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Campus Compact Names New National President

Maureen F. Curley brings 20 years of nonprofit leadership

*A*fter an extensive national search, Campus Compact has named

Maureen F. Curley as the president of the national organization.

She succeeds executive director Elizabeth Hollander, who is retiring after 10 years at the organization's helm.

Curley takes office as Campus Compact celebrates two decades of growth and impact. She was introduced to a broad cross-section of the organization's

membership at the recent 20th anniversary celebration in Chicago, where those present were struck by her knowledge and energy. "I couldn't be more pleased," notes Hollander. "Maureen is just the right person to lead the organization into its next 20 years of success."

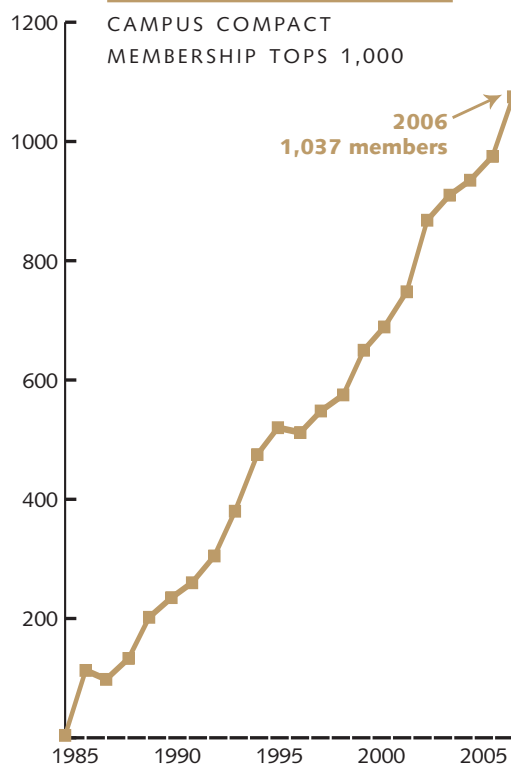
For her part, Curley finds the timing fortuitous: "I am delighted and honored to be joining the impressive network of institutions and staff of Campus Compact at this vital time in its history," she says. "The impact of its work on individuals, campuses, and communities over the past 20 years has been extraordinary."

Curley has more than 20 years of leadership experience in the nonprofit and service sectors. In addition to serving as executive director of the Massachusetts Service Alliance, she has held high-level positions in the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans and New York's Community Service Society. She also helped to launch Bridgestar, a Boston-based network of nonprofit leaders.

Campus Compact's Board of Directors, which oversaw the search, was delighted with Curley's selection. "Maureen brings to this position a strong record of management in senior leadership positions in the nonprofit sector with agencies dedicated to service, a deep commitment to promoting social justice, an ability to build consensus and execute decisive action, and a record of success in fundraising and legislative affairs," notes a Board statement that went out to members in October.

Campus Compact's national office and 31 state offices extend a warm welcome to Curley as she begins her tenure on November 15. **CC**

20 years of growth:





Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,000 college and university presidents—representing some 5 million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. As the only national association dedicated solely to this mission, Campus Compact is a leader in building civic engagement into campus and academic life. Through our national office and network of 31 state offices, members receive the training, resources, and advocacy they need to build strong surrounding communities and teach students the skills and values of democracy.

Campus Compact comprises a national office based in Providence, RI, and 31 state offices in CA, CO, CT, FL, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, TX, UT, VT, WA, WI, and WV. For contact and other information, see www.compact.org.

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Compact Poised to Meet New Challenges, Opportunities

Over the past 20 years, Campus Compact has helped transform campuses, mobilizing tens of thousands of higher education leaders to make civic engagement a priority. During this time, the organization has engaged 20 million students in service to their communities.

Some other key accomplishments:

- Students at Campus Compact member schools now contribute more than \$5 billion in service each year.
- Campus Compact’s 31 state offices hire, train, and place thousands of AmeriCorps*VISTA members whose service is valued at nearly \$50 million a year.
- 98% of member campuses have partnerships with one or more community organizations, compared with 68% in 2000.

- Courses that incorporate a service component are in place at 98% of member schools (up from 79% in 2000), with an average of 35 such courses per campus.
- 94% of member campuses have tutoring programs, while more than 80% have initiatives focused on hunger, homelessness, health care, and/or the environment.

We thank all of those on campus who make these achievements possible and look forward to seeing still greater transformation in the decades to come. As James Votruba, president of Northern Kentucky University and a Campus Compact Board member, noted in his speech during the organization’s 20th anniversary, “Our next great challenge is to weave our work into the fabric of the campus at every level.” Campus Compact accepts that challenge. **CC**

Passing the Torch

Campus Compact bids a warm farewell to Elizabeth Hollander, who is retiring after 10 years of service as executive director. “Liz Hollander provided extraordinary leadership for Campus Compact,” notes Mark Gearan, president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and former Campus Compact Board chair. “Her unfailing commitment to civic engagement brought Campus Compact into the center of any national discussion on service.”



Elizabeth Hollander (left) and Maureen F. Curley share a warm embrace at the 20th anniversary celebration. Curley assumes the post of Campus Compact president on November 15.

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Join Leading Thinkers in Mapping the Future of Civic Engagement

To provide the framework for a 20/20 Visioning Summit during Campus Compact's 20th anniversary, a series of essays were commissioned to shape discussions about the future of civic and community engagement.

These Visioning Essays, written by more than 40 presidents, faculty members, chief academic officers, community service staff, students, community partners, and funders, focus on the three main themes:

- Embedding civic and community engagement across institutions at all levels,
- Bridging the opportunity gap by improving educational access and success, and
- Educating students for global citizenship.

"The essays are powerful, provocative, and forward-thinking," said Jenn Meeropol, program manager at Campus Compact and organizer of the Summit. "They provide a sound framework as Campus Compact moves into its third decade, which we anticipate will be marked by unprecedented success in educating more active citizens and building stronger communities."

Have Your Say

To garner as much member input as possible, Campus Compact has made the Visioning Essays available on its website in both full-text and abstract form. For a limited time, a special "discuss" option for each essay will allow members to exchange ideas and inform the overall conversation. Essays are searchable by theme, by state, and by constituent group (e.g., faculty, CSD) to

allow users to find the essays most closely aligned with their interests.

To put the essays into context, the website also includes a framing paper by Barbara A. Holland, executive director of the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse and a Campus Compact engaged scholar, and Elizabeth Hollander, Campus Compact's executive director for the past 10 years. The framing paper reflects on past successes, identifies current challenges, and highlights future opportunities.

Essay authors will incorporate feedback and discussions into revised documents that will form the basis of a new book from Campus Compact, produced in collaboration with the Kettering Foundation.

You can help with the organization's planning process by commenting on the essays. Make your voice heard—we'll be listening. **CC**



Enter the discussion now by going to www.compact.org/20th/papers.

Use the feedback option at the end of each essay to share your comments and review input from others.

"It is time to reframe the Ivory Tower, and that is the challenge for Campus Compact in the 21st century."

Roberto Ibarra,
University of New Mexico, *Campus Compact Visioning Essay*

"Citizenship surely requires more from us than the role of passive consumer, isolated Internet surfer, or affiliate of a distant international body."

Mark Hower,
Antioch University, *Campus Compact Visioning Essay*

"We cannot think clearly about globalization until we set aside not only the language of the market economy but also its accompanying assumptions about privileges and duties."

Dé Bryant, Indiana University South Bend, *Campus Compact Visioning Essay*

Campus Compact Celebrates 20th Anniversary Educating Citizens and

...and charts a course for the future

Campus Compact celebrated its 20th anniversary with a two-day event featuring civic, philanthropic, and media leaders to honor the public work of

The event highlighted the impact of Campus Compact, its 31 state offices, and its member campuses in supporting community engagement.

“For 20 years, Campus Compact has harnessed and focused the passion, intellect, and ambition of millions of college students who wish to better our world,” noted Campus Compact Executive Director Elizabeth Hollander. “The impact has been profound for our communities, for colleges, and for the students themselves.”

1,000 Guests, Lively Discussions

More than 1,000 participants—including 75 Campus Compact member presidents—attended the two-day event, which was hosted jointly by the national Campus Compact organization and Illinois Campus Compact. The celebration began with a gala dinner featuring *Newsweek* columnist and author Jonathan Alter, who gave the keynote address, and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, who pre-

Visioning Summit

The 20/20 Visioning Summit drew 450 higher education leaders into an ongoing conversation about the future of campus engagement. The discussions reveal that participants were both informed and inspired. Here is a sample of the key points they took with them:

“This movement has grown in so many ways, and we need to find ways for schools and communities to address the issues that are most pressing.”

“1) Clarification of the challenges/themes we face and the importance of this work.” —Community member

“There are great examples of success with service-learning, and we need the ability to increase service-learning on my campus.”

sented the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration (see pages 6–7 for the recipients of this and other awards). John M. Sirek, citizenship program director at the McCormick Tribune Foundation, served as master of ceremonies.

A 20/20 Visioning Summit the following day involved 450 campus and community representatives in a series of lively discussions about the future of campus engagement.

DePaul University professor and *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist Laura Washington moderated a special Presidential Track. In her address, Toni Murdock, chancellor of Antioch University and Campus Compact Board member, issued a chal-

(Top to bottom): Nonprofit and community leader **Michelle Obama**, First Lady **Rosalynn Carter**, Georgetown University president **John J. DeGioia**, DePaul professor and *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist **Laura Washington**, and former president of Ireland **Mary Robinson** were among those addressing the role of higher education in civic and community life during Campus Compact's 20th anniversary.

Celebrates 20 Years of Building Communities

next two decades of success

ent in Chicago that brought together higher education, business, colleges and universities.

It Informs, Inspires

education, community, and foundation leaders of campus-based civic engagement. Evaluated and inspired by the conversations. Here is a

and Campus Compact is influencing individuals to arise." —**Student**

need to focus on; 2) realization of the power service director

vice-learning—they give me confidence in my us." —**Faculty member**

challenge to those present: "We have a common purpose, and that is to be America's agents of democracy. This is your calling as presidents."

Among other speakers at the Summit were human rights advocate and former president of Ireland Mary Robinson; John J. DeGioia, president of Georgetown University and Campus Compact's Board chair; Lawrence Bacow, president of Tufts University and a Campus Compact Board member; Michelle Obama, vice president for community and external affairs for the University of Chicago Hospitals; Barbara Holland, director of the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse; David L. Giunta, president of the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund; and Timothy Lane, managing director of TIAA-CREF.

Collaborating to Serve

At a special breakfast preceding the Summit, Stephen Goldsmith, Board chair of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and Amy Cohen, director of Learn and Serve America, presented the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. CNCS, which oversees the AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America programs, has been a long-time supporter of campus-based service efforts.

CIRCLE (the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement) was also on hand during the event to announce new data linking college attainment with increased civic engagement among young people. This data jibes with Campus Compact's findings that increased campus support structures for engagement are making an impact on students' civic as well as academic development. At the same time, CNCS announced that volunteer rates among college students increased by approximately 20% between 2002 and 2005.

The event marked a great beginning for Campus Compact's next two decades of work in supporting campuses across the higher education spectrum seeking to embed civic engagement into their teaching, learning, and scholarship. **CC**



(Below): More than 450 campus, community, and foundation leaders participated in roundtable discussions to chart a course for the future of campus engagement at the 20/20 Visioning Summit during Campus Compact's 20th anniversary.



20th Anniversary Honors Students, Faculty, and Campuses for Engaged Work

Campus Compact's 20th anniversary was a time for celebrating the collective work of all of those whose commitment has transformed campuses, communities, and individual lives. Awards presented at the 20th anniversary events in Chicago honored higher education and its students, faculty, and community partners for their dedication to the ideal of education for the public good.

Five Students Receive the Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award

Each year since 1987, Campus Compact has recognized five students for their innovation in addressing community issues with the Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award. This year's award, sponsored by Ariel Capital Management, LLC, went to five outstanding students (below).



Mitzellah Ah-Fook of Edmonds Community College (WA) researched the benefits of having a wheelchair basketball club, and then created the Rolling Tritons.



Steven Cartwright of the University of Notre Dame (IN) began Lead-ND to develop community action skills in students from high-poverty areas.



Haamid "Happy" Johnson of Georgetown University (DC) launched the nonprofit organization *BlanketNewOrleans.org* to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Timothy Kummer of Marquette University (WI) formed Watumishi, a nonprofit organization that raises awareness of HIV/AIDS in the U.S. and Africa.



Sonia Schwartz of Tulane University (LA) worked with other students to create the service organizations Outreach Tulane and the Mardi Gras Service Corps.

Student Leaders Show Outstanding Commitment

Campus Compact's Frank Newman Leadership Award helps students with outstanding commitment to public service, high scholastic achievement, and demonstrated financial need remain in school and realize their potential as civic leaders. The 2006 award went to two students whose dedication has made a tangible impact on their communities.

Kendell Newman (near right) of Williams College, MA, teamed with farmers and university staff to create a class exploring the local food economy, build urban gardens, and open dialogues about food security, nutrition, and environmental sustainability.

Eric Ross (far right) of Houston Community College, TX, is a tutor, mentor, and supervisor with several community organizations. He dedicates much of his time to helping youths and the homeless overcome illiteracy and raises awareness through public speaking.





Winona State University president **Judith Ramalay** (left) presents Campus Compact's coveted Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning to **William C. Oakes** of Purdue University.

Engineer Earns Ehrlich Award

Campus Compact's 2006 Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning, sponsored by TIAA-CREF, went to **William C. Oakes** of the Department of Engineering Education at Purdue University (IN) for his innovative community work.

At Purdue, Oakes established the Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) program, which has been recreated at 17 other universities. The program has 80 short- and long-term projects aimed at issues from improving water quality to expanding technology education among youths. Oakes has received numerous awards and written widely on service-learning, including Campus Compact's online resource *Service-Learning in Engineering*.



Larry Dietz (left), vice chancellor for student affairs at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, accepts the Illinois Carter Partnership award from Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation president **Surishtha Sehgal** (center) and **First Lady Rosalynn Carter**.

Illinois Partnership Garners Carter Award

At the invitation of Illinois Campus Compact, First Lady Rosalynn Carter was on hand at the 20th anniversary to present the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration to **Southern Illinois University Carbondale** and **The Women's Center** for their work to eliminate violence against women and children. The center and the university collaborate on teaching, research, and community outreach, as well as on staffing the center.

Two other outstanding Illinois partnerships were finalists for the award. In the first, **Dominican University** and **San Miguel Schools** work together to give pupils a quality education and to promote civic responsibility. In the second, **Illinois State University**, **Illinois Wesleyan University**, and **Habitat for Humanity, McLean County** have collaborated to create a 400-member student chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The finalists, as well as 11 semi-finalists, are all Illinois Campus Compact members. Illinois is the fifth state Compact to host the Carter Partnership Awards.



(Left to right): **Fentry Richards** and **Valerie Shelby** of Jackson State University, one of six President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll winners, receive the award on behalf of their university from Corporation for National and Community Service Board chair **Stephen Goldsmith** and Learn and Serve America director **Amy Cohen**.

Six Campuses Named to President's Honor Roll

At a special breakfast during Campus Compact's 20th anniversary, six campuses were named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll—all of them members of Campus Compact.

The six winning campuses were **California State University-Monterey Bay**, **Elon University**, and **Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis** for general community service; and **Jackson State University**, **Louisiana State University**, and **Tulane University**

for hurricane relief. In addition to the six winners, 141 campuses received distinction, the large majority of them also Campus Compact members.

The Honor Roll, a federal program developed in support of President George W. Bush's Call to Service and The First Lady's Helping America's Youth initiative, was designed to honor higher education institutions that pursue their civic engagement missions through support of community service. More than 500 institutions applied.

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www.compact.org/20th

Illinois Campus Compact and the Illinois Carter Partnership Award www.illinoiscampuscompact.org

CIRCLE data on young people and civic engagement www.civicyouth.org

The Carter Partnership Award
www.usg.edu/carteraward

CNCS data on student service www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact, "research and policy"

The President's Honor Roll www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_ed_honorroll.asp

Campus Compact's Swearer, Newman, and Ehrlich Awards www.compact.org/awards

The application process for the Swearer & Newman awards is changing. See the website for more details.

"The growth of the Compact in its 20 years is extraordinary. The leadership exhibited by each of the national Compact's executive directors, its staff members, and national Board members has created a strong and powerful organization."

David Eisner, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service, and **Amy Cohen,** Director, Learn and Serve America, *Campus Compact Visioning Essay*

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