Want to help address community challenges and support a civic-minded culture on our campus?

Would you like to spend another year in Middlebury?

The Center for Education in Action seeks an AmeriCorps VISTA member for a one-year position as Mentoring and Youth Programs Coordinator from mid-August 2012 through mid-August 2013.

We seek a dedicated individual to engage both the campus and community to support students' involvement with the College's mentoring and youth programs. The primary goal of this VISTA position is to build capacity in programs that improve college aspirations for children from low-income and minority backgrounds in Addison County. The ideal candidate will be familiar with campus- and community-connected work, have experience planning events and recruiting volunteers, have excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal), and have a mentoring background or experience working with youth. Among other responsibilities, the VISTA member will:

- Work closely with the following four programs: Community Friends, Xiao Pengyou, Distinguished Men of Color Mentoring Program, and DREAM.
- Continue to build upon existing relationships and cultivate new partnerships with community organizations and schools in a coordinated effort to address issues of poverty among more Addison County residents.
- Support various other student initiatives, all of which support college access for low-income populations: Page 1 Literacy, Sister to Sister, the Mary Hogan and Beeman Elementary mentoring programs, JUNTOS, NOM (Nutrition Outreach and Mentoring), and Middlebury Union High School mentoring program.
- Provide information for college students regarding best mentoring practices and college access issues locally and in the U.S.
- Assist as needed with other service and volunteer opportunities.

Benefits Include: In addition to extensive professional development training, members receive a living stipend, health benefits, rent assistance, and can elect to receive an educational award of \$5, 500 to pay off existing student loans or finance future education.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree; excellent communication skills; desire to work with college students; interest in youth development; a car and valid driver's license; a demonstrated commitment to service; leadership experience; and because it is a Federal program, US citizenship.

Questions? Contact Emma Lennon, current Americorps VISTA, at <u>elennon@middlebury.edu</u>, 802-443-3010. For general information about Americorps, visit <u>www.americorps.gov</u>. To learn more about the Center for Education in Action, visit go/eia.

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