



Washington
Campus Compact

**Washington Campus Compact Receives Federal Funding
Learn and Serve Program to Operate in Washington, Idaho**

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BELLINGHAM – The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and Learn and Serve America has awarded a \$450,000 grant to Washington Campus Compact (WACC), based at Western Washington University.

The grant will support the “Count Me In: Learning and Serving for School Success” program in Washington and Idaho.

“I’m proud to support Washington Campus Compact’s great work helping young people reach their full potential,” U.S. Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) said. “I’m excited that this new grant funding will help more than 2,000 disadvantaged students in our region with mentoring, tutoring and service learning.”

Washington Campus Compact received letters of support in their grant application from Gov. Chris Gregoire and the offices of Sen. Murray, and U.S. Reps. Doc Hastings, Jay Inslee, Rick Larsen, Jim McDermott, Cathy McMorris, Dave Reichert and Adam Smith.

“Count Me In” seeks to improve the school success of 2,310 disadvantaged pre-school through high school youth by growing and replicating existing tutoring, mentoring and service-learning projects.

“‘Count Me In’ will engage over 4,000 college students in Washington and Idaho in service over the next three years,” said WACC Executive Director Jennifer Dorr. “The multi-state program will partner at 37 campuses to help struggling students achieve success in the classroom.”

In addition to working with disadvantaged youth, the “Count Me In” program will support the development of congressional district action teams, bringing together higher education, K-12, community leaders and elected officials in each congressional district in

Washington and Idaho to develop and implement strategies to strengthen education and communities.

Learn and Serve America, a program of the CNCS, celebrates 15 years of providing support to schools, higher education institutions and community-based organizations that engage students, their teachers and others in service-learning. The CNCS is the nation's largest grantmaker supporting service and volunteering.

Established in 1992 and hosted at Western Washington University, WACC and its membership of 29 two- and four-year colleges and universities are 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 950 higher education institutions committed to the civic and public purposes of higher education.