

AVIC Addendum

Highlights of Private Higher Education Contributions

Bennington College

Each year Bennington College typically makes voluntary contributions of between \$12,000 and \$13,000 to various community organizations such as:

- North Bennington Fire Department
- Village of North Bennington
- Irene Relief
- Bennington Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Paran Recreation
- United Counseling Service
- Bennington Lions Club
- Sage City Symphony

The College provides space at no cost for various local organizations including Vermont Arts Exchange; Mt. Anthony Union High School; Sage City Symphony; North Bennington Fire Department; The Shires of Vermont Marathon.

Burlington College

- Free legal services to low income local residents through the Burlington College Free Legal Clinic; 3 hours per week, 50 weeks per year, average 250 to 300 clients served per year.
- Free meeting space available to non-profit organizations.
- Free tuition for senior citizens (over the age of 60).
- Free gallery exhibits, movie nights
- Institute for Civic Engagement – free lecture series on issues of civic importance and relevance
- Partnerships with numerous high schools to provide ELL classes that expose New American high school students to college level studies and a college environment

Champlain College

- Use of campus facilities by community for meetings, events etc.
- Use of campus facilities by neighbors of the College
- Free admission to Theater events for community members.
- Close partnership with Edmunds Elementary with our students, faculty and staff volunteering in any number of activities.

College of St. Joseph

Host site (free of charge) for occasional meetings of

- Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board
- Rutland Economic Development Corporation
- Rutland South Supervisory Union

Agencies, clubs etc. that we have offered the use of our facilities for free or at a very discounted rate:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter
- American Red Cross
- Rutland Region Workforce
- REDC/CEDS

- VT State Police Academy
- VT Adult Education
- Rutland Regional Medical Center
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Elite Soccer Club
- AAU Basketball Teams

Under our new Provider Scholars Program, students must complete 15 hours of community engagement each semester--on or off campus. We have 74 students in the program this year and expect to have over 100 students next year. So this year's total would roughly be 74 x 30 hours = 2,220 hours--and that's just from this specific program--we do more.

Placements/efforts with:

- Rutland Women's Shelter
- Dismas House
- Community Cupboard
- Vermont Achievement Center
- Mill River Union High School
- Rutland county Parent-Child Center
- Whitehall Elementary School
- Rutland Area Farm and Food Link
- Prevent Child Abuse Walk
- Hosting high school and middle school cross country meets (no charge to the schools)
- CSJ campus clean up events
- Soap Drop to area agencies in need of hygiene products
- Register to Vote tabling
- Scholastic Book Fair (on campus)
- Letter writing and Care bags to kids entering Foster Care
- Bingo nights at the Loretto Home

Upcoming:

- Halloween Parade Float
- Trick or Treat street on campus for kids
- Mandala House
- Yard work/snow removal with Council on Aging
- Habitat for Humanity build
- Christ the King after school activity
- Boys and Girls Club
- CSJ is a host site for the annual community blood drive
- Community members regularly use our campus for biking and also use our trails for running/walking

Green Mountain College

All facilities, events and services are open to the Poultney community at no charge. The Student Government has donated over \$15,000 to the community for projects ranging from the Co-Op, Tiny Theatre, Food Shelf.

Farm CSA, Child Education Center to open December 2013, Dream mentoring program with Poultney Elementary School, Financial Literacy Outreach to Poultney, Rutland and Fairhaven. Student Rotary Volunteer Group.

Goddard

- Donation to Town Hall renovation fund
- Donation to Plainfield Fire Department
- Donation to Front Porch Forum, web based community announcements
- Fiscal sponsorship and site of WGDR community radio station (for over 40 years!)
- Fiscal sponsorship for grants to Central Vermont Arts Council
- Free and open to the public: on campus visual art shows, performances, poetry and fiction readings, workshops and other literary events during residencies
- Haybarn concert series provides a diverse range of cultural experiences to the public
- Goddard's public library is open to community members living in Washington County, VT for small annual fee. Includes:
 - Research assistance
 - Inter Library Loan
 - Use of computers / printer / scanner / fax / copier
 - 38,000 volumes with 4 week loan period
 - Access to Goddard Archives, with featured exhibits at bi-annual VT History Expo in cooperation with Plainfield's Historical Society
- Goddard's public library provides:
 - Free Wifi
 - Free use of space for studying / tutoring / peer group meetings
 - Free art gallery viewing
- The Library has offered internship opportunities through the VT Department of Labor "Reach-Up" program as well as through the Vermont program "Creative Workforce Solutions", which provides a stipend to candidates re-entering the workforce.
- Art Gallery@350 Main, free art gallery in Montpelier hosted by Goddard for use by local artists
- Provides leased space for area schools: EarthWalk VT and Central Vermont High School Initiative
- We host websites, on our servers, for community groups. Currently we host the Plainfield Public Library's site. Have hosted the Plainfield Historical Society's website and a group Vermont Council of Teacher Educators.
- Artist work space in Sculpture Building 2011, 2012
- Lighted theater used for Shakespeare in the Hills and other theater companies
- Haybarn rental at low-cost for non-profit community groups
- Public and private high schools use Goddard space at greatly reduced rates
- Free weekly Gamelan use to local musicians
- News, announcements & entertainment from WGDR
- Farm to Table initiative in cafeteria
- Free use of woods and trails throughout Goddard's property

Landmark College

- Provide access to the Click Family Athletic Center to the Putney Fire Department, and to regional law enforcement agencies, for fitness training and training drills.
- Provide use of soccer field and adjacent practice field for an annual youth soccer tournament.
- Provided technical and grant writing support to the Putney Town Manager and her team, in support of a successful VTrans grant application, which will establish a sidewalk between the Landmark College campus and the Putney downtown.
- Each spring, a group of students, staff, and faculty clean up U.S. Route 5 from Putney downtown to campus and beyond.
- Each spring, a group of students, staff, and faculty clean up nearby Putney Mountain.
- Annually, Landmark College faculty and the College host an “Empty Bowls” event, raising money for the local community kitchen/ food shelf.
- Annually, faculty and staff collect contributions for the “Feed the Thousands” campaign.
- Any Putney resident may apply for a Landmark College library card, obtaining borrowing privileges to the entire library collection.
- Landmark College’s student honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, annually focuses on area community service as an essential aspect of its operations and mission.
- Two members of our College faculty, Christie Herbert and Geoff Burgess, teach an annual class that involves their students mentoring area grade school students with learning disabilities. This program is intended to foster college aspirations within the local student population of students with learning differences.
- Landmark College’s Academic Speaker Series is free and open to the public.
- Landmark College’s Brown Bag Lunch training series is promoted to area residents and first responders; a number of individuals have attended in the past
- Annually, the Bookstore Manager works with students to donate their leftover debit card balances to the Putney Food Shelf. This raises thousands of dollars for this cause.
- The Athletics Department works with area schools to provide access to our ropes course.
- The Putney Student Corps is a service learning club that involves students from Landmark College, Putney School, Putney Central School, the Grammar School, and the Greenwood School. The Putney Student Corps has engaged in numerous civic engagement projects

Marlboro College

Each year Marlboro College typically makes voluntary contributions of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to various community organizations such as:

- Deerfield Valley Transit Authority
- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
- Brattleboro Museum and Art Center
- United Way of Windham County
- Arts Council of Windham County
- The Preservation Trust of Vermont
- Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department

- Vermont Scholarship Fund (administered by Vermont Student Assistance Corporation)
- Brattleboro Literary Festival
- Southern Vermont Health Services Corporation
- Partnership for Palliative Care
- In-Sight Photography
- Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce
- New England Youth Theater
- Access and borrowing privileges for Town of Marlboro residents at college library
- Services of college-paid student employees provided to local elementary school and area non-profit organizations
- Free admission to many lectures, concerts and other college events
- Free enrollment of high school students in for-credit courses
- Free auditing of courses for senior citizens
- Access to hiking and skiing trails on college campus
- Free and significantly-discounted meeting space provided to area non-profit organizations

Middlebury College

- Contributes \$600,000 a year for a period of 30 years to help fund the construction of a new in-town bridge spanning Otter Creek that has greatly enhanced traffic flow and accessibility to downtown Middlebury—while also improving safety by increasing access for police, fire, and ambulance services
- Annual contribution of \$270,000 to the town
- Supports community child care, \$300,000 plus use and maintenance of small house.
- Supports Addison County Transportation Resources
- Use of recreational areas such as the ski areas and golf course at below market rates
- Use of art museum and attendance at athletic events at low or no cost
- Leases land to the local hospital and senior living facility
- Supports the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association
- Subsidized cost of foreign language software and teacher professional development for 30 Vermont schools.

New England Culinary Institute

Supports organizations through the donation of goods and services to many in the Vermont community. Our curriculum includes the requirements students perform a minimum number of community service hours as part of their required service learning independent study.

Over 1400 hours of service are performed each year, in Vermont and throughout the nation, by NECI students. Organizations that NECI has worked with in 2013 include the following:

- Montpelier Senior Center
- The Basement Teen Center (Boys and Girls Club)
- Kellogg-Hubbard Library-Cooking and Booking
- March of Dimes Signature Chef's Event
- Jr. Iron Chef Demonstration
- VT Corporate Cup Challenge

- Montpelier Farmers Market
- Central VT Humane Society
- Montpelier Food Bank
- Montpelier Parks
- Colchester Parks and Recreation
- Hunger Free VT
- Slow Food VT
- VT Fresh Network
- Shelburne Farms
- Vermont Foodbank
- Meals on Wheels
- NECI outlets contribute substantial quantities of food and baked goods to local food shelves.

Norwich University

- Norwich purchased a fire truck for the community in the amount of \$200,000 in FY'13. Additionally, we allow Northfield High School students to take classes for \$75 per credit as compared to the actual per credit cost of \$925

Academic, Athletic, Musical Events – free and open to all include:

- Many Guest Lectures and Educational Programs
- Many Band Events
- Select Athletic Events
- Todd Lecture Series, Colby Symposium

Access to Recreational & Sports Facilities

- Shaw Outdoor Center – open to the public
- Access to use of Athletic Fields – open to the community at no cost as well as no cost access to Northfield High School teams for practice purposes
- Access to Kreitzberg Arena and Goodyear Pool – Northfield High School hockey, Northfield Amateur Hockey Association, and Northfield Wavemakers Swim Club are extended access with reduced charges

Access to Campus Facilities

- Northfield High School Prom, Commencement
- Vermont State Police Physical Training and Testing (indoor and outdoor facilities)
- Vermont National Guard Physical Training and Testing
- Vermont State Science and Math Fair
- Religious Services – On campus services are open to public at no cost
- Community Service/Civic Engagement (partial list only)
- Color Guard participates in community events upon request
- Drill Team provides demonstrations at area events upon requests
- Annual Halloween event – free and open to the public
- Annual Drop and Swop Clothing and Furniture Drive
- Student activities open to the public at no, or limited, cost

Emergency Services - EMT students assist Town of Northfield Emergency Medical Services

Saint Michael's College

- Buxton scholarships to members of the National Guard \$200 thousand per year
- Saint Michael's Early Learning Center
- Facilities usage: Over 450 separate bookings at no or low cost; billings that were foregone approximate \$35,000 per year

MOVE Program

- Last year 573 students working with local schools, senior homes, nonprofits and other organizations provided over 1,500 volunteer hours in a total of 18 programs; four of our 18 programs are within the Winooski School System.

Saint Michael's College Fire and Rescue Squads

- A student-run Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service, available 365/24/7, serving Winooski, Colchester, Hinesburg, Essex and surrounding communities.
- The fire unit receives 650-700 calls per year while the rescue unit receives 1,900-2,000 calls per year.
- There is no cost to municipalities for the service.

The student government annually awards \$40,000 from the student fee to local community organizations. Recipients have included Spectrum Youth Services, Community on Temporary Shelter, Burlington Boys and Girls Club, the Visiting Nurse Association Family Room.

Saint Michael's provides administrative leadership for the Lake Champlain Research Consortium.

Each year college employees devote a day of service in May in off-campus work at nonprofits in the community, such as Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, Catamount Family Center, Rock Point School, and others.

SIT

- Provide scholarships for qualified high school students to take graduate courses at SIT. Contribute to Strolling of the Heifers.
- Make our facilities available for meetings of local organizations at no or low-cost; student volunteers at schools and Boys and Girls Club; significant contributor post-Irene as Red Cross used our facilities for meal prep and distribution.

Southern Vermont College

- Scholarships to local students to live on campus and have the full college experience (4 annually at \$9,000 per student)
- Speaker contest for middle school students to develop their capacity for public speaking
- Book prizes to local graduates
- Tutoring at various levels for elementary and secondary students

- Philanthropy-Investing in the Community class offered to provide students the opportunity to share \$5,000 in grant funding (supported by the Bank of

- Bennington) with Bennington County organizations
- Open lecture series free to community members
- Interns volunteer in many local organizations
- Business planning and marketing workshops for local businesses
- Campus Community Dinner series, a project that invites local families with high school-aged children to experience the benefits of family dinners and engage in thoughtful conversations with students over meals that are prepared in the campus dining hall

Sterling College

- Student internship hours for 2012 were 2,658
- Work Program positions serving the community: 1381.25
- All College Work Day projects that served on campus and in neighboring communities: 440 hours If this work component were to be calculated only at the minimum wage, leaving out the multiplier effect, the gross value of these hours is \$53,128.80.
- Vermont's towns and villages occupy a distinct place in the tourism industry. It is estimated that over 2,500 visitors come to the town every year, pumping hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local economy.

Sterling College helps contribute to tourism in the Northeast Kingdom in the following ways:

- Hosting over 100 perspective students and their families yearly.
- Scheduling on-campus public events such as guest lectures and art shows.
- Hosting the 40 writers who yearly attend the Wildbranch Writing Workshop.
- Providing the scenic beauty of our white clapboard buildings, including the President's home
- Participating in regional food and agricultural tours

Union Institute and University

Union Institute & University is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, which uses some of its membership funds for scholarship. Within the past two years, Union offered three Women in Union scholarships to residents of Windham County enrolled in our Brattleboro weekend option Bachelor of Arts program.

Union students have donated food to the local homeless shelter and we have donated our own leased space to non-profits for youth education and a variety of non-profit meetings and gatherings. Staff have participated in United Way activities, including clean-up efforts after Hurricane Irene.

VCFA

- The College Green functions as a quasi-public park for the city of Montpelier. It is a 3+ acre flat parcel of land maintained by the College.
- Sponsor art events throughout the year. Last year the total was over \$15,000 of cash contributions. Staff time would amount to an additional \$13k-15k.
- The College campus buildings play host to community organizations and events such as memorial services, blood drive, not for profit meetings, religious services and in kind space donations amounting to over \$5k.
- Over 70 days of facility use is given to this community. On average, the usage consists of 2500 sq feet.

- Space is provided to a community newspaper, without which it could not exist.
- Local and regional media use and broadcast from our campus at no cost.

VLS

- Donations to Fire Dept \$10,000 annually
- Town Betterment Fund \$40,000 annually
- Scholarship \$45,000 annually
- South Royalton Legal Clinic provides services to local residents free of charge
- VLS provides free rent to the local daycare center; students volunteer in the schools, free use of facilities for Town functions, legal services

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science (Colchester)

- Colchester High School Golf Tournament (\$100)
- Colchester High School Senior Class Graduation Activities (\$100)
- Visiting Nurse Association (\$1000 donation)
- Bridging the Divide Conference (\$250)
- Students provide tutoring at Colchester High School library
- Facilities for Exit 16 Planning Commission meeting, Champlain Valley AHEC, Vermont Bioscience Alliance, Colchester Town Board (occasionally)
- Student organizations have provided health screenings for diabetes at University Mall, Church Street Marketplace, county fairs, pharmacies.
- Student organizations have participated in drug take back programs.
- Student organizations have raised funds for cancer, alzheimer's disease, leukemia, epilepsy and UNICEF
- Students present Generation Rx program (focused on dangers of prescription drug abuse) at local high schools
- Students volunteer at Hope Lodge and Ronald McDonald House (temporary housing for families of patients from out of town receiving care at Fletcher Allen Health Care
- Students volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Restore, Mardi Gras Parade through Hope Works, at Chittenden County Food Shelf
- Students participate in flu vaccine clinics at local pharmacies