

## Experiences of Past NC Campus Compact AmeriCorps\*VISTAs

Being a VISTA makes me feel like I am the hands and feet of something greater than myself. It takes me out of my bubble of comfort and forces me to see the world around me for what it truly is; the need that is ever present and the compassion of those who are so willing to work to make it better. Being a VISTA has proven to me that change is as close as a person saying 'yes' to the call.

- *Brandon Ostwalt, 2008-2009 at Lenior-Rhyne University*

"Working in a network of state, private, and community higher education institutions, I found myself developing my own philosophy of education. I have fallen in love with experiential learning, as it provides an environment for real connection. While honoring the uniqueness of all peoples, relationship building can uproot the common needs of all and provide open space to learn from one another."

- *Jennifer Baron, 2007-2008 at Wake Forest University*

"All the work that I do as a VISTA boils down to this: educating and supporting people to change their community into a place that is just. The impact of a VISTA can never really be measured. VISTA isn't about a year of service; VISTA is about a lifetime of love to humanity."

- *Rachel Hutto, 2006-2007 at Greensboro College*

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Apply online at [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org) beginning in January for positions starting in July. Be sure to indicate North Carolina Campus Compact on the AmeriCorps application.

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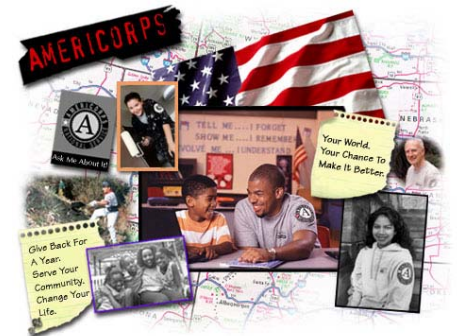
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change your  
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**North Carolina  
Campus Compact  
AmeriCorps\*VISTA**

## Ready to change the world?

### Or at least your corner?

- \* Help build relationships between campuses and communities
- \* Generate, assess, and refine student service opportunities
- \* Educate on, evaluate, and create service-learning courses and partnerships
- \* Improve and increase student leadership and participation in service programming
- \* Assist campuses to meet community needs
- \* Recruit future VISTA members
- \* Help coordinate disaster response teams
- \* Build break trips that get students involved
- \* Know **you** have made an impact!

## What is AmeriCorps\*VISTA?

AmeriCorps\*VISTA is a national service program in which volunteers commit a year of service to work towards creating programs that will benefit the community and can be sustained after their service is complete.

For over 40 years, AmeriCorps\*VISTAs have been helping bring communities and individuals out of poverty. Today, nearly 6,000 members serve in hundreds of nonprofit and public agencies working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, increase housing opportunities, bridge the digital divide, and strengthen the capacity of community organizations. ([www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org))

## Do you have . . .

- \* A Bachelor Degree
- \* An understanding of volunteer service and service-learning
- \* Communication skills
- \* General computer skills
- \* Organization skills
- \* Public speaking experience
- \* A readiness to contribute to and grow in diverse settings?

## AmeriCorps\*VISTA Benefits

- \* Monthly living allowance of approximately \$816 per month
- \* Health Insurance
- \* Option of \$1,200 stipend or \$4,725 education award at the end of year of service
- \* Relocation allowance
- \* Student loan forbearance
- \* Non-competitive eligibility for federal employment following the year of full-time service

## Benefits for you as a NC Campus Compact AmeriCorps\*VISTA

- \* Rewarding professional experience in higher education
- \* Great support network among VISTAs
- \* Professional development and leadership growth opportunities
- \* Partnering with diverse people across North Carolina – VISTAs, students, faculty, community members
- \* Campus contribution to living expenses

## North Carolina Campus Compact

Since spring 2002, North Carolina higher education leaders have collaborated to promote civic engagement in order to unite campuses, empower students and impact NC communities.

Today 39 member institutions comprise the Compact, working together to become engaged campuses that are well-integrated in their communities, producing graduates committed to lifelong engagement.

NC Campus Compact is a member of national campus compact, a coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement, and service-learning.

## 2008 VISTA Host Campuses

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| * Brevard College                    | * Meredith College            |
| * Central Piedmont Community College | * NC Central University       |
| * Duke University                    | * NC State University         |
| * Davidson County CC                 | * Peace College               |
| * East Carolina University           | * Pfeiffer University         |
| * Elon University                    | * UNC Chapel Hill             |
| * Gardner-Webb College               | * UNC Greensboro              |
| * Greensboro College                 | * UNC Pembroke                |
| * Guilford College                   | * UNC Wilmington              |
| * Lees McRae University              | * Wake Forest University      |
| * Lenoir-Rhyne University            | * Warren Wilson College       |
| * Mars Hill College                  | * Western Carolina University |
|                                      | * Wingate University          |