

# Compact Quarterly



Connecticut | **Campus Compact**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 6th Application deadline for VISTA
- March 20th CTCC Board Meeting (Fairfield University)
- March 30- Proposal deadline for CTCC mini-grants
- March 30-31 New England Campus Compact Regional Conference: Reexamining the Engaged Campus (UMASS-Amherst)
- April 17: Civic Engagement in the Community Colleges. Tunxis C.C.

## CTCC OFFERS RFP FOR MINI-GRANTS

Connecticut Campus Compact (CTCC) has renewed its grant with the Connecticut Department of Higher Education which will allow CTCC to offer a second round of mini-grants. These grants will be used to fund projects that promote service-learning, community service and civic engagement on campuses throughout Connecticut.

Over the past year, this grant has helped CTCC support its part time staff, launch this newsletter and a website, and expand its membership and programs. The Compact was also able to allocate \$30,000 for the creation of new service-learning and community service programs, through its highly successful mini-grants program. These grants, awarded over the summer of

2008, funded 11 initiatives and programs during Fall 2008.

CTCC will run a similar minigrant program this year. A Request For Proposals, viewable by clicking [here](#), was issued in late January, with proposals due by March 30, 2009. CTCC will award up to 12 grants of \$2500 each for projects running between July and December of 2009.

For any questions about the RFP or the minigrants program, please contact us at [ctcc@mail.fairfield.edu](mailto:ctcc@mail.fairfield.edu).

If the above link to the RFP will not open, please visit our website:

[www.fairfield.edu/ctcampuscompact](http://www.fairfield.edu/ctcampuscompact)

## PROGRAM UPDATES BY MELISSA QUAN

Connecticut Campus Compact has been busy this winter. We launched the new CTCC website, renewed our grant with the CT Department of Higher Education which allows us to maintain programs and offer \$30,000 in mini-grants to promote our mission across the state, we sent

four representatives from our membership to be trained as facilitators for the Project on Civic Reflection, and we welcomed new members.

Looking ahead, CTCC is planning to expand its VISTA program, and is working on new collaborative

efforts with our regional Campus Compact partners. We look forward to continuing our work with you and your campuses and hope that our expanding initiatives will build our collective capacity to remain engaged with our communities during these particularly challenging times.

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## CTCC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Connecticut Campus Compact is pleased to welcome Gateway Community College as a new member of our coalition.

Expanding the membership of Connecticut Campus Compact was declared one priority for the 2008-2009 year. To meet this need, Executive Director Melissa Quan has made campus visits to schools with an interest in membership, presented an overview of Campus Compact and its programs at a meeting of Community College Presidents, and elicited the help of the CTCC executive board.

In December we also welcomed guests from

interested schools to join us at our stakeholders meeting at Manchester Community College.

CTCC and its board members look forward to continuing efforts to encourage new membership. If you are interested in learning more about joining the Compact, or attending a member meeting to learn more, please contact us.



## CONNECTICUT CAMPUS COMPACT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Connecticut Campus Compact is proud to announce the December launch of its new [website](#). The website provides CTCC a realm in which to advertise itself and its purpose to interested parties, and also provides an effective means for CTCC to communicate with its membership, and for members to have access to the resources to which they are entitled.

Please [contact](#) us if you would like CTCC to provide a link to any particular offices at your institution, or if you would like to announce any upcoming events on the CTCC webpage. Also, please navigate the pages and provide us with any feedback that we may use to improve the site for your use.

[www.fairfield.edu/ctcampuscompact](http://www.fairfield.edu/ctcampuscompact)

## AMERICORPS\* VISTA AND CTCC LOOK TO EXPAND THEIR PARTNERSHIP

In November, 2008, Connecticut Campus Compact placed its first VISTA volunteer, Meghan Amato, at the University of New Haven, under the supervision of Sally Anastos. Now, CTCC is looking for host campuses on which to place more VISTA volunteers, potentially expanding this partnership program.

VISTA is a program designed to enable volunteers to work in impoverished communities to help combat the many issues affecting the citizens of these communities. VISTA's partnership with CTCC focuses on providing a support mechanism for colleges and universities to build or expand their own service programs and partnerships with community partners. A CTCC VISTA volunteer will



work directly on a member's campus, building the capacity for the school to engage students and faculty in service within the local communities, and to foster partnerships between schools and community groups.

Member institutions who might be interested in hosting a VISTA for the 2009-2010 academic year, should [contact](#) CTCC as soon as possible to express their intention to apply. The deadline to apply is March 6th, 2009. To view the VISTA host site application please click [here](#).

## REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CAMPUS COMPACT NEWS



Campus Compact

Connecticut  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
Rhode Island  
Vermont

Reexamining *the* Engaged Campus  
COMMUNITY, RECIPROCITY, and SOCIAL JUSTICE

CTCC is a collaborating sponsor of the New England Regional Campus Compact Spring 2009 Conference, at

the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

This year's theme is social justice. Presentations at the conference will discuss visions of community, reciprocity and social justice – both the process and the results. This conference works from the assumption that social justice is the creation of a more just world, and leaves to each participant the challenge and the opportunity of defining the details for themselves. It also assumes these values matter throughout the work of civic engagement; that community,

reciprocity and social justice and the questions they raise are present in the values and motivations stakeholders bring to the work, the relationships that are forged and the ways programs run, in the questions we ask, the issues we address, the trainings we provide and the outcomes we seek.

Any members interested in attending should contact [CTCC](#) as soon as possible, as we have allocated funds (up to \$125) to help offset the costs of travel and registration for up to 16 of our members.

*50% discount is available if you pre-register by March 4, 2009. Visit <http://ase.tufts.edu/macc/> to register and for additional information.*

March  
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## CALLS FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The annual **Connecticut Higher Education Community Service Awards** will be presented to award recipients on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. The presentation will be held at the Department of Higher Education, 1st floor Board Room.

These awards are to recognize volunteer service in the higher education community completed between Spring semester 2008 through Fall semester 2008.

There are three award categories:

- Individual students who have outstanding records in community service;
- Groups of students with outstanding records in community service;
- Special Awards to honor faculty or college/university staff who are recognized leaders in community service for their personal contributions and institutional commitment.

Each campus may submit a maximum

of two (2) nominations in the **Individual Student** category, a maximum of two (2) nominations in the **Student Group** category and only one (1) **Special Award** nomination.

Applications and instructions are available online at [www.ctdhe.org/cccs](http://www.ctdhe.org/cccs).

Applications must be received by the Department of Higher Education by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23rd.

## NATIONAL CAMPUS COMPACT AWARDS

Campus Compact is currently accepting nominations for two awards: The Thomas Elrich Civically Engaged Faculty Award, and the Frank Newman Leadership award (for students).

### The Thomas Elrich Award :

Campus Compact recognizes one faculty member each year for exemplary engaged

scholarship, including leadership in advancing students' civic learning, conducting community-based research, fostering reciprocal community partnerships, building institutional commitments to service-learning and civic engagement, and other means of enhancing higher education's contributions to the public good. The award –

previously known as the Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning – is named in honor of Thomas Ehrlich, former chair of the Campus Compact board of directors and president emeritus of Indiana University.

One award of \$2,000 will be granted to a faculty member from a Campus Compact member institu-



tion. Up to ten finalists will also be selected and recognized. The award recipient will be notified in June 2009. To nominate a faculty member for this award, or for

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## CTCC CALLS FOR LETTERS OF INTENT FOR LSA SUBGRANTS

CT Campus Compact is joining Rhode Island and Massachusetts Campus Compacts on a Learn and Serve Consortia grant. The focus of the grant will be on the "effects of unemployment" in our communities, as they have been exacerbated by the economic downturn. If the consortia grant is fully funded, CT, MA, and RI Compacts plan to fund 30 subgrants to CT, RI, and MA Campus Compact members in good standing for up to \$12,500 per year for 3 years.

At this time, we are accepting Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply (for the subgrants) from our member institutions. Letters are brief and detailed guidelines are provided below. **Letters of Intent must be sent directly to Rhode Island Campus Compact by March 13, 2009.** However, please send an electronic copy to us here in the CT office. Program models proposed in the letters will be included in the consortia grant to highlight examples of the types of programs that we would hope to fund and implement through the consortia grant.

For more detailed information, or to send a letter of intent, please visit :

[https://files.fairfield.edu:8443/xythoswfs/webui/xy-1404473\\_1-t\\_nmI0XsPf](https://files.fairfield.edu:8443/xythoswfs/webui/xy-1404473_1-t_nmI0XsPf)

## CAMPUS COMPACT AWARDS (CONTINUED)

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more information, please visit: <http://www.compact.org/awards/ehrllich/>. The application deadline is March 20, 2009.

The **Frank Newman Leadership Award** provides financial support and mentorship to assist students achieve their civic and academic goals. Two \$5,000 awards are available to undergraduate students at Campus Compact member colleges and universities.

In 2004, the Newman family and Frank's many friends and admirers established [The Frank Newman Leadership Fund](#) to enable college students with demonstrated financial need and potential for leadership to receive financial assistance and mentoring, and to

have a significant experience in civic leadership during their college years.

The fund supports The Frank Newman Leadership Award, which honors the unique [legacy of Frank Newman](#) by recognizing presidential leadership for civic engagement and exceptional students who have shown potential for civic leadership through community service and scholastic achievement.

To nominate a student for this award, please visit: <http://www.compact.org/awards/newman/>. The application deadline is March 21, 2009.