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Building Capacity & Alleviating Poverty
through Partnership in Higher Education

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WELCOME TO OUR IMPACT REPORT

The Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA program seeks to activate higher education institutions and their partners to impact poverty on their campuses and in their communities.

Our 2024–25 program year saw 58 VISTA Members serve over 80,000 hours with 47 college campuses and their partners across the country to address the most critical, poverty related issues faced by college students and community members.

We are excited to share the collective impact of this dedicated group of Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA Members.

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HIGHER ED'S ROLE In Eliminating Poverty

University and college campuses across the country face a dual threat: While public trust in higher education continues to be uncertain, many college students face unprecedented barriers to pursuing a college degree. National averages estimate that 1 in 4 college students experience low or very low food security every month, and nearly a third of college students who leave their degree program cite financial challenges as the main reason for leaving school.

The Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA program leverages federal resources to eliminate the root causes of poverty on campus and in the surrounding community, helping low-income college students persist and building trust between institutions of higher learning and the surrounding community.

As you'll read throughout this report, our 2024-25 cohort built capacity for anti-poverty initiatives in the field's most pressing areas: FGLI student support and success, college pathway programs, and community outreach. These projects and their hosting campuses exemplify Campus Compact's mission and progress our vision. We express our sincere gratitude to our VISTA members for their service and to our host sites for their ongoing dedication to this work.

VISION

A world where colleges and universities serve as responsive and transformative agents of change, committed to advancing an equitable, accessible and just democracy.

MISSION

To support, engage and challenge higher education to realize its public purpose



OUR PARTNERS 2024-2025

Agnes Scott College Arapahoe Community College Babson College Bates College Campus Compact Housing Campus Compact Federal Work Study Campus Philly Capital Community College Chemeketa Community College College for Social Innovation Connecticut State Community College George Mason University Harvard University Indiana University South Bend James Madison University Kennesaw State University Michigan State University National Museum of the Pacific War National Louis University Northwestern University Philosophic Systems Institute Roosevelt University Southern Connecticut State University Southern New Hampshire University Stanford University Stetson University The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Tufts University UMass Boston UMass Dartmouth UMass Lowell University of Bridgeport University of California San Diego University of Kansas University of Maine Augusta University of Mary Washington University of Nebraska Omaha University of New England University of Pittsburgh University of Texas El Paso Urban College of Boston University of Wisconsin Green Bay Wagner College Washington and Lee University Wheaton College White Mountains Community College Worcester State University



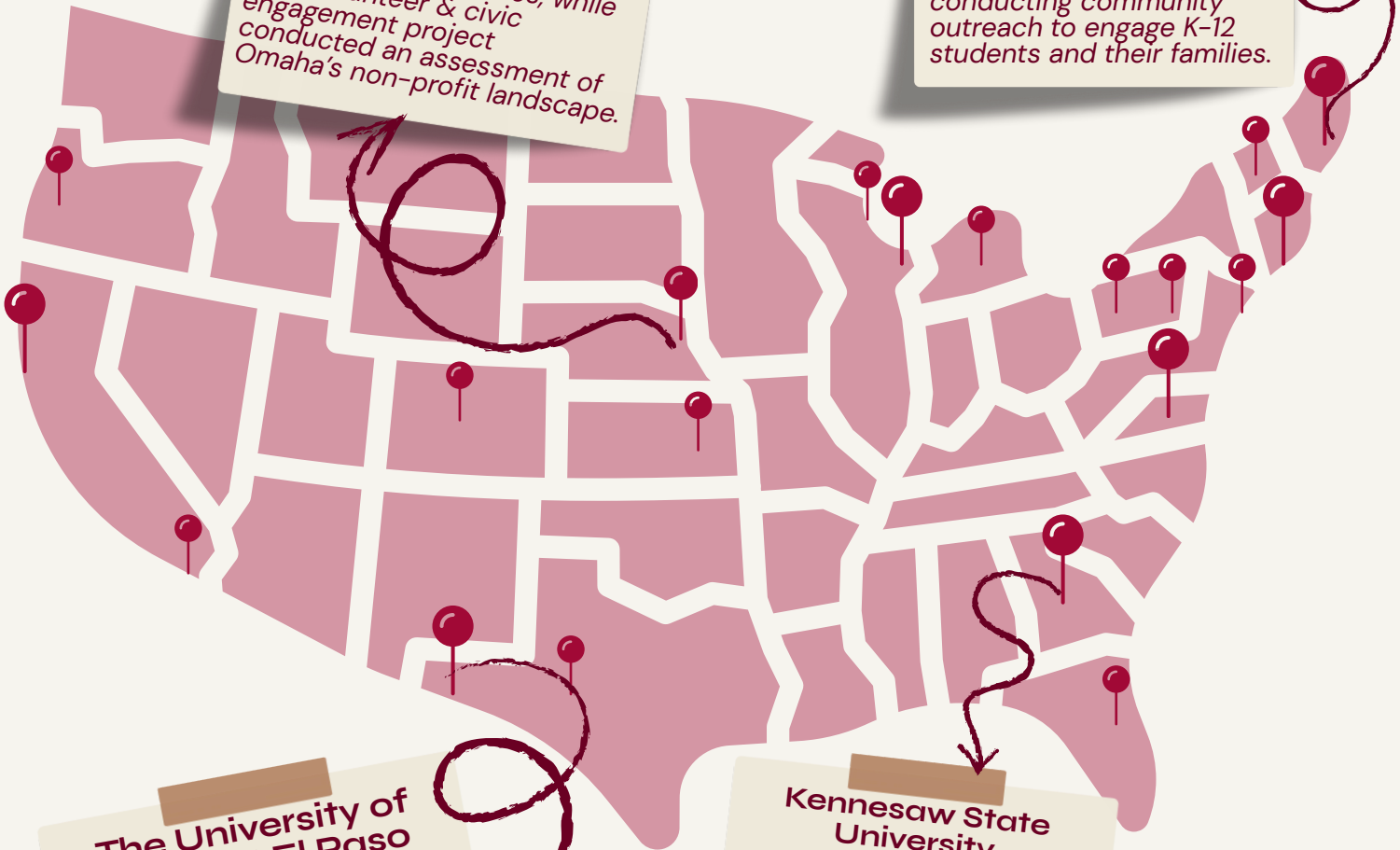
OUR PARTNERS 2024-2025

University of NE Omaha

UNO hosted three VISTA projects. Their Service Learning Academy project supported the development and implementation of service learning and community-based learning courses, while their volunteer & civic engagement project conducted an assessment of Omaha's non-profit landscape.

University of New England

The VISTA Member expanded and improved the America Reads America Counts tutoring program by recruiting volunteers and teachers, developing tutor training materials, and conducting community outreach to engage K-12 students and their families.



The University of Texas at El Paso

The VISTA Campus Liaison for Food Security Initiatives facilitated collaboration among campus stakeholders and community partners by mapping connections, managing the community resource hub, and driving the implementation of food access initiatives.

Kennesaw State University

The VISTA contributed to the Military and Veteran Service Program's capacity to serve veterans, military members, and their family members, increasing graduation rates by providing holistic support matched to the unique needs of this population.



OUR IMPACT CAPACITY BUILDING

Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA members support antipoverty initiatives across the nation by providing human power to under-resourced projects.

Serving full-time for a full year, our 2024-25 VISTA members improved the effectiveness, increased the efficiency, and expanded the reach of anti-poverty programming. They developed systems, engaged volunteers, leveraged resources, and conducted community assessment so that critical poverty alleviation efforts were sustainable and better equipped to meet community needs.



OUR IMPACT

CAPACITY BUILDING



386

Orgs Served

Due to our VISTA members, host sites and their partners reported increased capacity to serve their community



1,402

Volunteers Recruited

Our cohort recruited and trained volunteers to fill vital roles across our communities



\$110,750

Resources Leveraged

Through grants, fundraising, and more, VISTA members capture critical resources for host sites and their partners



7,810

Hours of Service

Through the development of volunteer tracking and retention systems, our VISTA members increase volunteer engagement



OUR IMPACT ANTI-POVERTY



This is your job—to guide the young, to comfort the sick, to encourage the downtrodden, to teach the skills which may lead to a more satisfying and a more rewarding life. On your idealism and on your success rests much of our hope for the final elimination of poverty in our American life.”

—President Lyndon B Johnson in his remarks to the first VISTA class in 1964

The statutory purpose of the AmeriCorps VISTA program is to strengthen and support efforts to eliminate and alleviate poverty and address poverty-related problems in the United States.

Our VISTA Members make an impact on poverty by building the capacity of organizations that serve low-income individuals. Alyssa developed systems to recruit and train volunteers, who in turn tutor K-12 students in Title I schools. Zora implemented campus wide food drives, filling food pantry shelves and feeding food insecure college students. Scott built partnerships so that Veterans and military members have the support they need to succeed in college.

FOCUS AREAS



*Economic
Opportunity*



Healthy Futures



K-12 Education



*Post-Secondary
Success*



*Environmental
Stewardship*



*Veterans &
Military Families*



OUR IMPACT ANTI-POVERTY

3,595

Low income college students served through interventions like mentoring, service learning, and tutoring, resulting in 384 graduations



1,713

Low income K-12 students served through summer learning, classroom support and out of school time

499

Veterans, active military members, and military family members served through workforce development, mentoring, and family support



114,434

Pounds of food provided to low income children, college students, community members, veterans, and military families



1,125

Individuals who experienced increased job readiness as a result of job training



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



This year taught me how to fail and keep going. It taught me that strength doesn't always show up loud and confident; sometimes it's quiet and persistent. Sometimes it's just getting back up again.

Romeo Rivera

**Campus Compact VISTA Member at
Southern Connecticut State University**

"Throughout my service, I worked closely with departments across campus to support first-generation, low-income students. I created resources focused on financial literacy and career readiness. I surveyed over 100 students to better understand their needs and used that data to guide initiatives.

I collaborated with the Office of Alumni Relations, Career Services, and Financial Literacy to begin developing a scalable mentorship program that connects current students with Southern alumni, giving students a bridge to professional and personal guidance from people who were once in their shoes.

To Campus Compact and AmeriCorps, thank you for believing that national service is more than a resume builder. For believing that people can transform through discomfort; that growth is just as valuable as output; that stories, like mine, matter.

Now, I'm proud to share that I've been accepted into a graduate program in Marriage and Family Therapy, and I'll be staying at Southern as a graduate intern in the Office of Student Involvement. That future—one I couldn't see a year ago—is now something I wake up excited to pursue."

LOOKING FORWARD

Our 2025-26 Campus Compact VISTA Cohort

Our 2025-26 cohort started in July and August and has been hard at work building capacity for partner projects around the country.

Look for our VISTA members at Compact26!



Join Our 2026-27 Campus Compact VISTA Cohort!

Campus Compact member institutions and their partners interested in hosting a VISTA Member through our program in 2026-27 have an opportunity to put forward a project proposal. Read more in our [Request for Proposals!](#)

