

Washington Campus Compact Awarded \$375,000 Continuation Grant

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BELLINGHAM – Washington Campus Compact (WACC) will receive \$375,000 from AmeriCorps to continue Students in Service, a \$2.9-million scholarship program.

Students in Service allows higher-education students the opportunity to receive a scholarship based on the amount of service they perform in their communities.

The grant will allow WACC to continue to administer the program on more than 90 college and university campuses in California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. More than 5,500 college students in the program recruited 31,000 volunteers from 2004-07. In Washington, more than 900 Students in Service members at 28 participating higher education campuses tutored, mentored, coached, organized service projects, and provided a variety of other education services supporting disadvantaged youth, in addition to service projects related to the environment and human services.

“Students in Service is an incredibly valuable program to communities,” said Jennifer Dorr, executive director of Washington Campus Compact. “Students serve in K-12 schools and community agencies, earn scholarships, and develop strong work force and civic skills.”

WACC estimates that students at universities and colleges in Washington volunteered more than 500,000 hours during this time, contributing in excess of \$9 million worth of community development support and \$1.4 million in scholarships.

Established in 1992 and hosted at Western Washington University, Washington Campus Compact has 35 collegiate members throughout the state of Washington. WACC is 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 1,100 institutions committed to the civic and public purposes of higher education.