

## **Bristol Community College Student Sara Hincapie named to prestigious *Newman Civic Fellowship***

Bristol Community College is proud to announce that second-year engineering student Sara Hincapie has been named a 2019 *Newman Civic Fellow*. Hincapie is among 262 students from 39 states, Washington, D.C.; Mexico and Greece who have demonstrated student leadership in addressing social problems in their communities.

The *Newman Civic Fellowship* is a one-year fellowship for community-committed college students from *Campus Compact*, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education, member institutions. The fellowship honors the late Frank Newman, one of *Campus Compact's* founders, who was a tireless advocate for civic engagement in higher education. *Campus Compact* member presidents and chancellors nominate one student who has demonstrated leadership and investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country and abroad.

[Sara Hincapie](#), a second-year engineering student at Bristol, is a leader focused on the education and advancement of women and children in her community. Since arriving in the United States from Medellin, Colombia, Sara has made it her mission to not only pursue her educational goals and career ambitions but to mentor and educate others in her community to do the same.

A *NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars* alumnus, Sara's current focus includes volunteering to develop STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) classes for members of the community through work with her local rotary club, as well as volunteering as an instructor to teach women how to code. Sara's dream is to travel the world, explore, understand and immerse herself in different cultures with the hope of creating schools in global communities; using education to empower others.

Through the fellowship, *Campus Compact* provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities emphasizing personal, professional and civic growth. Each year, Fellows are invited to a national conference of *Newman Civic Fellows* in partnership with the *Edward M. Kennedy Institute* for the United States Senate. The fellowship also provides pathways to apply for an exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.

“We are proud to recognize each of these extraordinary student leaders and thrilled to have the opportunity to engage with them,” said *Campus Compact* President Andrew Seligsohn. “The stories of this year’s *Newman Civic Fellows* make clear that they are committed to finding solutions to pressing problems in their communities and beyond. That is what *Campus Compact* is about, and it’s what our country and our world desperately need.”

For more information about the *Newman Civic Fellowship*, including a complete list of 2019 recipients, please visit <https://compact.org/newman-civic-fellowship/>.

### **About Bristol Community College**

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. Bristol has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country. The college's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, and corporate services. The Bristol Community College Foundation, a nonprofit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the college's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, [visit bristolcc.edu](http://bristolcc.edu).