

Students Volunteer Thousands of Hours, Earn Scholarships

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BELLINGHAM – Washington Campus Compact announced that 656 students from throughout Washington and Idaho participated in the Students in Service AmeriCorps program resulting in 331,350 hours of service contributed at a value of \$5,724,542.

The Students in Service program is active at 21 universities and colleges in Washington and Idaho and the service was conducted between August 2004 and July 2005. According to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the value of community service is based on an hourly rate of \$17.41 in Washington state and \$12.72 in Idaho per hour of service performed. For their service, the students will receive nearly \$1 million in scholarships that can be used to cover student loans, tuition, or other education expenses. The Students in Service program begins its second year on August 1, 2005. Funding for the program is provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service. More information is available at www.studentsinservice.org

“After only one year, the Students in Service program is successful on campuses and in communities throughout Washington state,” said Jennifer Dorr, Washington Campus Compact executive director, “We anticipate having over 1,000 students participate this coming year and they will help strengthen communities through their efforts.”

Established in 1992, and hosted at Western Washington University, Washington Campus Compact is a higher education presidential membership organization with 27 members in Washington state 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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