

2011-2012 Compact Service Corps
Member Survey Responses

NEBRASKA			
College/University	Service Organization	Future Plans	Comments
University of Nebraska at Lincoln	I served at a public high school.	I always try to be an active volunteer. I will volunteer as an ESL tutor.	
University of Nebraska at Lincoln	Lincoln North Star High School	I plan on applying for Teach for America, another Americorps program focused on education in intercity schools. If that doesn't pan out, I am interested in teaching English to refugees or immigrants or working with at-risk teens.	One of my students had been struggling for two academic years to pass her Reading Graduation Demonstration Exam. In her last semester of her senior year, she finally passed and was able to graduate. During this time I was able to see her mature and grow into a responsible, motivated young woman and her persistence in trying and trying again paid off. My persistence in continuing to work with my student in one of her most challenging subjects also paid off. We worked together and succeeded, and this was a big accomplishment.
University of Nebraska at Lincoln	Cross-Cultural Mentoring Program	I will be teaching through Teach For America in the Rio Grande Valley, TX.	
University of Nebraska at Lincoln	NorthStar High School	Volunteering where I can. Trying new places, for example, with the American Diabetes Association currently.	I got a unique perspective on Iranian culture from working with my student and meeting her family. I learned about resources I had never before heard of, like Lincoln Literacy Council and ways to obtain free vision care for refugees. I was able to get out of my comfort zone and put myself in someone's else's shoes and I realized I would want to be as happy as the student I worked with, despite her everyday struggles with things like money, housing, food, language, and learning a whole new culture...she did it all with a smile. It was an incredible experience, one I will never forget and I plan on taking the skills I have learned and applying them to business jobs I will obtain in the future. It will help me better understand and relate to persons not from the US.