



In honor of AmeriCorps Week, May 11-17, 2008, Washington Campus Compact (WACC) recognizes the following Retention Project AmeriCorps members and the WACC VISTA Projects members and their host institutions.

The Retention Project utilizes service-learning as a strategy to improve the retention of first-generation college students and the academic advancement of disadvantaged high school and other non-traditional students. WACC directs the administration of the Retention Project in collaboration with Washington state colleges and universities, high schools, community leaders, and policy makers.

The Retention Project will:

- Improve academic achievement and advancement rates of higher ed students, and increase the interest in participating in postsecondary education of disadvantaged high school students.
- Mobilize volunteers.
- Support the development of civic engagement skills, behaviors, and attitudes of disadvantaged high school students, college students, and AmeriCorps members.

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The Evergreen State College  
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The WACC VISTA Project will:

- Mobilize college service-learners and volunteers to serve poverty-affected students and community members,
- Develop and sustain campus/community partnerships to serve poverty-affected students and community members, and
- Develop college service-learning courses focused on poverty issues.

Mobilizing college students to mentor disadvantaged students and serve in community-based organizations (CBOs) serving poverty-affected community members will help keep at-risk (of poverty) K-12 students engaged in their education and provide CBOs with valuable human resources and future civically minded community members.

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