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Mississippi Joins National Celebration of AmeriCorps Members

Annual AmeriCorps Week recognizes AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service

JACKSON, Miss. – As part of a nationwide effort to celebrate the valuable contributions of AmeriCorps members across the country, the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) will honor the 15,000 AmeriCorps members who have served in Mississippi with a press conference announcing AmeriCorps Week in Mississippi on Tuesday, March 12 at 9:00am at the Mississippi Capitol (second floor rotunda).

The Press Conference will feature Governor Phil Bryant's proclamation declaring March 10-16, 2019 as AmeriCorps Week in Mississippi, as well as reflections of the last 25 years of service by MCVS. This event is one of hundreds taking place across the country during AmeriCorps Week, an annual occurrence organized by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that administers the AmeriCorps program.

This fall, AmeriCorps will celebrate its 25th anniversary in September, saluting the more than 1 million men and women who have served in AmeriCorps since the program's inception in 1994. Together, they have provided more than 1.4 billion hours of service and earned more than \$3.6 billion in education scholarships to pay for college or pay back student loans.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

WHO: Monica Ritchie, MCVS Executive Director; and
Marsha Meeks Kelly, MCVS Executive Director Emeritus
WHAT: Press Conference commemorating and celebrating March 10-16, 2019 as National
AmeriCorps Week in Mississippi
WHEN: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 9:00am CST
WHERE: Mississippi Capitol Rotunda, Second Floor (400 High Street, Jackson)

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The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (also known as Volunteer Mississippi) was established in 1994 to encourage a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility to America. Volunteer Mississippi works to engage and support Mississippians in service to their communities through volunteerism and national service programs. As a state service commission, Volunteer Mississippi administers funds through AmeriCorps State and Volunteer Generation Fund to address critical community needs and engage Mississippians in service. Learn more at volunteermisissippi.org.

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages millions of Americans in service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and leads the nation's volunteering and service efforts. For more information, visit [NationalService.gov](https://www.nationalservice.gov).