

**Washington Campus Compact Announces Volunteer Hours to
Recognize National Volunteer Week**

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BELLINGHAM – In recognition of National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, 2005, Washington Campus Compact has released the number of volunteer hours compiled by students involved in the Campus Connections AmeriCorps program.

Campus Connections AmeriCorps members reported that 3,014 student volunteers contributed 88,197 hours at ten Washington Campus Compact member institutions in 2004. Student volunteer projects could be performed at schools, agencies, or nonprofits.

“Students have shown an incredible commitment to in their communities,” said Jennifer Dorr, Executive Director of Washington Campus Compact, “Their efforts help to strengthen both communities and campuses.”

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities.

According to the federal Corporation for National and Community Service, volunteer service in America is rising. This past year, 64.5 million Americans volunteered with formal organizations - an increase of nearly 5 million from the similar period in September 2001 and 2002, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics report issued in December, 2004.

Established in 1992, and hosted at Western Washington University, Washington Campus Compact is a higher education presidential membership organization committed to providing meaningful experiences for students to become active, engaged leaders in their communities, furthering the civic and public purposes of higher education and strengthening communities. WACC is an affiliate state office of Campus Compact, a national organization comprised of more

than 900 higher education institutions committed to the civic and public purposes of higher education.

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