



New Faces & Celebrations at PSP

This month we are excited to welcome 9 Summer Associates at PSP. The VISTA Summer Associate program offers individuals the opportunity to support community schools or community organizations for 10 weeks during the summer. This year's term runs from May 16 to July 22, and host sites include Wilson Elementary, Bridger Elementary, The Family Place, USU's Center for Civic Engagement & Service-Learning, Cache Makers, Sound Beginnings Preschool, and the Logan Family Center (formerly the FIRC).

We are also pleased to announce that Rod Pack has joined our PSP-RSVP team. Rod has been hired as the RSVP Program Coordinator and will be working alongside Krista to develop our education-focused RSVP program. Some of his responsibilities include coordinating new RSVP stations, recruiting and managing RSVP volunteers, and creating RSVP program materials.

On April 30, Sound Beginnings held its annual Gift of Hearing Event, and VISTA Members Megan Williams and Jason Jensen played a huge role in the event's success. Megan and Jason promoted the event via social media and radio ads, managed 32 volunteers on event day, and raised \$38,302 in donations to support the event. Great work Megan, Jason, and the entire Sound Beginnings team!

Recently, PSP has been offered the opportunity to start a new partnership with the Native American Student Ambassador program at the University of Utah. We will be working with U of U to promote the importance and availability of college opportunities to the Native community, boost college and career readiness efforts at local high schools, research ways to conduct outreach efforts to the Native community, and coordinate service projects with Miss American Indian U of U. We are excited for this new partnership, and we thank VISTA Angelina Whitehorse for her participation in this new partnership.

VISTA Member Recognition



Jenni Allred,
PSP VISTA

The Above & Beyond Award

As a new VISTA Member, Jenni is already working hard to build new community partners and to improve existing relationships at her site. She often uses her newfound connections to help other VISTA Members, reaching out to them with solutions to some of the challenges they face in building capacity at their sites and tackling poverty in the community. Jenni is now working hard to encourage VISTA host sites to apply for CCESL's Community Bridge Initiative (CBI). CBI will positively impact several of our host sites, and we wouldn't have known about the opportunity without Jenni.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 16:** Summer Associate Training
- **May 18:** Optional Monthly Training: *Creating Great Cover Letters @ the PSP Office or via Adobe Connect webinar, 12-1pm*
- **May 25:** Optional VISTA Campus Webinar: *Creating an Effective Online Fundraising Strategy, 12-1:30pm*
- **May 30:** Memorial Day (All Sites Off)
- **May 25:** Optional VISTA Campus Webinar: *Translating VISTA Service to Your Resume & Career, 12-1:30pm*
- **June 8-10:** Optional Gear Up Summer Camp
- **June 15:** Mandatory Quarterly Training @ USU Inn & Conference Center, 9am-4pm

Thanks for going above and beyond!

Open VISTA Positions

In the coming months we are looking to fill VISTA positions across several sites. If you or someone you know may be interested, please check out the position descriptions in this newsletter. Information and application instructions can be found on our website:

www.publicschoolpartnership.com/full-termoffice.html

Open VISTA Positions (continued)

VISTA Leader

PSP is looking for a 2nd VISTA Leader to support the PSP office and VISTA Members! VISTA Leaders engage in community outreach, support program staff, and do whatever they can to make sure VISTA members are successful and happy! National Service experience (AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps, or Peace Corps volunteers) is required as well as attendance at VISTA Leader training and commitment to one year of service. The VISTA Leader will receive a \$1173 monthly living allowance and \$5,775 education award or \$3,000 cash stipend following completion of a one-year term.

Counseling and Student Advocates

Ridgeline High School in Nibley is currently hiring for a PSP VISTA Member who will support and improve programs for middle and high school students. They will help meet school needs by implementing and overseeing attendance and student pride programs, promoting college and career readiness, facilitating FAFSA workshops, coordinating clubs, assisting with graduation and credit monitoring, tracking student progress, collecting and reporting data, training others, soliciting donations, and collaborating on grant proposals. Candidates should possess strong self-management, problem-solving, and communication skills; a positive attitude; and a willingness to be flexible.

Title VII Northern Utah Native Connection

VISTA Members placed with Title VII will serve on a team of highly motivated and service-minded individuals to independently and collectively drive to rural schools in Northern Utah to build and maintain programs that support student learning, educate family and community members, collect donations, recruit and train volunteers, collect and analyze data, and build partnerships with community organizations to benefit Native students.

Temporary PSP Office Assistant

The part-time PSP Office Assistant will help with office duties such as filing documents,

completing paperwork, corresponding with community partners, and planning events. The assistant will help keep data and paperwork up-to-date in preparation for progress reports, auditing, and monthly site visits. The assistant will promote PSP and host site activities, academic resources, and positions through social media, flyers, emails, and other outlets. The assistant will participate in evaluation survey distribution and collection and will help keep the PSP office organized and presentable. Position is part-time (15-20 hours/week) at \$10/hour.

USU Technical Communication Partnership Wrap-Up



For the past 4 semesters, The Public & School Partnership has collaborated with Dr. Rebecca Walton's USU Technical Communication class to create professional, sustainable materials that PSP and its VISTA sites can use to promote their programs and to better serve the community. This semester, students in Dr. Walton's class partnered with VISTA Members working with Advocates for School Trustlands, Cache Valley National Service Alliance, and the counseling programs at Cedar Ridge Middle, Box Elder Middle, and Cache High School to improve their websites and logos. We are so grateful for this partnership and for the efforts of Dr. Walton and her talented students!