

College Access Corps

A Washington/Oregon Campus Compact AmeriCorps Program



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Washington Campus Compact Awarded College Access Corps AmeriCorps Grant to Help K-12 Students Succeed

Grant will support college students to serve as College Access Coaches to thousands of low-income Washington and Oregon K-12 Students

Bellingham, WA – Washington Campus Compact (WACC), a coalition of Washington State higher education institutions committed to serving Washington through student engagement, announced it has been awarded a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to fund the College Access Corps.

The College Access Corps will place 56 AmeriCorps members on higher education institutions across Washington and Oregon to recruit, train, and coordinate college students to serve as College Access Coaches. The College Access Coaches will coach K-12 low-income youth to become more academically engaged, aspire to graduate high school, and go on to post-secondary education.

“The College Access Corps is a cost-effective strategy to help bridge the educational opportunity gap.” said Jennifer Hine, executive director of Washington Campus Compact. “Access to post-secondary education is a critical issue in our state and nation. The College Access Corps will mobilize college students and build partnerships to help our state generate the post-secondary credentials we need for our state to be competitive now and in the future.”

Washington Campus Compact has a history of sponsoring effective programs that have mobilized college students to support the academic success of K-12 and college students. In the 2012-2013 program year alone, WACC mobilized over 4,000 college students to serve as mentors to more than 10,000 at-risk, low-income, and first generation K-12 and college students. Eighty-one percent of mentees reported an increased interest in going to or staying in college, as well as reporting an increased capability to access resources to help them achieve their post-secondary education goals.

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