AFVN University of Miami Campus-Community Partnership

The goal of this project is to support low-income communities within South Florida by offering guidance and support to K-12 youth through additional and enhanced educational opportunities including tutoring and mentorship experiences. According to the U.S. Census, 21% of the population within Miami-Dade County is living in poverty. That is about one in five residents. In 2013, it was estimated according to Census data that 27% of children within the county were living in poverty. And while high school graduation rates are increasing within the County at just over 89% for the 2019-2020 academic year, there are still lingering concerns regarding students’ success outcomes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Communities such as Historic Overtown, Liberty City, Coconut Grove, and South Miami experience some of the highest rates of poverty within the county and state and are also challenged with additional issues including gentrification and navigating the presented issues of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Given that many K-12 students within the county experienced fully remote learning this year and the challenges pertaining to volunteer engagement, the VISTA project will work to address the education attainment gap within these communities and others. The VISTA will work to find unique and meaningful ways to connect youth within the Miami-Dade County schools and community organizations to University of Miami students and student organizations. Through increased tutoring and mentorship experiences, the VISTA will create mutually beneficial experiences for both K-12 youth in the community and our campus community at large.

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Member Duties: The VISTA will serve several roles in the Butler Center to engage the campus and community, specifically addressing the VISTA Focus Area of Education. The VISTA will partner with student organizations whose focus relates to improved educational success and access through tutoring and mentorship programs with local community partners and the Miami-Dade Public School system. These organizations include groups such as Kids and Culture, Written in My Soul, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Healthy U Healthy Me, Students Together Ending Poverty, among others. The primary communities that the VISTA will be working and collaborating with on projects include, but are not limited to: Historic Overtown, Liberty City, Coconut Grove, and South Miami. Each of these communities has extensive needs. The VISTA will be able to connect with various community partner agencies to learn how UM may implement continued and catered tutoring and mentorship programs that foster student engagement and student success.

Program Benefits: Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend, Health Coverage*, Training, Relocation Allowance, Professional Development, Mentoring, Childcare assistance if eligible, Living Allowance.

*For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, please visit http://www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare

Terms: Car recommended, Permits attendance at school during off hours.

Service Areas: Community and Economic Development, Community Outreach, Education.

Skills: Writing/Editing, Fund raising/Grant Writing, Computers/Technology, Public Speaking, Team Work, Community Organization, Leadership, Conflict Resolution, General Skills, Recruitment, Communications.

Summary

Program Type: AmeriCorps VISTA

Program: AFVN University of Miami Campus-Community Partnership

Program Start/End Date: 08/29/2022 - 08/28/2023

Work Schedule: Full Time

Education level: College graduate

Age Requirement: Minimum: 18 Maximum: None

Program Locations: FLORIDA Miami/Ft. Lauderdale

Accepting Applications: From 06/30/2022 To 10/31/2022

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