

# VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

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<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b> Prescott College, Inc. <b>Project Name:</b> PRESCOTT COLLEGE <b>Project Number:</b> 20VSWAZ003 <b>Project Period:</b> 08/30/2020 - 08/28/2021	
<b>Site Name:</b> Green Mountain Center for Sustainability at Prescott College	
<b>Focus Area(s)</b> <b>Primary:</b> Education <b>Secondary:</b> Healthy Futures	

## VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

**Goal of the Overall VISTA Project:** The population served by the VISTA will be students, alumni, staff, local citizens, and an online audience. The AmeriCorps VISTA member will expand the development of sustainable initiatives and practices throughout the campus community. They would then make these available to community stakeholders in the greater quad city area. They will then make resources available to the greater Prescott Community targeting underserved and at-risk populations targeting poverty. The VISTA will build capacity through community assessment, project implementation, and outreach activities.

### Objective of the Assignment

Assessment of organizational practices and outreach initiatives to set a barometer for current impact. The VISTA member will provide an assessment of current systems and stakeholders. They will create a summary that includes three recommendations for the Prescott College Sustainability Counsel.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Conduct community mapping exercises through targeted focus groups of campus and community stakeholders. This will seek to not only bring a voice to the projects but also greater buy-in for broader sustainability.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Review and update the needs assessment with assistance from the Prescott College sustainability counsel, including energy and waste audits of all trash and buildings on campus. Survey the campus gardens and compost as well and the density of their use on a weekly basis.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Enact assessment date to make recommendations to the Prescott College sustainability council and pilot sustainable initiatives.

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Project Implementation of leveraging Prescott College sustainability practices to the community at large. As a result of the VISTA efforts, the organization will have analyzed data that will result in a better understanding of the underserved populations they are attempting to reach. The VISTA will create a sustainability document that can be passed to a new VISTA member or staff at the end of the VISTA's term.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Create systems and reforms for the Sustainability Center to implement using recommendations from the previous year and results from their own assessment.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Engage and work with students and staff to build sustainable systems

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Create a sustainability binder that documents achievements and progress on project implementation activities to pass to another VISTA or staff member.

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The VISTA will engage in outreach activities that promote access to underserved populations in the community. They will create a report on how to best engage these populations and increase visibility of the organization to promote equitable access. cially for those living in poverty.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Assess community stakeholders of vulnerable populations in Yavapai County that would benefit from sustainable initiatives. This can include but is not limited to the unsheltered, youth living in poverty, foster care parents, and economic development programs.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Adapt systems for new initiatives like the energy audits, school garden initiatives, composting, clothing swaps, and food recovery created for Prescott College to use and adapt for specific stakeholders identified. Train identified volunteers and staff in that stakeholder group using Prescott College created resources.

**Member Activity (06/07/2021 - 08/28/2021):** Communicate success stories via blogs, newspaper press releases, podcasts, and social media, to national audiences to bring attention to new practices. Create templates for all examples to be used by the Sustainability Center and student volunteers in the future.