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**Campus Compact**  
Montana

### **Campus Compact Honors Student Athlete Volunteers**

(Missoula, Montana) Montana Campus Compact (or “MTCC”) is a seventeen campus higher education network that advances the public purposes of colleges and universities by deepening their ability to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility ([mtcompact.org](http://mtcompact.org)). MTCC Board Members and Governor Bullock will honor fifteen exemplary college student athletes at the November 21st **Brawl of the Wild** Griz-Cat Football Game.

*“College students in Montana do amazing community work, and their investment of time, talent and energy help improve our communities across the state. Campus Compact’s Montana Athletes In Service Award honors the contributions of student athletes and volunteers.”* said Josh Vanek, of MTCC.

### **The 2015 Montana Athletes in Service are:**

Anthony Williams, Fort Peck Community College, *General Studies, Weightlifting, Football, Community/college gym volunteer*  
Brett Thompson, Montana State University-Northern, *Biology, Basketball, Community Volunteer*  
Callee Remsen, Montana Tech of the UM, *Nursing, Basketball, Big Sister/Child Mentor*  
Cameron Lee, Montana State University Billings, *Organizational Communications, Soccer, Community volunteer*  
Emily Mendoza, University of Montana, *Social Work Major, Track & Field, Advocate for Student Advocacy Resource Cntr*  
Greg Thompson, Helena College UM, *Associate of Science, Basketball coach, Volunteer Coach & Youth Mentor*  
Jesse McCloud, University of Montana-Western, *Art Education Major, Football, volunteer Coach and Youth Mentor*  
Kayla Johnson, Salish Kootenai College, *Tribal Historic Preservation Major, Basketball, SKC Foundation & Safe Women’s Shelter*  
Robert Pritchett, Rocky Mountain College, *Athletic Training Major, Football, Big Brother Mentor*  
Taylor South, Carroll College, *Biology Major, Football, Homeless shelter Volunteer, Volunteer Counselor, Disabled Child Volunteer*  
Taylor Buschy, Montana State University, *Health Education Major, Track & Field, Elementary/Middle School Volunteer*  
Tiffany Marks, University of Great Falls, *Business Administration Major, Volleyball, Elementary School Volunteer*  
Zach Levitt, Flathead Community College, *Secondary Ed. Major, Intramural Athletics, Volunteer Coach, Community Volunteer*  
Vanessa Old Coyote, Little Big Horn College, *Pre-Med Major, Basketball, Youth Mentor & Local Campus Clean-up*  
Ben Powell, Blackfeet Community College, *Business Major, Rodeo, Local Toy Drive, BCC Rodeo fundraiser/volunteer*

MTCC is proud to honor these remarkable student athletes for their outstanding effort this coming Saturday. Each student athlete was nominated for qualities that prove they are an integral part of their communities and campuses. Campus staff who nominated of these athletes provided some insight on why these students deserve recognition, here is what they had to say:

*“Kayla Johnson has shown other students you can be involved in various things and still maintain high academic standards. Lending a helping hand to those in need can be self-rewarding when you see others benefitting from your efforts which, in turn, lead others to step up and help”* said Juan Perez, Student Activities & Gym Director of Salish Kootenai College.

Shawn Huse Head Coach of Men’s Basketball at Montana State University Northern reports that, *“Brett Thompson provides help in a friendly fashion to those in need, whenever needed. It is very rewarding for him when others’ lives are affected so positively.”*

*“Robert Pritchett is a first gen college student in his family and he is showing all of us the spirit of being more than “just a student.” He is the very definition of an engaged student. He is an inspiration to everyone he knows and perhaps part of his legacy will be showing all the kiddos in the schools that anyone can be a successful first generation college student”* said Jill Washburn of Community Involvement, Veteran Services, & Parent Relations at Rocky Mountain College.

*“Anthony Williams is the first to volunteer his time for the community and college activities. He is a true leader; he is deeply engaged and concerned for others, sometimes to his own detriment. Anthony is a living example of the principle that hard work is its own reward and pays off in the long run”* reports Fort Peck Community College.

These students are making a significant difference at their respective institutions and communities. Please join us in honoring these deserving award winners this Saturday during the Brawl of the Wild!

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Anthony Williams (FPCC)



Ben Powell (BCC)



Callee Remsen (MTech)



Emily Mendoza (UM)



Kayla Johnson (SKC)



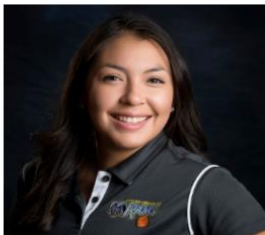
Robert Prichett (RMC)



Taylor Buschy (MSU)



Taylor South (Carol College)



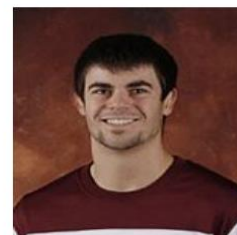
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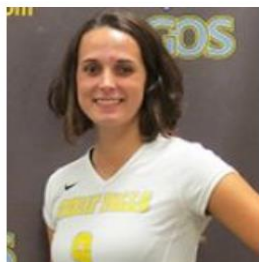
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