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Volunteer Mississippi appreciates your support of National Service Programs in our great state! We look forward to working with you and seizing opportunities for growth together.

So, what's going in June 2020?

REMINDER!

When a reimbursement request is submitted in DropBox, send an email to acmsreimbursements@ihl.state.ms.us to notify VM that it has been submitted.

CLOSEOUT DOCUMENTS:

It's hard to believe, but we are approaching the end of the Service Year! Closeout Documents (and all other relevant information) can be found on [Basecamp](#). The Final Progress Report will be added shortly. Take a look and get started!

BEYOND RULES & REGULATIONS TRAINING:

ASC is hosting a virtual training facilitated by [Shannon Stober](#) of the Verve Exchange to bolster management skills of programs, staff, and commissions. Training topics will cover areas such as conflict resolution, team dynamics, negotiation skills, meeting facilitation (both in-person and virtual!) and more. This will include the tools and resources that can be incorporated into your important work. The series will be delivered virtually from July to December 2020. If you are interested in participating, please send the names of those individuals who would like to join the series to acms@ihl.state.ms.us by 12:00pm on Friday, June 26. We will register you directly with ASC as part of

our State Partnership.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT FAIR:

VM will host a Virtual Recruitment Fair for potential new members on July 15! Programs will share information for six minutes and those interested in serving will either schedule an interview through calendly OR participate in a real-time "Zoom Room" to learn more. Participating programs are asked to submit information for the slide deck to VM by Friday, June 26. Please distribute the [outreach toolkit](#) and the [registration](#) to your networks!

ASC INNOVATION & LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

In preparation for the ASC Innovation & Leadership Awards currently planned for September, ASC is seeking input on elected officials to recognize. In particular, they would value your input on outstanding state/local leaders (Governors, Lt. Governors, State Legislators, Mayors, etc.) who have demonstrated strong support for the state service commission and your state's national service programs.

If you would like to nominate someone, please complete the following form and brief description by **June 30**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QBVLGQC>

CORPS ACT:

In an effort to mobilize the power of national service, assist communities in need, and put more Americans to work combating COVID-19 and building a better future while also making higher education more accessible and affordable, a bipartisan coalition led by Senators Chris Coons (D-DE), Roger Wicker (R-MS), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and Marco Rubio (R-FL), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Jack Reed (D-RI), and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) introduced the Cultivating Opportunity and Response to the Pandemic through Service (CORPS) Act (S.B. 3624/H.R. 6702).

The CORPS Act would double the number of AmeriCorps positions available this year to 150,000 and provide a total of 600,000 service opportunities nationwide over the next three years to unemployed youth and others looking to assist their communities. These positions could support a variety of response and recovery efforts based on community needs, including expanding food pantry capacity, mentoring and tutoring at-risk students, bridging health inequities by expanding access to COVID-19 screening and testing, and more. In addition to helping the community and developing new skills, the CORPS Act would provide a living stipend and post-service education scholarship

opportunities.

We are excited that Congress has prioritized National Service and encourage you to thank your elected officials for their support.

REMINDERS:

- Weekly Program Check-In Zoom Calls: every Wednesday at 11am CST
- Resources are added to Basecamp regularly - check often!
- All queries and correspondence about AmeriCorps should be directed to acms@ihl.state.ms.us.



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