



**Campus Compact**

Iowa & Minnesota

**A note from our executive director:**

Thank you for being part of my wonderful first year with the Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact family. It has been a pleasure to visit so many of you on your campuses and to meet with many, many more virtually.

I came to the Compact because the work of this network is more important now than ever before. Our democratic system is becoming more like its ideal self with many more voices and identities represented in positions of leadership. Yet we are also at a high-profile moment where we must decide how democratic we want to be.

The students on your campuses will have so much power and agency to affect the course of representation, compromise, and justice for this country. Our organization works with your faculty and staff to put students' study and idealism to the test in their own communities. We nurture relationships between the educators leading this work, and recognize them and their community partners each year to raise up the best practices that we can all learn from.

I began this role in the midst of significant transitions. This past August, the boards of Minnesota Campus Compact and Iowa Campus Compact voted to merge the two organizations. That process is still underway and should be finalized later this year. A new board representing institutions in both states will be seated.

Our national affiliate is also in a period of change that will impact our future relationship with them. We are one of only seven state affiliates left in the Compact and national has decided to begin moving away from being a network of affiliates. This shift will happen over the next two years; in this first year there will be no changes in the programs and services offered to our members through national.

Our organization has not been immune to the personnel shifts all employers have faced this past year. Of the eight people on our team, none of us are in the same role we were in when 2021 began.

Through it all we continued to virtually convene campus engagement professionals, provide life-changing service opportunities to students and graduates, and recognize hundreds of members for their work and service.

As we face inevitable change, it is important to me to make sure the voices of all in the network are heard. Our boards met this week for their final time this program year. Staff and faculty from the network were invited for an in-depth discussion on all that works with Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact and all that we wish for in the future. Our board leadership will have more to say about those conversations, but I am excited to start a Future Focused Listening Tour of network campuses this fall to hear from you. I have visited thirteen campuses in my first year and I intend to double that number this year.

I am deeply grateful to be part of this network and have enjoyed meeting with many of you to share my vision for this work and learn from you. Hanging on the wall of my office are words from Senator Edward Kennedy. "Have faith in yourself and the future." I have faith, but my faith has to be nourished and you and your colleagues are those that nourish it.

I look forward to working with you next year.

# Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact 2021-2022 Annual Report

Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact (IAMNCC) is a network of 57 member colleges and universities committed to strengthening the capacity for civic engagement and campus-community partnership in the service of fulfilling the public purposes at the heart of higher education. To learn more and join us, visit our websites at [iacampuscompact.org](http://iacampuscompact.org) and [mncampuscompact.org](http://mncampuscompact.org).

## 21-22 Highlights

- The 2022 Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact awards honored more than 60 individuals and organizations whose accomplishments exemplify and celebrate the public purposes at the heart of higher education.
- Our second online Civic Action Academy student conference drew more than 50 participants.
- We offered a range of online workshops and gatherings for faculty and community engagement professionals, including the Engaged Faculty Institute Online with 22 participants.
- In partnership with Hamline University, Augsburg University, and St. Catherine University, IAMNCC continued our work through the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture Community Food Project to address student food insecurity and promote food justice in/with community food ecosystems.
- Partnered with Coe College and Cornell College for a collaborative, year-long exploration of the opportunities and challenges for research partnerships in the context of small liberal arts colleges. Sixteen faculty, staff, and community partners participated; funding was provided by the Faculty Career Enhancement (FaCE) Program grant from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest.
- The 2022 Summer of Service Programs includes 23 Tyson Foods Summer Community Interns and 37 AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates.
- The new Civic Leaders AmeriCorps Program was approved for funding by Volunteer Iowa and will begin with our Iowa campuses in August 2022.

### AmeriCorps VISTA

The Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact VISTA Community Corps strives to eliminate poverty through campus-community partnerships by placing full-time capacity building support in higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations.

In 2021-2022, there were 21 VISTA members and 1 VISTA Leader serving 19 sites across Iowa and Minnesota. The range of projects carried out by VISTA members include building the capacity of organizations and communities to advance equity and inclusion, develop on-campus resources that support students' basic needs, and improve public health initiatives through community-engaged research.

Host Sites: Buena Vista University, Lamberti Center for Rural Entrepreneurship | CARE Clinic | Catherine McAuley Center | Cedar Rapids Public Library | Community Action Center, Faribault | Community Action Center, Northfield | Cornell College | Grinnell College | Hamline University | Hennepin Technical College | Mercy College of Health Sciences | Normandale Community College | North Hennepin Community College | St. Catherine University | University of Iowa Mobile Clinic | University of Minnesota, Duluth - College of Pharmacy | University of Minnesota, Morris - Stevens County Food Systems | Wellshare International | Willis Dady Homeless Services

### Campus Compact AmeriCorps

Campus Compact AmeriCorps catalyzes transformation in higher education, people, and communities through partnerships.

This year the Campus Compact AmeriCorps Program supported 13 Iowa colleges who hosted 6 full-time members, 2 half-time members, 90 minimum-time, and 7 abbreviated-time members. AmeriCorps members recruited college student volunteers and built capacity for more than 36 community-based organizations who partner closely with their college campus. Members were able to support wider campus efforts to develop, implement, and evaluate their campus' Civic Action Plan.

Host Sites: Buena Vista University | Central College | Coe College | Drake University | Grand View University | Grinnell College | Iowa Wesleyan University | Iowa Western Community College | Loras College | Morningside University | Mount Mercy University | University of Iowa | University of Northern Iowa



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### Our Member Campuses

- Allen College
- Anoka-Ramsey Community College Anoka Technical College
- Augsburg University
- Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College
- Bethel University
- Buena Vista University
- Carleton College
- Central College
- Coe College
- College of Saint Benedict
- The College of Saint Scholastica
- Concordia College
- Concordia University, St. Paul
- Cornell College
- Drake University
- Grand View University
- Grinnell College
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamline University
- Hennepin Technical College
- Inver Hills Community College
- Iowa Wesleyan University
- Iowa Western Community College
- Kirkwood Community College
- Loras College
- Macalester College
- Mercy College of Health Sciences - Des Moines
- Morningside College
- Metropolitan State University
- Minneapolis College
- Minnesota State Community and Technical College
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Minnesota West Community and Technical College
- Mount Mercy University
- Normandale Community College
- North Hennepin Community College
- Northwest Technical College
- Northwestern Health Sciences University
- Saint John's University
- Simpson College
- South Central College
- Southwest Minnesota State University
- Southwestern Community College
- St. Catherine University
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Olaf College
- University of Iowa
- University of Minnesota, Crookston
- University of Minnesota, Morris
- University of Minnesota, Rochester
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of Northwestern – St. Paul
- University of St. Thomas
- Wartburg College
- Winona State University

### Minnesota Board Members

- Chair: Annette Parker, President, South Central College
- Vice Chair: Becky Roloff, President, St. Catherine University
- Treasurer: Scott Olson, President, Winona State University
- Ginny Arthur, President, Metropolitan State University
- Rebecca Bergman, President, Gustavus Adolphus College
- Mary Holz-Clause, Chancellor, University of Minnesota, Crookston
- John Manning, Director of Marketing and Communications, Minnesota Private College Council
- Barbara McDonald, President, The College of St. Scholastica
- Paul Pribbenow, President, Augsburg University
- David Weerts, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- Janet Schrunk, Acting Chancellor, University of Minnesota, Morris
- Julio Vargas-Essex, Vice President of Student Success, North Hennepin Community College

### Iowa Board Members

- Chair: Jim Collins, President, Loras College
- Vice Chair: Mark Putnam, President, Central College
- Treasurer: Marjorie Welch, President, Southwestern Community College
- Jared Seliger, President, Allen College
- Phoebe Trepp, Executive Director, Clare Housing
- Mark Nook, President, University of Northern Iowa
- Nicholas Benson, Executive Director, University of Iowa

## Thank you to outgoing board members!

Becky Roloff, Mark Putnam, Phoebe Trepp, and Natasha Lopez-Rodriguez all generously gave years of service to the board and their service has helped advance the public purposes of higher education in ways large and small.