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UM IMPROVES PEACE CORPS RANKING

MISSOULA —

New figures show The University of Montana is No. 6 in the nation for producing Peace Corps volunteers.

UM jumped up three places on the 2007 list, which ranks medium-sized colleges and universities with enrollments between 5,001 and 15,000. UM now has 42 alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers. Last year it had 39.

According to the Peace Corps press office, 692 UM alumni have joined the corps over the years, making Montana the No. 52 all-time producer of volunteers.

This year's ranking placed UM ahead of Boston College, the University of Notre Dame, and Brown, Harvard, Northwestern and Yale universities. Montana State University-Bozeman landed at No. 19 on the list with 26 volunteers.

The Peace Corps was founded in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, and more than 187,000 Americans have served since then. Volunteers have been invited by 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation.

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