



Welcome to

End-of-Service Transition: Preparing for Life After AmeriCorps VISTA

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While you wait, please share how far along you are in your service year in the chat box!



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Tips for Participating

- Phones are muted
- To share comments and ideas, use the Chat panel. Send to “All Participants”.
- To ask questions, use the Q&A panel. Send to “All Panelists”.
- Links and recording will be available after the session
- Closed Captions can be viewed in the Media Viewer panel

Click this button if you don't see the chat panel.

The screenshot displays a meeting control panel with the following elements:

- Top Navigation:** Buttons for Participants, Chat, Q&A, and Media Viewer. A red arrow points to the Participants button.
- Participants (2):** A panel showing the current number of participants.
- Chat:** A panel with a dropdown menu set to "All Participants" and a "Send" button. Below it is a text input field with the placeholder "Select a participant in the Send to menu first, type chat message, and send...".
- Q&A:** A panel with a dropdown menu set to "All (0)" and a "Send" button. Below it is a text input field with the placeholder "Select a panelist in the Ask menu first and then type your question here. There is a 256-character limit."
- Media Viewer:** A panel displaying a video frame with closed captions. The text in the frame reads: "Performance. Because if people know what their goals are they know what the development level is and you know what the appropriate leadership style is now you have to what? Agree on that style so that you can really be their partner. And when we talk about partnering one of the first things that you're gonna have to do is to teach them the leadership model. Because you know, we".



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Today's Agenda

- Wrapping Up Your Service Year
 - Project Sustainability
 - Administrative Tasks
- Q&A
- Looking Ahead: What's Next For You?
 - Post Service Options
 - Post Service Benefits
- Q&A

Wrapping Up Your Project



Pass It On!

Capacity building includes the transfer of:



Knowledge



Products



Relationships

Pass it On Tips

- Save files in shared location
- Get passwords
- Document everything
- Inform key contacts of VISTA transition
- Prepare “need to know items”
- Organize the paper files



Sustainability Webinars On-Demand

ON-DEMAND:

*Passing the Torch:
Ensuring the Continuity of Your
Work*

<http://www.vistacampus.gov/resources/webinars-vistas-passing-torch?id=12538>

*Beyond Your Service Year:
Project Sustainability Approaches &
Strategies*

www.vistacampus.gov/resources/beyond-your-service-year-project-sustainability-strategies

Accessing The Future Plans Form



My AmeriCorps
Your Place to Manage Your AmeriCorps Experience

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Close of Service Forms ?

Form	Status
Future Plans/Exit Form - (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 2014-2015)	Incomplete

- The form will become available 90 Days before service completion date

Complete Future Plans Form

Part A:
Member



Part B:
Supervisor



Part C:
VISTA State Office

- Members Complete Form A
 1. Extend service for less than one year
 2. Reenroll for an additional year
 3. Complete service as scheduled
 4. Terminate service early

Close of Service Travel Reimbursement



- Must be already approved at beginning of service
- No need to fill out a travel request profile
- VMSU posts reimbursement voucher to your member home page 15 days prior to your end date
- Direct Deposit reimbursement in 8-10 weeks

AmeriCorps Exit Survey



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Member Exit Survey - (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 2014-2015)	Incomplete

- Within 60 days of service completion

End of Year Cash Stipend after Service



- You have until the 10th month of service to change from Education Award to Cash Stipend
- You cannot change from the Cash Stipend to the Education Award
- Cash stipend pays out in the last 2 pay periods of your service term.
- FICA and Federal Tax are deducted from the cash stipend

Questions

- Future Plans Form
- Close of Service Travel Reimbursement
- Exit Survey
- End of Year Stipend



National Service Hotline: 800-942-2677

Looking Ahead: What's next for you?



Poll Question

- What will you do after your VISTA service?

What does the future look like?



Education

Career

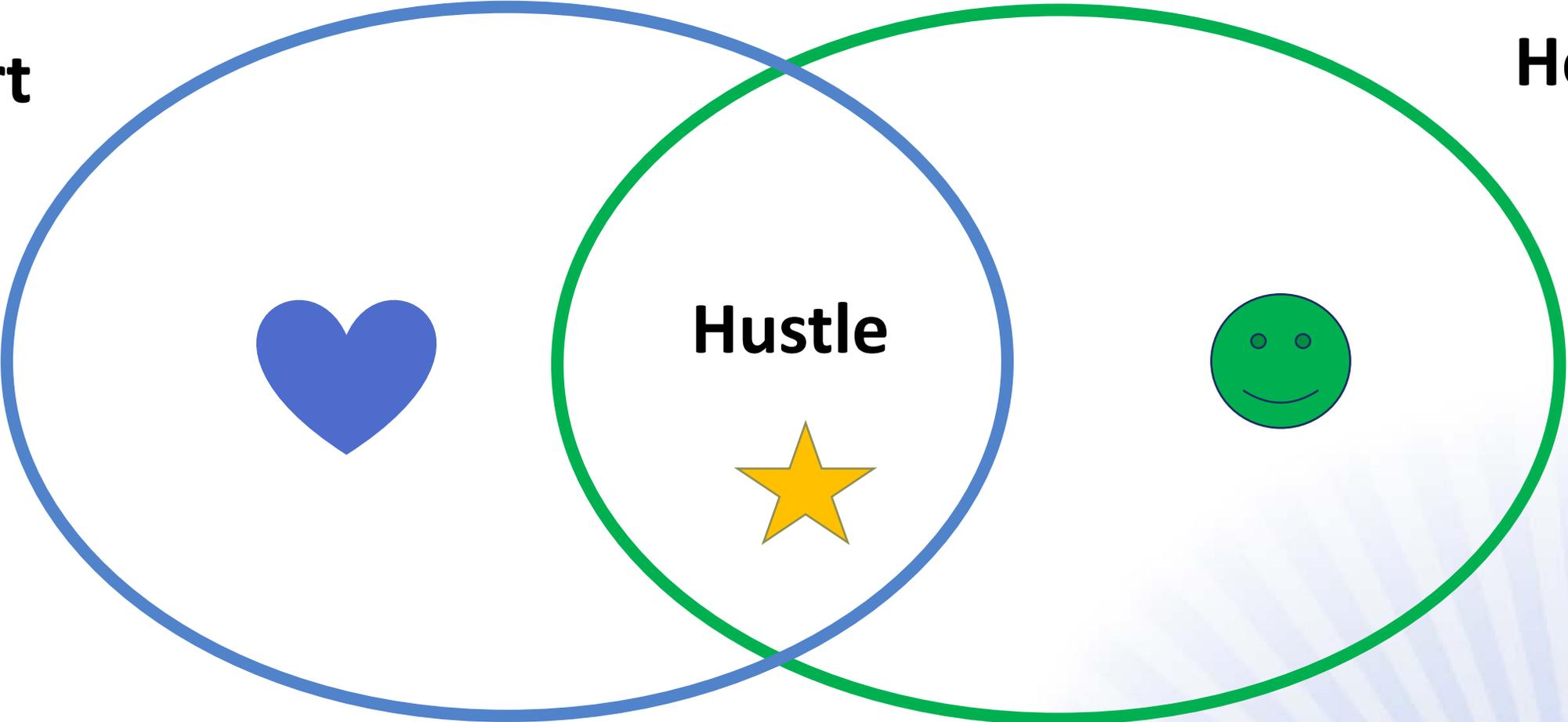


Serve
Again

Activity: Heart + Head = Hustle

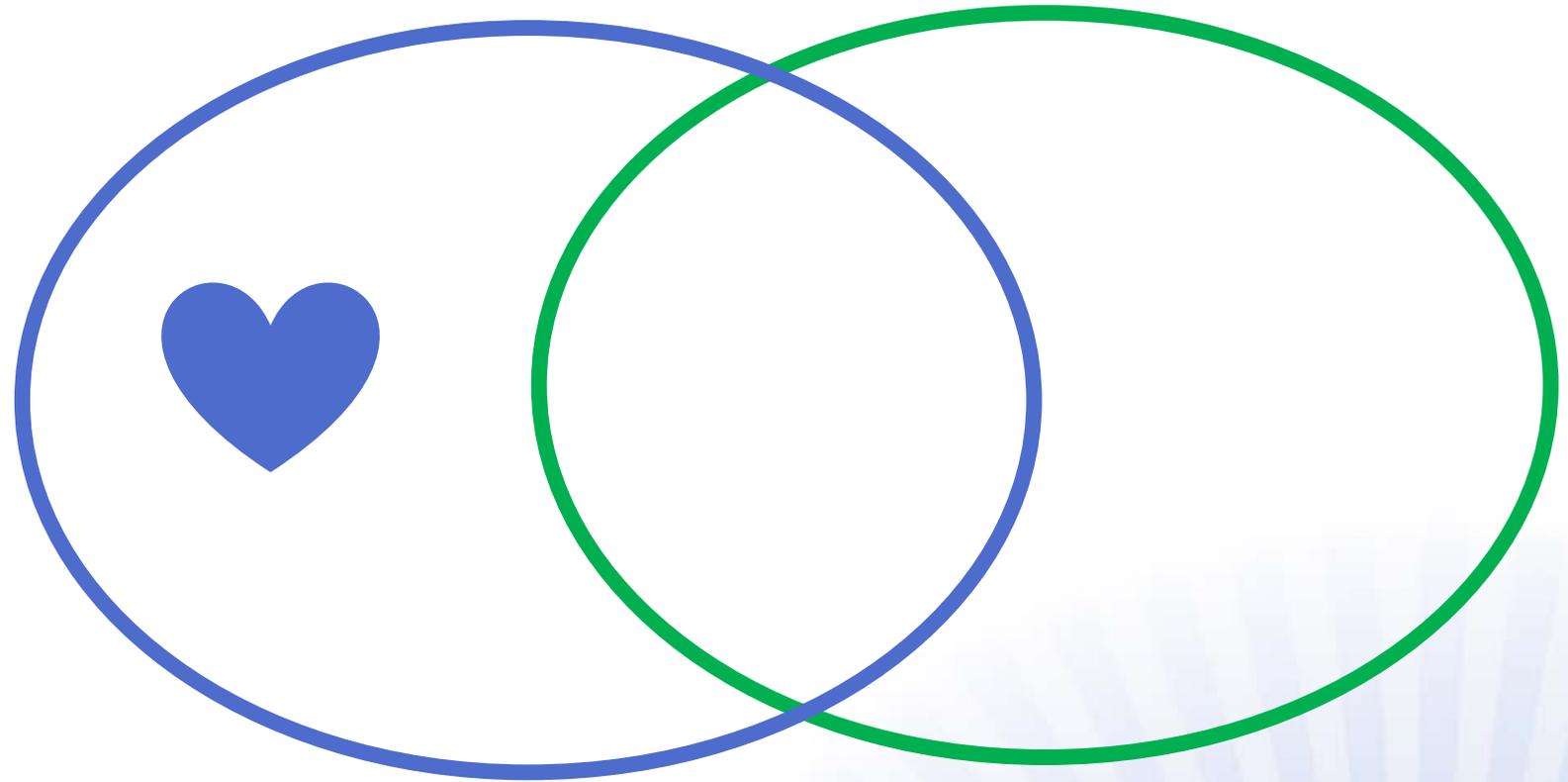
Heart

Head



The “Heart”

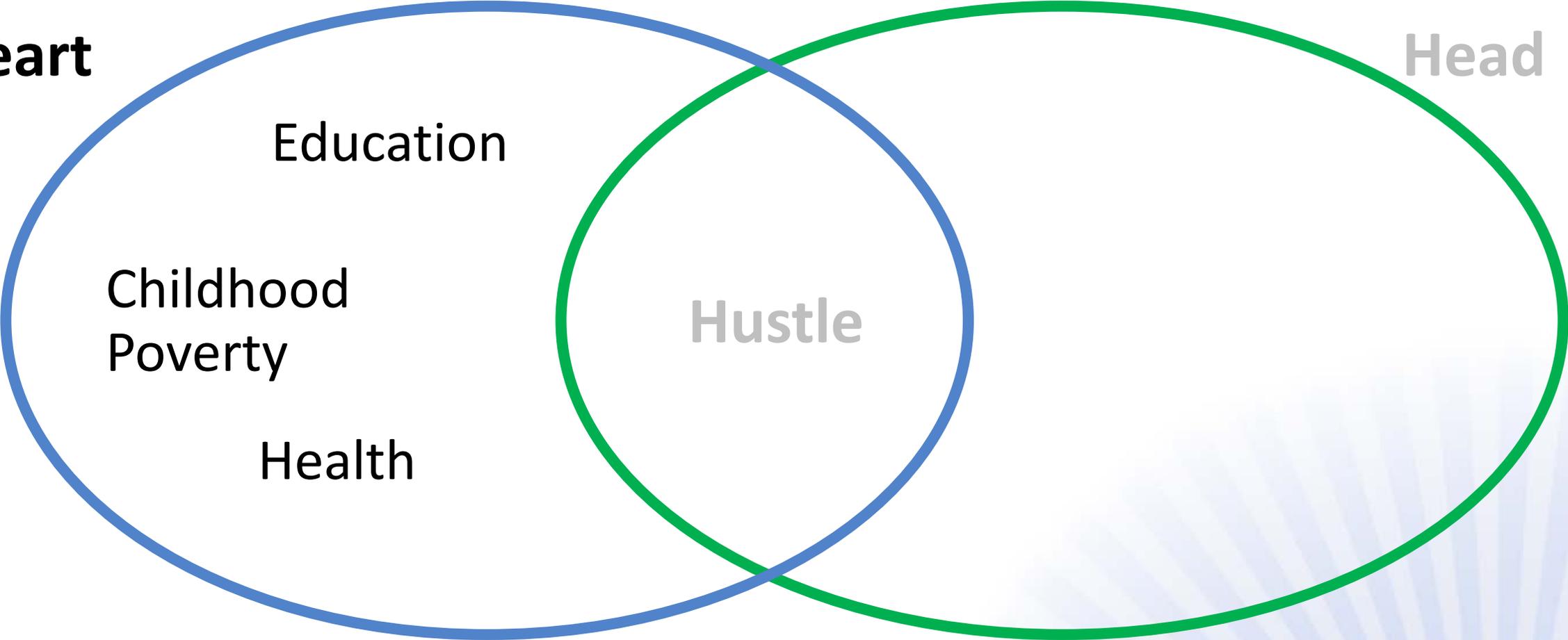
- What issues or ideas make your heart beat faster?
- What social or environmental problems do you want to see solved?



Share Your "Heart"

Heart

Head



Education Options

- College
- Grad School
- Technical training
- Other
 - Professional development certificates



Five questions before school

1. Is it necessary to break into the field?
2. Is it necessary to advance in the field?
3. Are you passionate about it?
4. Do you need to get it now?
5. Can you afford it?



Deciding to pursue graduate school



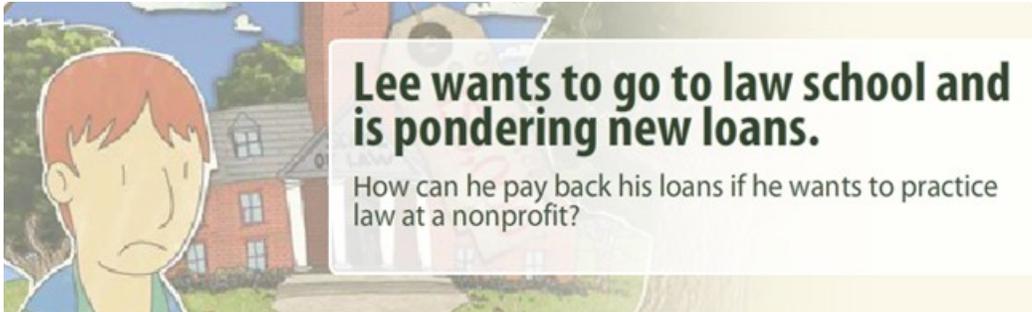
Ryan Cassutt

VISTA Alumni (2010-11)

AmeriCorps Alums Board member

Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward



For detailed Information about:

- Loans
- Taxes
- Uses of Ed Award
- Schools

Education Award Match



- There are currently 81 colleges or universities that match the education award.

Accessing Your Education Award



- Award balance becomes available once status changes to “completed service”
- “Create interest payment” link becomes live
 - These payments do not come out of your education award!
- You will have access to your Education Award even if you’ve extended service once you’ve served 365 days.

Taxes and the Education Award

Rents	OMB No. 1545-0115	Miscellaneous Income
Royalties	2014	
Other income	Form 1099-MISC	
	4 Federal income tax withheld \$	Copy B For Recipient

- The Education Award is taxable in the year that you use it
- Interest Accrual Payments are also taxable in the year you request those payments

Student Loan Help

- **Income-Based Repayment**
 - Adjusts monthly payments based on income
 - Payments could be as low as \$0
- **Public Service Loan Forgiveness**
 - Work in public service jobs for 10 years
 - Make 120 qualified on-time loan payments during that time
 - At completion, federal loan balance is forgiven



Education Award & Student Loan Webinars



VISTA *Campus*

Using the Education Award and Managing Student Loans

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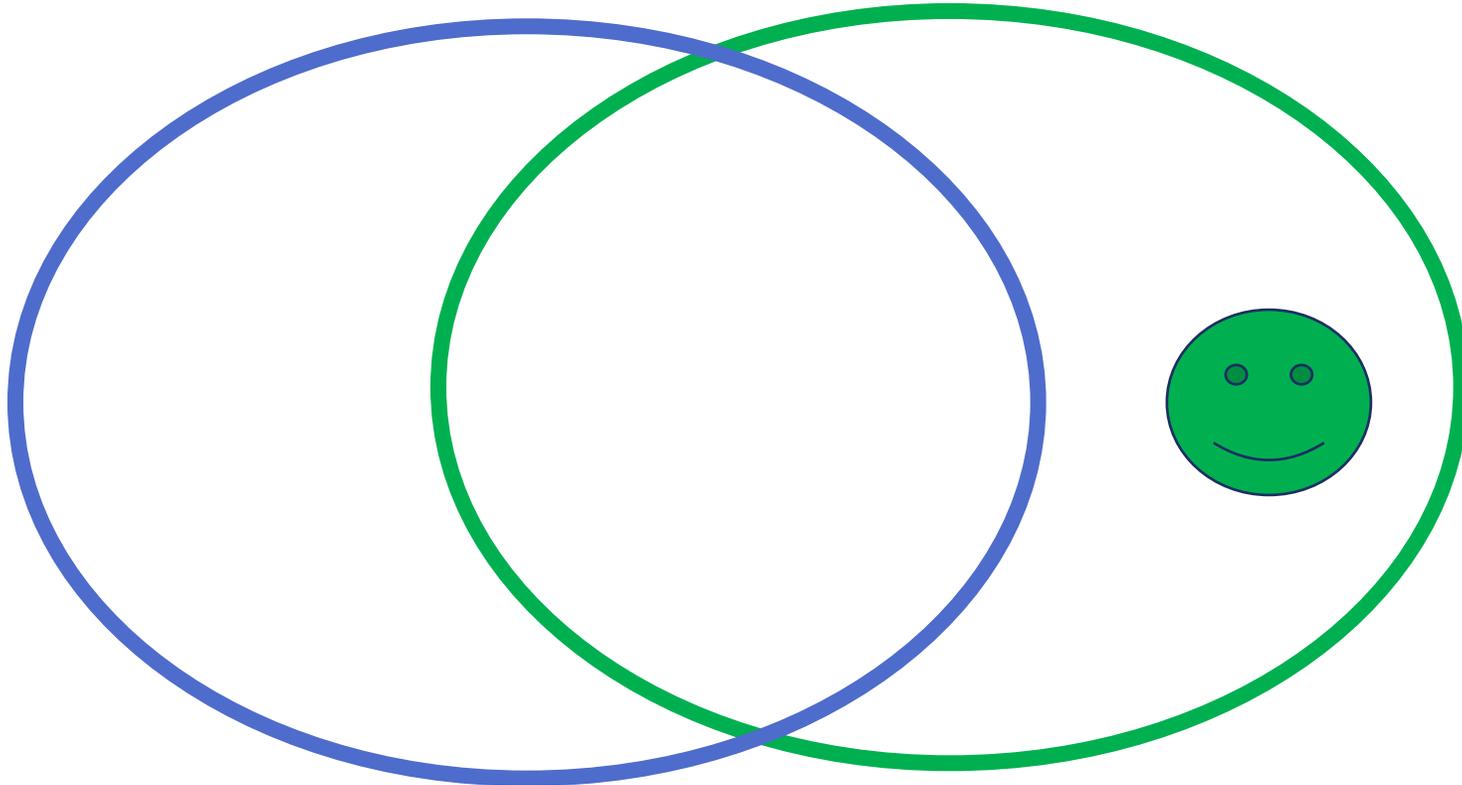
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UPCOMING LIVE:

July 9, 2PM ET

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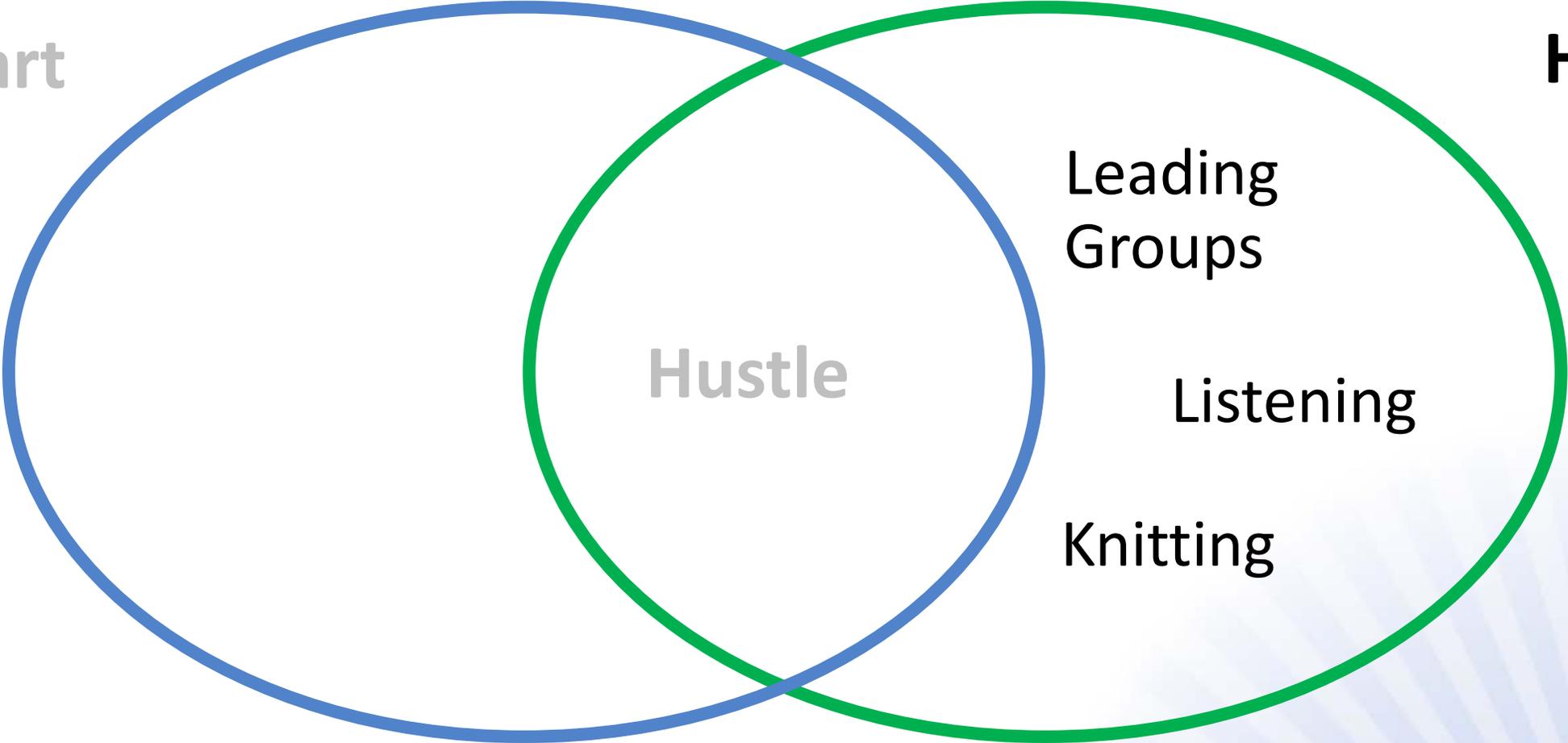


- What do you know inside and out?
- What are three things that your friends would agree you are the best at?

Share Your "Head"

Heart

Head



Career Options

■ Non-Profit Sector

- Community Organization
- Associations
- Advocacy Groups
- Think Tanks
- Foundations
- Educational Institutions

■ Private Sector

- Corporate Philanthropy

■ Government

- City, County, State, Federal
- Non Competitive Eligibility (NCE)



Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE)

- Valid for 1 year after completion of service
- Permits former VISTA members to compete in a smaller pool of applicants for federal jobs
- **Does not guarantee a job, but...**
 - Permits agencies to hire former VISTA members who meet minimum qualifications without going through all the formalities of the federal competitive process

Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE)



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HOME

My AmeriCorps

Print Service Letters

From this page, you can print out letters certifying your time a term of service and then select the type of letter you need click the "print" button to print the requested service letter. Form to be printed can be viewed using **Adobe Reader** software.

[Click here for help.](#)

* Service Term:
Please Select ▼

* Letter Type:
Please Select ▼

Type name and address of recipient:

Applicant Home

My Tax Statements

My Education Award

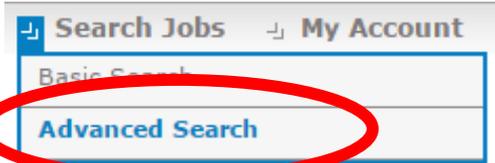
- + Create Forbearance Request
- + Create Interest Payment Request
- + Create Education Award Payment Request

My Service Letter

Contact My AmeriCorps

- NCE status is available starting the date of service completion and expiring in one year
- Access your Service Letter online
- NCE can be extended for up to three years in some cases

Navigating USAJobs



Who May Apply

Are you:

- a current or former Federal civilian employee who holds or held a non-temporary appointment
 - In the competitive service in the Executive Branch or in a position not in the Executive branch specifically included in the competitive service by statute, or
 - In an excepted service position covered by an interchange agreement, or
 - Eligible for reinstatement?
- A Veteran eligible for veterans' preference or separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous military service.
- A person with non-competitive appointment eligibility.

No - I do not fall into one of these categories and only want to see jobs open to the **general public**.

Yes - I fall into one of these categories and want to see all jobs open to applicants with the above eligibilities, such as **federal employees**.

Navigating USAJobs



Search Jobs ▶

- Search keywords such as “VISTA”, “AmeriCorps” or “Special Hiring Authority”
- Reach out to the HR contact listed on a job to see if preference is given to those with NCE even if it is not officially listed online
- Visit the USAJobs resource center for a list of Federal Occupations by college major

Employers of National Service



“If you’re an employer who wants to hire talented, dedicated, patriotic, skilled, tireless, energetic workers, look to AmeriCorps, look to the Peace Corps... Citizens who perform national service are special. You want them on your team.”

-President Obama

Employers of National Service

- Expands VISTAs' access to employers who value national service
- Employers represent private sector, non-profits, schools, state and local government and federal government employers

www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/employers-national-service



Employers of National Service



AmeriCorps Employment Resources

- VISTA Campus Job Board
- Eli Segal Fellowship
- AmeriCorps Alums Network

LIFE AS A VISTA

AFTER VISTA

Life After VISTA

Job Board

Non-Competitive
Eligibility

Education Award

Serve Again

Close of Service
Travel



Employment Webinars



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ON-DEMAND:

Translating VISTA Service to your Resume

<http://www.vistacampus.gov/resources/translating-vista-service-your-resume-and-career>

UPCOMING LIVE:

Career Planning

August 20, 2015

2PM Eastern

Registration Coming Soon!

Serve Again

- Another year of VISTA
- Become a VISTA Leader
- Another AmeriCorps program
 - State/National
 - NCCC
- Peace Corps



Leveraging Your VISTA Experience



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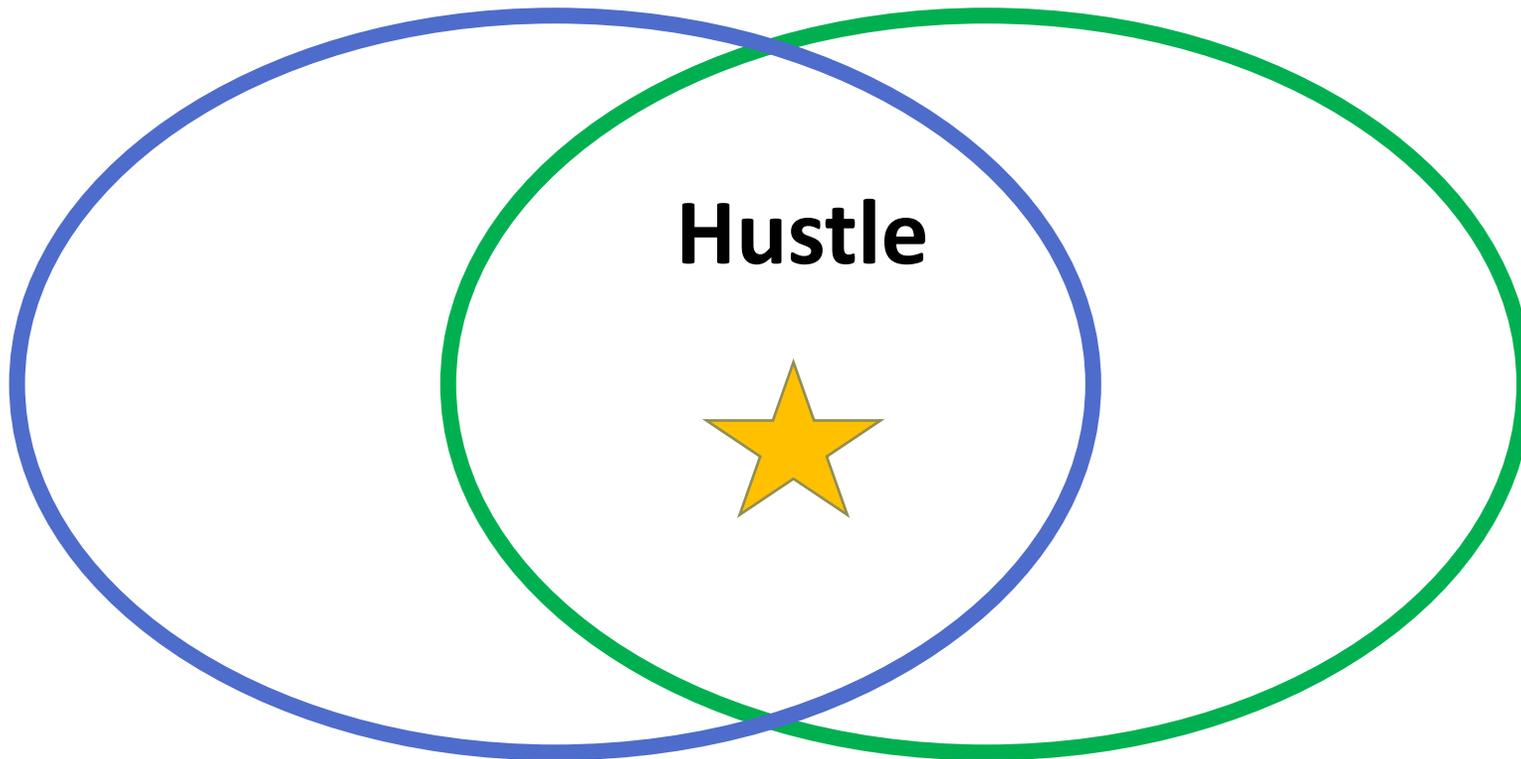
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- Stick to what interests you
- Develop transferable skills
- Explore trainings on the VISTA Campus
- Reach out to your VISTA network
- Be open to new possibilities!

The “Hustle”

Heart

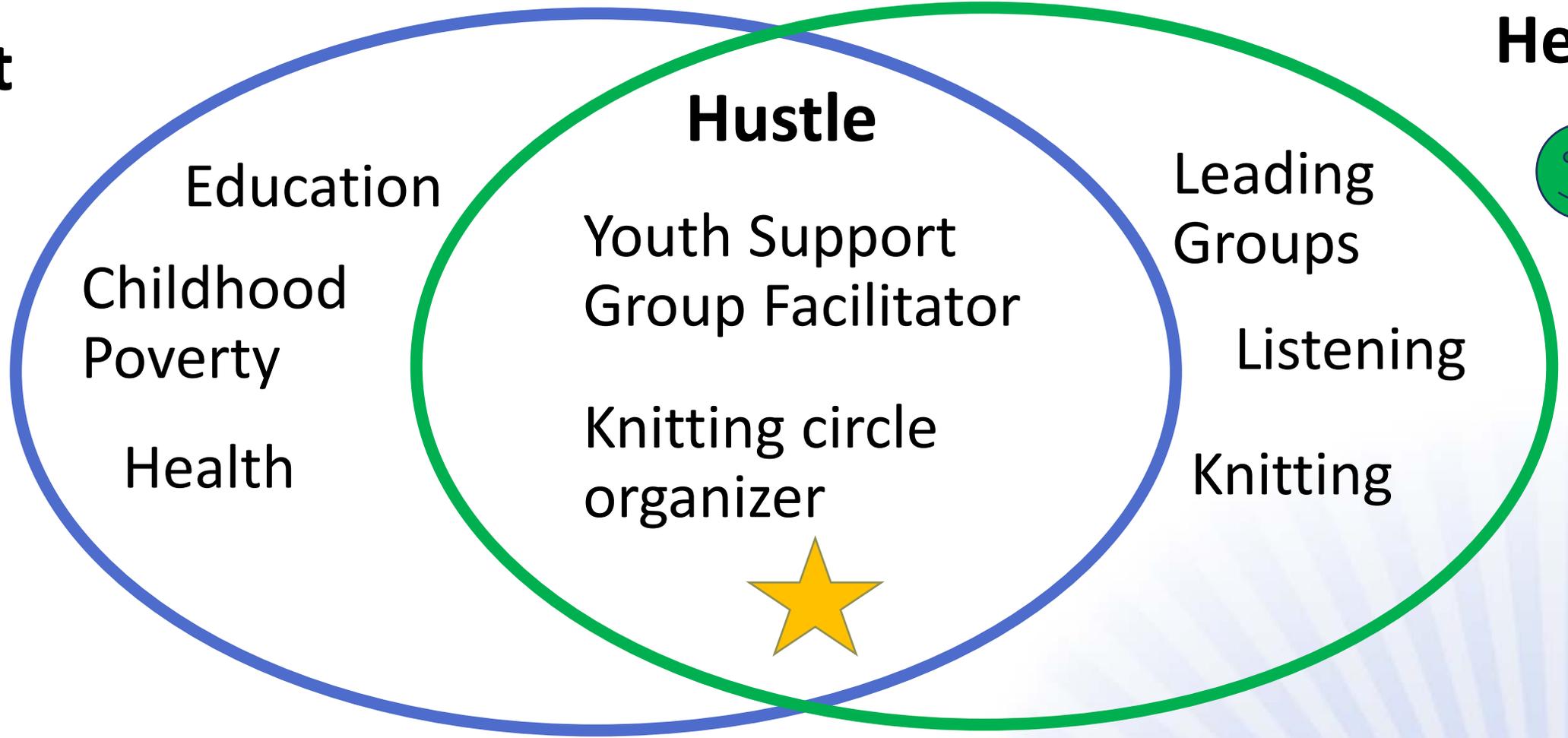
Head



- What is something you would love to do that combines your head and heart?
- Be creative! Doesn't have to be an actual job

Share Your "Hustle"

Heart



Head



Next Steps

BEFORE

- ✓ Complete Future Plans Form (FPF) (Part A)
- ✓ Update mailing address in my.americorps.gov
- ✓ Explore the VISTA Campus

AFTER

- ✓ Relocated to serve? Submit close-of service travel reimbursement voucher to VMSU
- ✓ Download Certification of Service letter
- ✓ Take the Member Exit Survey
- ✓ Connect with AmeriCorps Alums

Resources

Employment

- VISTA Job Board: www.vistacampus.gov/jobs
- Nonprofit Careers: www.idealistcareers.org
- Government Careers: www.usajobs.gov
- For-Profit Careers:
 - www.indeed.com
 - www.simplyhired.com
 - www.monster.com

Education

- www.idealist.org/info/GradFairs
- www.princetonreview.com/colleges-majors.aspx

VISTA Specific

- Preparing for Life After VISTA:
[www.vistacampus.gov/Preparing for life after VISTA](http://www.vistacampus.gov/Preparing%20for%20life%20after%20VISTA)
- End-of-Service Checklist
www.vistacampus.gov/end-service-checklist
- Non-Competitive Eligibility:
www.vistacampus.gov/nce
- Employers of National Service:
www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/employers-national-service
- AmeriCorps Alums:
www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/alumni
- VISTA Leaders:
www.vistacampus.gov/resources/vista-leaders-0

Evaluation

- Please take a few moments to share your feedback through the quick poll on the right side of the screen.
- How can we improve these sessions? What topics should we include in future webinars?
- Thank you very much for your time and participation!

Questions ?

- To ask a question verbally, call in using the number on this slide and press *1
- To ask a question electronically, use the Q&A feature located in the bottom right corner of the screen. Please ask “All Panelists”

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Thank You for Your Participation!

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