- MTCC placed and funded 14 recent college graduates in full-time VISTA member positions on 7 campuses and in 9 communities across the state.
- MTCC VISTA members procured grants and in-kind donations totaling \$54,811.

- MTCC VISTA members fostered and established **10** community partner relationships with MTCC campuses.
- MTCC VISTA members continue to generate nominations for **Presidential Community Service Scholarships**, which bring tuition dollars into Montana.
- MTCC VISTA members mobilized **1505** volunteers, who contributed **18,534** hours of community service.

Faculty Fellowships

- Rewards outstanding faculty members from various academic disciplines with a stipend and professional development to enhance teaching, research, and outreach through service-learning.
- MTCC finishing its 6th year of Faculty Fellowship programming
- MTCC awarded 7 Faculty Fellowships and 1 Mentoring Fellowship on 6 campuses across the state.
- Fellows generated 10 new service-learning courses and engaged 360 students in community-based, service-learning projects to meet academic course objectives.

Student Fellowships

- Rewards outstanding students who desire to integrate service projects into their academic curriculum with an education award and project stipend.
- Students develop a 3-way partnership: Student—Faculty advisor—Community Partner.
- MTCC finishing its 3rd year of Student Fellowship programming.
- MTCC awarded **6** Student Fellowships on **4** campuses across the state.
- Student Fellows established a literacy-tutoring program in and made positive impacts in drug prevention programs in Kalispell, provided computer skills to a nonprofit and established a youth counseling program in Great Falls, created information materials for a community agency in Bozeman, and helped youth improve the natural landscape in Missoula.

Community Partners Program

- Supports community agencies and nonprofits to recruit and retain volunteers with financial and technical assistance.
- MTCC is finishing its 2nd year of Community Partner programming.
- MTCC recruited 10 new community partners this year, which brought the total to 22 community partners in 7 communities across the state.

Raise Your Voice Campaign

- Launched in August 2002, finishing its first year
- Goals: 1) Mobilize student action around issues important to them; 2) Increase student voice in higher education decision-making; and 3) Document student-generated and student-led public initiatives across the state.

- MTCC mobilized **42** students at **21** Montana colleges to create a statewide leadership team to create an agenda, develop a budget, and generate enthusiasm for student civic engagement.
- Leadership Team successfully coordinated and executed a statewide WEEK of ACTION in January 2003.
- WEEK of ACTION engaged 907 volunteers, registered 208 new voters, and raised \$3,500 in private support to sustain activities.

Organizational Highlights

- MTCC chosen to host Jimmy & Rosalyn Carter Partnership Award for Campus/Community Collaborations.
- MTCC procured partnership with Western States Insurance to co-sponsor three \$500 Community Service Scholarships.
- MTCC awarded \$100,000 grant from Pew Charitable Trust to launch the Raise Your Voice Campaign.
- MTCC co-sponsored national Educators for Community Engagement Conference in Pablo, MT, in June 2002.
- MTCC convened 150 college students for the annual **Building Engaged** Citizens Retreat, September 2002.
- MTCC co-sponsored the Governor's Conference on Civic Engagement in Billings, MT, in October 2002.
- MTCC has procured: \$509,547 in federal funding

\$103,750 in private foundation grants

\$ 38,317 in program revenue

\$ 20,486 from in-kind donations

\$ 6,500 in cash donations

- MTCC has enrolled 104 national service members eligible for education awards totaling approximately \$468,000, most of which will be used at Montana colleges and universities.
- For every \$1 in membership dues received, MTCC is able to disseminate \$15 dollars in campus support in the form of scholarships, fellowships, training, and education awards.

Campus Highlights

Blackfeet CC: Hosted successful regional National Youth Service Day

Carroll College: Formed a community collaboration with 3 Helena nonprofits to mentor teens Ft. Peck CC: President James Shanley elected Chairman of AIHEC, 2004 AIHEC conf. in MT FVCC: Created a Service Learning account with FVCC Foundation

FVCC: Students organizing to form Service Learning Club & engaged 150 youth in service day Little Big Horn: Faculty members forming committee to discuss service-learning

Miles CC: Launched Campus Corps program to engage students in issues affecting Miles City MSU-Billings: Students hosted an open community forum on critical social issues

MSU-Bozeman: Successfully executed 2nd Annual Service-Learning Seminar in February 2003 MSU-Bozeman: Formed committee to implement service-learning designation in course catalog MSU-Great Falls: Student leaders attended national conference on service-learning, June 2002 MSU-N: Students staged a successful, winter, community food drive and Soup kitchen MT Tech: Students remodeled and refurbished Sunshine Camp for youth in need Rocky Mt College: Students leaders hosted a community dialogue on AIDS SKC: Hosted Educators for Community Engagement National Conference, June 2002 UM-Helena: Launched a Campus/Community Mapping Project to increase student voice UM-Missoula: Launched new American Humanics program to certify nonprofit professionals UM-Missoula: Launched VISTA Alive Program to recognize academic value of a service term UM-Western: Created a successful service-learning office on campus. Univ of Great Falls: Students launched Homeless Awareness campaign