Campus Compact *for New Hampshire*

2011-2012 AmeriCorps*VISTA Host Site Abstracts

(as of May 5, 2011)

Dartmouth College
Hanover, NH

The Native American Program (NAP) is recruiting an AmeriCorps VISTA to assist the NAP with two culturally enriching pieces at Dartmouth College. The first piece (60%) would be to assist in the design and implementation of an external outreach initiative cultivating a working partnership between the NAP, the Reader to Reader Program at Amherst College, and St. Michael's Indian school (a title 1 school) located on the Navajo Nation. This initiative will lead to a successful culturally competent Native American student to student mentorship program, which will be piloted on a smaller scale during summer 2012. The second piece (40%) would be the opportunity for the VISTA to assist the NAP in revitalizing a cherished program, entitled Occom Scholars, which essentially aid in the retention of Native students here at Dartmouth and encourages their participation in culturally responsive research and service during academic year of 2011-2012.

**$3,000 Housing Allowance*

Keene State College—*Position Filled!*
Keene, NH

The VISTA will work with the College Connections, Big Brothers Big Sisters and America Reads mentoring/tutoring programs to develop trainings and pre and post assessment tools. The VISTA will work on service-learning Initiatives with the Coordinator of Experiential Learning to assess community needs for service agencies and faculty, create professional development programs for community partners and organize host site orientations for all KSC participants. The VISTA will work with student employees to create host site orientation program for students and faculty participating in community service and service-learning.
The VISTA will create pre and post assessment tools for community partners, faculty members and mentoring and tutoring initiatives. The VISTA will develop a training program for the America Reads tutors and identify resources for mentors.

Manchester Community College
Manchester, NH

New England College
Henniker, NH

The New England College VISTA member will support the efforts of the NEC College Access and Success program, primarily in the area of outreach programming and applicant support. The VISTA will work closely with NEC Admissions and Student Development staff to design and implement "college knowledge" and other outreach activities for prospective students from underrepresented groups and their families; to provide support to diverse applicants navigating the college admission and orientation process; and to develop relationships with community partner organizations that support college access and completion (e.g., middle and high schools, Boys and Girls Club, community colleges). The position may be tailored to the professional interests and experiences of the CASC team member. Applicants must have excellent communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm for working with diverse populations, and an interest in college admissions.

New Hampshire Institute of Art
Manchester, NH

New Hampshire Scholars – Position Filled!
Manchester, NH

The New Hampshire Scholars Initiative helps students gain the necessary skills for college and career by motivating students to enroll in rigorous high school classes. The VISTA member placed with New Hampshire Scholars will have a variety of responsibilities related to college readiness and college access. The VISTA will work directly with the Manchester School District and area colleges on activities that motivate underserved high school students to pursue rigorous academic coursework. Student completion of these activities will heighten success in college and the workplace. The VISTA will be responsible for organizing student visits to college campuses, developing service-learning activities involving both college and high school students, hosting a College Access Convention at Saint Anselm College targeting Manchester high school students, and will help coordinate activities with colleges and high schools.

NHTI – Concord's Community College
Concord, NH

The VISTA placed at NHTI, Concord's Community College, in Concord, NH will have a variety of opportunities. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, co-advising

the Alternative Spring Break Club, working with student leaders to create a mentor program, recruiting student volunteers for various after school programs in the area ,and conducting workshops on various topics relating to access to higher education. It is the goal of the VISTA to utilize the campus resources to increase the accessibility and retention to higher education for low income students in the greater Concord area. The VISTA will be able to provide workshops and information sessions for underrepresented K-12 students as well as the students at NHTI throughout their term of service. Room for additions and modifications to the work plan are negotiable.

**On campus housing*

University of New Hampshire, Manchester – *Position Filled!*
Manchester, NH

The Warmth from the Millyard Project, currently a joint venture of the UNH Community Leadership Program and UNH Manchester's Office of Marketing and Community Relations, responds to issues of poverty and the development of youth leadership through the gathering and donation of warm clothes in partnership with UNH Manchester students and classes, numerous businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and youth groups. With the assistance of a VISTA this year, the project, expanded both its services and its educational outreach.. This outreach will continue . The AmeriCorps VISTA's position would work to bring together the various aspects of the current work and expand the scope of the services by continuing the Warmth from the Millyard Education and Service Collaboration. This Collaborative provides a strong infrastructure for quality partnerships among various organizations and age groups to increase partnerships with schools and youth groups as well as with businesses, state organizations and other community groups. This partnership is designed to promote academic skills, consideration of higher education, and connections with college-age students through structured on-going academic experiences and mentoring possibilities.

**One free 4-credit course*