



Celebrating the Anniversary of AmeriCorps

We celebrated AmeriCorps' 20th anniversary and are excited to welcome twenty more years of alums who will make our communities safer, stronger, and healthier! Here are some of our best moments from the previous year (September 2014 – August 2015).

By The Numbers

900,000	Nearly 1 million individuals have served in AmeriCorps, contributing 1.2 billion hours of service since 1994 . Alums represents all of them.
100,000	Each month, more than 100,000 of our members receive our career newsletter which includes Career Coach columns, upcoming free webinars, virtual career fairs, grad fairs, and more.
51,000	AmeriCorps Alums engages more than 51,000 alums on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
2015	We hosted the 2015 Leadership Forum sponsored by the Annie E. Casey and Ford Foundations , bringing together alums, corporate, and philanthropic leaders.
233	233 nonprofits, companies, and public sector institutions are Employers of National Service. Alums is a proud convener of this new initiative.
159	159 alums were guest bloggers, webinar presenters, and event speakers. We engage diverse alums, tap their expertise, tell their stories, and “lift as we climb.”
72	We have 72 chapters in 37 states plus Guam and Puerto Rico . We launched a new layer of support and a leadership opportunity for chapters by establishing a National Chapter Council .
25	To celebrate the anniversary of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA, we honored 25 alums as National Leadership Award winners .
1	<p>One Result—Make a measurable contribution to creating safer, stronger, and healthier communities.</p> <p>AmeriCorps Alums is one of five organizations selected for the Annie. E Casey Foundation's year-long "Social Sector Talent Pipeline Strategy and Learning Lab." This process has allowed Alums to learn and apply results-based leadership skills, tools, and methods to accelerate the achievement of our result.</p>

A Lifetime of Service

AmeriCorps Alums is the only national network that connects all AmeriCorps alumni to the people, ideas, and resources that support a lifetime of service. In their own words taken from some of our top blogs, AmeriCorps members, alums, and national service champions share their thoughts on the potential of AmeriCorps and its alumni to keep getting things done.



Why Persistence Beats Enthusiasm

"I started my service ready to change the world. When I got to the midpoint of my service, however, I realized I had been sprinting to the finish line of a marathon. I had forgotten all the minutes with my students weren't supposed to add up to a certain number, but to a real difference. I stayed motivated and focused by recognizing my daily wins."

- Amanda Salapong, AmeriCorps member



Living as a Seed of Hope during and after AmeriCorps

"If my brother or sister is not well, I am not well. When accountability is at the heart of community, outcomes count — it actually matters if things get better or worse. I learned to live as a seed of hope and joined other seeds of hope."

- Sondra Samuels, AmeriCorps Alums National Leadership Award Winner for the 20th Anniversary of AmeriCorps, President and CEO of the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ)



The Promise of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Alums

"That phrase 'and beyond' in the AmeriCorps Pledge is for real. Alums are making the words 'and beyond' a reality. Whatever they do in their work, service and citizenship remain central to their lives."

- John Gomperts, AmeriCorps Alums Founders Club, President and CEO of America's Promise Alliance