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**IMAGE:** Montana Student Volunteer Award Honoree Laurel Bartos

## MCC Student Recognized with Volunteer Award

**MISSOULA, MONTANA:** Montana Campus Compact (MTCC), a seventeen-campus higher education network that includes Miles Community College (MCC), named fourteen Montana college and university students with the Montana Student Volunteer Award, including Laurel Bartos of Miles City, currently a freshman at MCC. These students were honored by the Governor's Office of Community Service and Campus Compact board for their volunteer work and time invested into their communities.

The Montana Student Volunteer Award was created to honor Montana's civically engaged college students. MTCC affiliate campuses, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Community Service, give this award to college students across the state who have demonstrated service to their communities while pursuing a college degree or certificate. Campuses organize committees and seek nominations from across campus and select the student who most meets the award criteria. Honorees of this annual award are college students from across the state who demonstrate dedication to service in their communities while pursuing a college degree or certificate.

"Montana students who serve our communities enrich their education and make meaningful impacts across our great state. It is an honor to recognize these amazing individuals for their service in partnership with Montana Campus Compact" said Governor's Office of Community Service Director Sarah Sadowski.

Bartos, a freshman in Education Pathways/Special Education at MCC, is very engaged within the Miles City community, her hometown. She served on the Custer County District High School (CCDHS) board (2020-2021) and was CCDHS Student Government Vice President until May 2021. She is currently heavily involved at MCC as the President of the Student Activities Board and has helped organize multiple events to engage the students.

From student club sign-ups to trivia and bowling nights, domestic violence education to Reverse Trick-or-Treat, and Canned Food Drives for the Pioneer Pantry and Foodbank, Laurel is always engaged and helping. Additionally, she was elected by her peers to serve as a Freshman Representative with the Associated Students of Miles Community College (ASMCC) Student Senate.

Laurel found her academic passion by volunteering with Special Olympics Basketball in Miles City. Her experiences were so strong that she has decided to major in Special Education and is currently in the Education Pathways program at MCC. Additionally, she volunteers with the "Raising Our Community Kids Safely" (ROCKS) program which provides a safe place for children to learn, grow, and have fun. Laurel supports after-school programs, crafts during the summer, Special Olympics obstacle courses, serving meals with our local soup kitchen, fishing days with Fish Wildlife and Parks, and much more.

For more information on the Montana Campus Compact awards and scholarships, please visit [www.mtcompact.org](http://www.mtcompact.org).

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