



## **Washington Campus Compact Joins President's United We Serve Initiative**

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Bellingham, WA – Washington Campus Compact is taking part in United We Serve, a national effort launched by President Obama to engage more Americans in serving their communities this summer.

Washington Campus Compact is recruiting for 20 AmeriCorps positions for the Retention Project and 12 VISTA positions state-wide. These positions, hosted at colleges and universities, have a variety of responsibilities. AmeriCorps members, through the Retention Project, will recruit college students to mentor young adults and prepare them for college. VISTA members will help provide resources at colleges and universities to develop and advance service-learning efforts.

“College and university students are increasingly being asked to help assist organizations that serve the community,” said Jennifer Dorr, Executive Director “Washington Campus Compact and its member institutions help provide opportunities for college students to volunteer at hundreds of community organizations state-wide. We are pleased to join this national effort and thank the President for making this call to service.”

“This summer, I'm calling on all of you to make volunteerism and community service part of your daily life and the life of this nation,” said President Obama in a video address. “Economic recovery is as much about what you're doing in your communities as what we're doing in Washington – and it's going to take all of us, working together.”

United We Serve focuses on five key areas where everyone can have a real impact in their community: education, health, energy and the environment; community renewal, and safety and security.

To make it easy for individuals to get involved, the Corporation created [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov), a website that allows visitors to type in their zip code to find local volunteer opportunities, recruit

volunteers by posting their organization's projects, or get ideas for creating their own projects with friends, families, and neighbors. Those interested in serving as a Retention Project AmeriCorps member or VISTA member are asked to visit [www.wacampuscompact.org](http://www.wacampuscompact.org) for more information.

Established in 1992 and hosted at Western Washington University, 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 has 35 college and university members throughout Washington state. It is an affiliate state office of Campus Compact, a national organization comprised of more than 1,200 colleges and universities committed to the civic and public purposes of higher education.