WSU Access & Outreach VISTA Positions

• K-12 Outreach/Development

The K-12 Outreach VISTA will assist with the development of initiatives to support college access and academic readiness. This will include working with various offices on campus to connect college student volunteers with schools and other educational partners. In cooperation with Academic Outreach Support, the VISTA will also assist in further assessing needs of specific partner schools to determine the best practices to provide academic support for students, especially to help prepare students for college level math.

Community Outreach

The Community Outreach VISTA will work collaboratively with the WSU community education center to help cultivate positive community partnerships with community organizations, churches, and advocacy groups who work with underrepresented student populations, focusing on Parent and Hispanic outreach within the Ogden area in helping them navigate the college culture. This VISTA also will help develop resources and updated information to help assist undocumented students who meet the state's HB 144 eligibility.

• Requirements

College degree; strong interest and experience in college service programs; experience working with students and diverse groups of people; leadership ability; public speaking skills; strong writing and organizational skills; ability to drive; ability to make a full-year commitment. Have a general understanding of college resources.

Acquirable Skills:

- 1. Outreach development, delivery, and outcome evaluation methods
- 2. Professional networking and collaboration
- 3. Experience working with low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented communities, particularly Hispanic/Latinos
- 4. Community partnership cultivation and sustainability
- 5. Bilingual Spanish/English is preferred.

These are both <u>one-year full-time national service</u> <u>positions</u> beginning in August 2014. VISTAs receive a modest living allowance (approximately \$865/month) and \$5,500 in an educational award upon successful completion of service.

Benefits: Health coverage, childcare assistance (if eligible), relocation allowance, public transportation pass, paid vacation and sick days.

To Apply: Visit the following website to submit an application: https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=53093&fromSearch=true

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