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New AmeriCorps*VISTA Member Begins Year of Service at Madonna University

LIVONIA, Mich. — Nicole Nagy, of Linden, Mich., has arrived at Madonna University to begin her year of service as a Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member. Working with first-year students, staff and faculty at Madonna, Nagy will coordinate student-service projects within underserved metro-Detroit communities and promote higher education. She is one of 21 MCC VISTAs serving communities across Michigan.

“As a firm believer in the importance of education, becoming a VISTA member was a great fit for me,” said Nagy, who recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University. During her year of service, Nagy will help launch the SCOPE (Students Creating Opportunities to Promote Education) Club. Funded by a MCC grant, the student organization will provide mentoring opportunities within area high schools.

A welcome celebration honoring Nagy will take place Monday, Aug. 31, 1:30 p.m., in Madonna University’s new Franciscan Center.

AmeriCorps*VISTA (www.americorps.gov) is a national service program designed to fight poverty. VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create business, and strengthen community groups. Each VISTA receives a small allowance during their year of service and an Education Award upon completion.

Madonna University bids farewell to VISTA members Nick Modelski, of Warren, and Thomas Coyne, of Dearborn, who have finished their year of service. “My VISTA experience allowed me to work with many amazing future-leaders,” Modelski said. “It was very rewarding to watch the students transform from shy and reserved to active and involved within the span of that first college year.”

Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) www.micampuscompact.org promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college and university students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

Academic excellence has been the hallmark of Madonna University (www.madonna.edu) for more than 70 years. In addition to the main campus, conveniently located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, Madonna offers academic programs in Macomb, Orchard Lake, Southwest Detroit, St. Clair, Gaylord and online. Michigan’s most affordable independent Catholic liberal arts university offers more than 75 undergraduate and 27 graduate programs in the colleges of arts and humanities, science and mathematics, social sciences, education, and nursing and health, as well as the School of Business and the Graduate School.

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