

## Welcome, Natalie Furlett

Illinois Campus Compact welcomes its new Executive Director during the 20+ Impact of Service Conference.

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## Initiatives

**CEEP** Campus Election Engagement Project helps campuses engage students in electoral process.

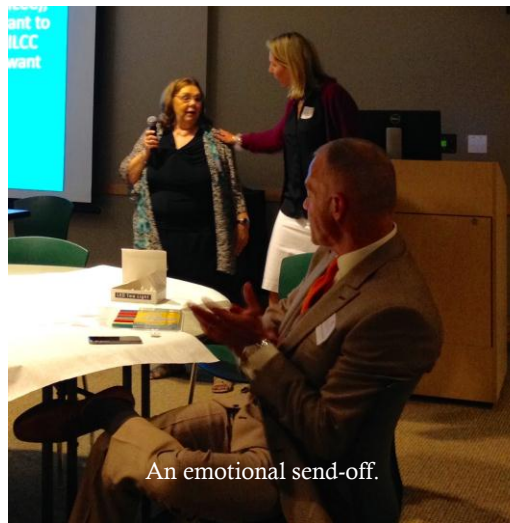
**VISTA** VISTA aims to increase civic engagement on college and university campuses. Goals include: Tutoring and Mentoring, College Access & Success, and Student Veterans.

**CSD** 2015-2016 Meetings  
Oct 2nd, 10am-1pm  
Dec 4th, 10am-12pm  
Feb 5th, 10am-12pm  
April 8th, 10am-12pm  
*Location: TBD*

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VISTA panel discussion.



An emotional send-off.

## ILLC celebrates 20+ years of impact

Illinois Campus Compact organized a conference at DePaul University Chicago on June 15, 2015 to greet the new ILCC Executive Director Natalie Furlett and National Campus Compact President Andrew Seligsohn. The conference entitled "20+ Years of Impact" also gave a warm send-off to outgoing ILCC Executive Director Kathy Engelken who retired after 15 years of service. ILCC board members, community service directors, community

partners, and institutions of higher education from all across Illinois participated in the conference organized by ILCC Associate Director Amy Ludwig and Vincentian Community Service Assistant Director at DePaul University Karl Nass. The conference also presented several panel discussions designed around the themes of service learning and civic engagement. ILCC VISTA members and leaders volunteered during the daylong event. ■

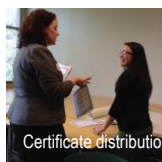


"Education is essential to effective participation in democracy."

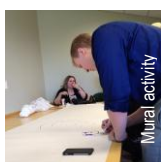
- Andrew Seligsohn, President, National Campus Compact @ June 15 conference



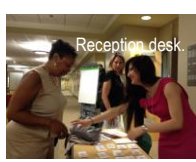
National Campus Compact President Andrew Seligsohn addressing ILCC Presidents' Board and Member Presidents at June 15 conference.



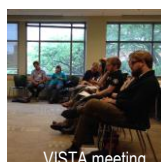
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Mural activity



Reception desk.



VISTA meeting.



Partners honored.

“Education is about learning how to use your resources.” – Eric Powel, former VISTA leader

## Education and Poverty: ILCC VISTA members host panel discussion

ILCC past and present VISTA members participated in a panel discussion on the “value of education in relation to poverty” during a Sharing and Caring session at the June 15 conference.

The panel discussion was led by Eric Powel from Corporation for National & Community Service and included Tori Collins from U.S. Department of Transportation; Andrew Palmer from

Chicago Cares; Riley Wright from Student Veterans of America-IL; and Rachel Blakely, current ILCC VISTA. Panelists reflected on the topic through personal and shared experiences. They observed that education is not merely about locating your resources, but it is also about letting people know how to wisely utilize your resources. They strongly highlighted the value of education and defined it as a currency of

social and economic opportunity.

Participants were also invited to take part in a mural activity. The newly appointed ILCC Executive director Natalie Furlett also attended the session and distributed certificates among the participants. “I was specially inspired by sitting in our VISTA session, listening to all the wonderful work they are doing,” she said later during her speech. ■

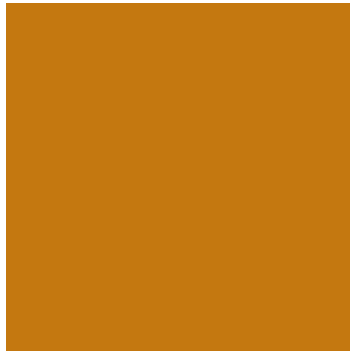
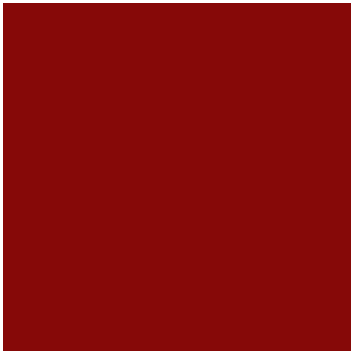


### ILCC VISTA family greets new members!

ILCC adds 11 new members to its VISTA family. They are:

Tiffany Liner, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT); Mark Muniz, Knox College; Tylar McClean, Millikin University; Andrew Larson, North Park

University; Elizabeth Harrington, Roosevelt University; Wesley Brinkman, UIS; Ricca Louissaint, Governors State University; Skylar Dunn-Lubin, Columbia College; Talia Aizenman, Loyola University; Jonah Wine, National Louis University; and Shawnteal Perry, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. ■



New and outgoing executive directors share table during the transition of leadership ceremony.

## An Introduction: ILCC brand new Executive Director

Illinois Campus Compact welcomes its new Executive Director, Natalie Furllett. Natalie comes from Northwestern University where she served as the Associate Director of the Norris Center for Student Involvement; prior to that position, she was the Coordinator of Student Community Service and was a Campus Compact Community Service Director Fellow. Natalie was a recipient of Northwestern's Department of Student Affairs Community Service Award. She also founded and co-chaired the Northwestern Veterans Services Committee.

Natalie served on the ILCC Advisory

Council and is an AmeriCorps alum.

In her speech during the June 15 conference, Natalie vowed to continue with ILCC's mission with a new commitment and dedication. "We have so much great work to do."

Natalie also thanked member campuses for hosting the ILCC VISTA program. "I really appreciate those hosting our VISTAs on campus. I look forward to meeting you on campus," she said and added: "My doors are open, figuratively and really. Feel free to send me email, thoughts, concerns." ■

## Global is Local: Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit

A group of ILCC VISTA members and its Advisory Council Member Lynne Meyers participated in the Campus Compact Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit held on June 9-10, 2015 at Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minnesota.

The summit entitled “The Global is Local: Civic Engagement across Cultures, Communities, and Nations” was co-organized by Minnesota Campus Compact, Iowa Campus Compact, Wisconsin Campus Compact and Illinois Campus Compact. Dr. Tania Mitchell from University of Minnesota and Fatima Said, Executive Director, Focus on Integrating Newcomers through Education (FINE) served as keynote speakers during the two-day activity. ■

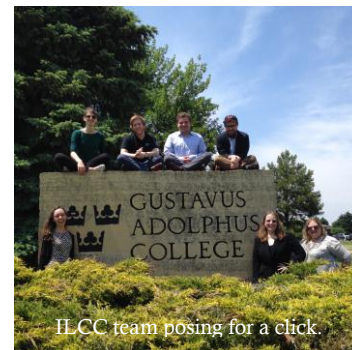
Colleagues from across the Upper Midwest critically reflected together on service, learning and civic engagement during the summit.



A breakout session on sister city relationship.



Networking dinner.



ILCC team posing for a click.



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Illinois Campus Compact is a coalition of 40 colleges and universities working together to promote the civic mission of higher education through effective civic engagement and service learning practices.

ILCC provides support, workshops, funding, conferences and more for members and community partners, including the AmeriCorps VISTA Program, Campus Election Engagement Project (CEEP) and Community Service Directors meetings. CSD meetings aim to share and discuss updates and upcoming events.

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