

2020 AmeriCorps Swearing-In Virtual Conference



**Volunteer
West Virginia**
The State's Commission for National and Community Service

SESSION SCHEDULE

HOW TO JOIN:
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10/27-TUESDAY 10/28-WEDNESDAY 10/29-THURSDAY

9 AM

Convening, Communication & Care during COVID

with Tray Deadwyler
The Service Nerd

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Show me the Resources!

with Sharell Harmon
AmeriCorps Alum

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Adverse Childhood Experiences: Togetherness, Stressors, and Coping

with Tricia Kingery and
Dr. Barb Brady
ACES Coalition of WV

12 NOON

AmeriCorps 'Speed Meeting': Networking With a Twist

with Volunteer WV
Staff

12 NOON

AmeriCorps Virtual Scavenger Hunt

with Volunteer WV
Staff

12 NOON

My AmeriCorps Experience: Member Advisory Team Panel

with AmeriCorps
members and Alumni

3 PM

Building a Grant Writing Framework for Success

with Alice Ruhnke
The Grant Advantage
*NOTE: this is a 90 minute
session*

3 PM

Critical Leadership and Service

with Jeff Birdsall
Birdsall Consulting

3 PM

Keynote Session & Swearing-In Ceremony

*MANDATORY FOR ALL
MEMBERS*

with remarks from
Volunteer WV Staff
and Special Guest
Kathy Mattea

*** ALL SESSIONS ARE 60 MINS IN LENGTH
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED***

Session Descriptions

Tuesday, October 27th

9am: Convening, Communication & Care during COVID with Tray Deadwyler, The Service Nerd

Service with AmeriCorps during the COVID-19 pandemic may look different than in years past. In this session, participants will learn best practices for facilitating virtual experiences, workshops, & meetings. We will also review impactful alternative service opportunities for Corps Members, and learn best practices for leading during crisis situations. Don't let the virtual landscape of 2020 intimidate you! This session will give you the tools you need to move into your service year with confidence.

12noon: AmeriCorps 'Speed Meeting': Networking with a Twist with Volunteer WV Staff

This year's virtual conference makes it more difficult to meet and greet with fellow AmeriCorps members from across the state; difficult, but not impossible! Join this session for a fun, fast-paced, and hilarious 'speed dating' style networking opportunity. Facilitated by Volunteer West Virginia Staff, AmeriCorps members should expect to laugh a lot, learn a little, and leave with a few new friends!

3pm: Building a Grant Writing Framework for Success with Alice Ruhnke, The Grant Advantage

Creating a strong grant application starts long before the funder releases their announcement that they are accepting applications. Successful proposals need careful and deliberate planning. Join us for this 90-minute webinar to learn how to use a Program Planning Framework to develop the common sections of a grant application and connect the pieces to tell a consistent and compelling story. We will cover grant writing basics and discuss confusing grant writing terminology to identify what funders are looking for and how to develop winning proposals.

Wednesday, October 28th

9am: Show me the Resources! with Sharell Harmon, AmeriCorps Alumni

The objective of the session will be to inform members of all the income-based resources that they may be entitled to as an AmeriCorps Member (SNAP, Medicaid/Medicare, HUD, WV Works, AmeriCorps GAP Childcare, and The AmeriCorps Segal Award) and how applying for these benefits can maximize their monthly stipend and affordability.

12noon: AmeriCorps Virtual Scavenger Hunt with Volunteer WV Staff

Another fun networking-style session facilitated by Volunteer West Virginia staff! During our time together, members will be prompted to complete a variety of challenges in their home, workspace, coffee shop... wherever they are tuning in from! Speed, creativity, and the skill of collecting random items will lead to success in the series of tasks we have prepared for you. Participants will have the chance to win an AmeriCorps prize pack!

3pm: Critical Leadership and Service with Jeff Birdsall, Birdsall Consulting

Leadership is a common term in community service but how do we really define leadership? Critical leadership provides a framework for leadership that is primarily addressed to the greater common good. This framework will be used to explore our service as well as reflect on current global issues. Come to this session to explore, in an interactive way, the important connections between critical leadership, mindfulness and social change - which many recent research studies are examining.

Thursday, October 29th

9am: ACEs: Togetherness, Stressors, and Coping with Tricia Kingery and Dr. Barb Brady, ACEs Coalition of WV

The implications for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on families is well documented through the media. As families are impacted financially, spend more time together, and take on new roles as their worlds are turned upside down, Adverse Childhood experiences (ACEs) are likely to become more prevalent. This presentation will provide an overview of ACEs, how it impacts brain development in children and the residual effects on social, physical, emotional health of adults as noted in the original and subsequent ACEs studies. Presenters will help participants better understand ACEs, discover best practices for overcoming and preventing ACEs, as well as, explore best practices on how to work as a school/community to support impacted families. Additionally, participants will learn how to join or support the efforts of the ACEs Coalition of WV. Presented by Dr. Barb Brady and Tricia Kingery, MA, MBA, of the ACEs Coalition of WV

12noon: My AmeriCorps Experience: Member Advisory Team Panel with AmeriCorps Alumni, current members, and Volunteer WV Staff

This session will be led by several members of this year's AmeriCorps Member Advisory Team. AmeriCorps members in this session will share their experience and lessons learned in a variety of areas such as self-care, budgeting, making community connections and living in West Virginia. You do not want to miss this!

3pm: Keynote Session and Swearing-In Ceremony with remarks from Volunteer WV Staff and Special Guest, Kathy Mattea *MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS*

As we wrap up our virtual Swearing-In Conference, Volunteer West Virginia would like to take the time to thank all members and AmeriCorps staff for their commitment to getting things done in West Virginia. Joining us as our 2020 Keynote Speaker will be Kathy Mattea, who is hailed by The Washington Post as "one of Nashville's finest song interpreters". Kathy Mattea has enjoyed much success and acclaim during her 35-year career in Country, Bluegrass and Folk music, including 2 Grammy wins, 4 CMA Awards, 4 #1 country singles, and five gold albums (plus a platinum Greatest Hits collection). We are ecstatic to hear her message of resilience, positivity and encouragement in her address to this year's AmeriCorps members.