

Waterbury Ranks 10th for Producing AmeriCorps Members

HARTFORD, April 15 – Jane A. Ciarleglio, Executive Director of the Office of Higher Education, today announced that Waterbury ranks 10th among cities its size for citizens enrolled in AmeriCorps, according to new data released today by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that administers the AmeriCorps program and leads the nation’s national service and volunteer programs.

Since AmeriCorps was formed 20 years ago, Waterbury has produced nearly 390 AmeriCorps members who have given more than 390,000 of service to their country and received more than \$860,000 in scholarships. There are currently 15 AmeriCorps members serving in Waterbury, and 754 serving statewide, and CNCS is investing more than \$10 million in national service projects in the state.

AmeriCorps programs in Connecticut are administered by the Commission on Community Service which is housed in the Office of Higher Education. This year there [are eight AmeriCorps programs](#) operating in Connecticut which are managed by Commission staff.

“AmeriCorps members are an indispensable resource for nonprofits, communities, and the individuals they serve,” said Ciarleglio. “Citizen service is an essential part of the solutions to many of the challenges Waterbury faces, and AmeriCorps members are able to bring the country together by uniting individuals behind a common goal. I thank all those who have answered the call to service by joining AmeriCorps.”

“AmeriCorps members make a powerful impact on the toughest challenges facing our nation,” said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “Building on Waterbury’s strong tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, AmeriCorps members from Waterbury will improve lives and strengthen communities across the nation. I salute all the AmeriCorps members from Waterbury for their dedication, and thank our outstanding partners who make their service possible.”

The rankings were determined by associating the permanent address of AmeriCorps members’ to a U.S. designated place and state, including the District of Columbia. The analysis looked exclusively at members who served in program year 2013. For this analysis, a mid-sized city was defined as any place with a population greater than or equal to 100,000 people and less than 250,000 people. A large-sized city was defined as any place with a population greater than or equal to 250,000. States and cities listed produce the highest number of AmeriCorps members per capita.

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 members in intensive service annually to serve through nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations at 25,000 locations across the country. These members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve.

Since 1994, more than 900,000 Americans have provided more than 1.2 billion hours of service, and earned more than \$2.8 billion in education awards to pay for college. These members have tackled some of the most pressing challenges facing America: educating millions of students for jobs of the 21st century, supporting individuals, families, and neighborhoods on the road to economic recovery; supporting veterans and military families; helping communities rebuild after natural disasters; improving at-risk ecosystems; and providing healthy futures.

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve.

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