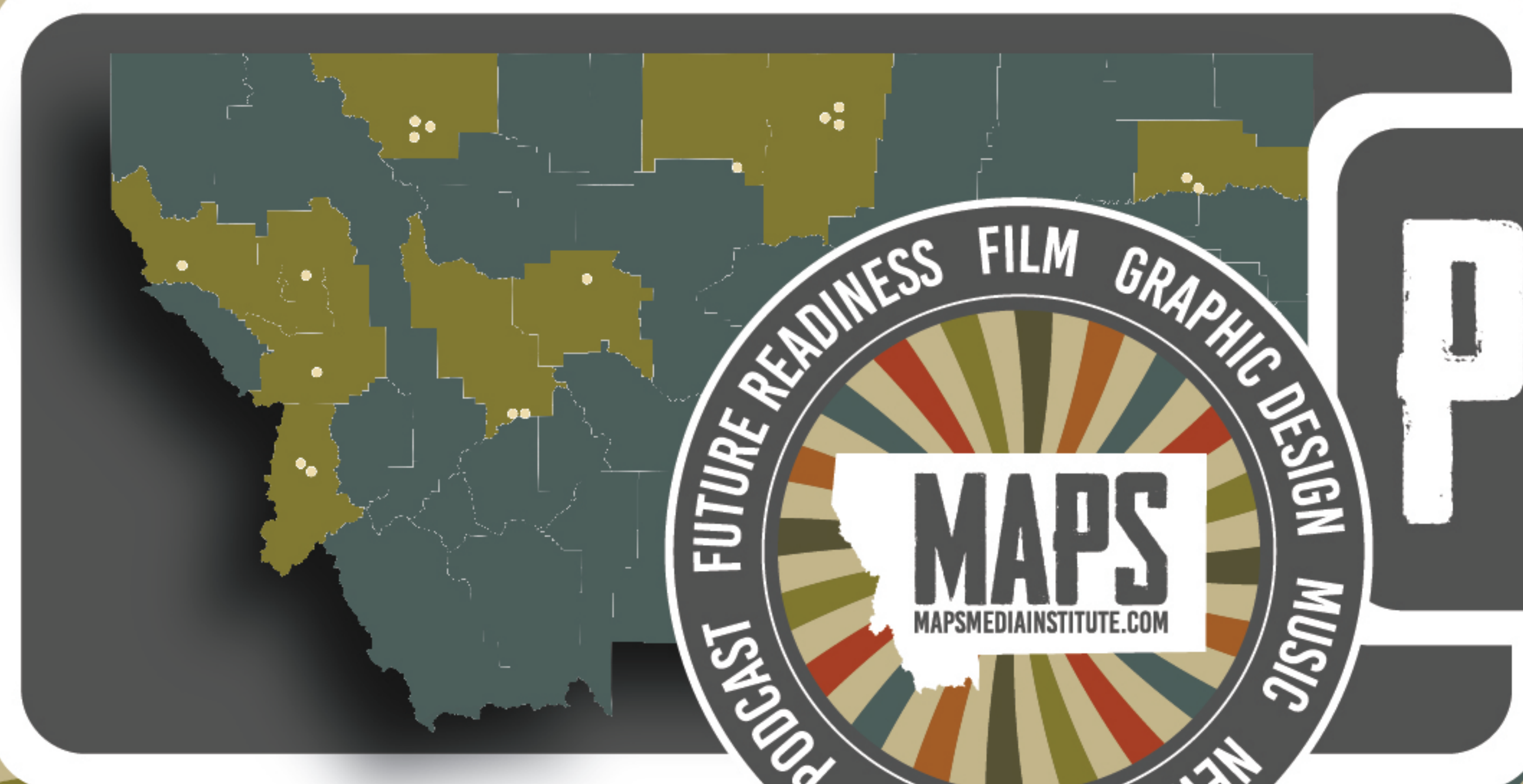


MAPS 2023 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Because youth media makes a difference...

MAPS EMMY® AWARD

At the June National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences NW Chapter 60th Emmy® Awards show, MAPS received the Board of Governor's Award honoring MAPS outstanding achievement and unique accomplishments in the arts. MAPS was also recognized as a "Trailblazer in Diversity" for our commitment to serving ALL youth across Montana.



PROGRAM MODELS:

BRICK & MORTAR STUDIOS...

MAPS has two brick-and-mortar studios serving youth in Ravalli (Hamilton) and Lewis & Clark (Helena) Counties with year-round afterschool and summer programs.

MAPS MEDIA LAB...

The MAPS Media Lab is our statewide outreach program in which MAPS professional artist-educators-mentors bring MAPS equipment and curriculums to rural towns and tribal communities where they facilitate intentional media arts workshops with youth.

CLIENT-BASED PROJECTS...

Client-based projects provide opportunities for MAPS students to share their skills on media projects for nonprofits and small businesses that work to make Montana healthier, stronger, and connected.

SINCE 2004 MAPS PROGRAMMING HAS REMAINED FREE OF CHARGE...

for all 8th to 12th graders in public, private, or homeschools, and welcoming of all media arts abilities and skill levels!

RAVALLI AND LEWIS & CLARK SUMMER PROGRAMS

What a summer it was...

Total # of Students in 2023 Summer Program:

63

Ravalli County Students:

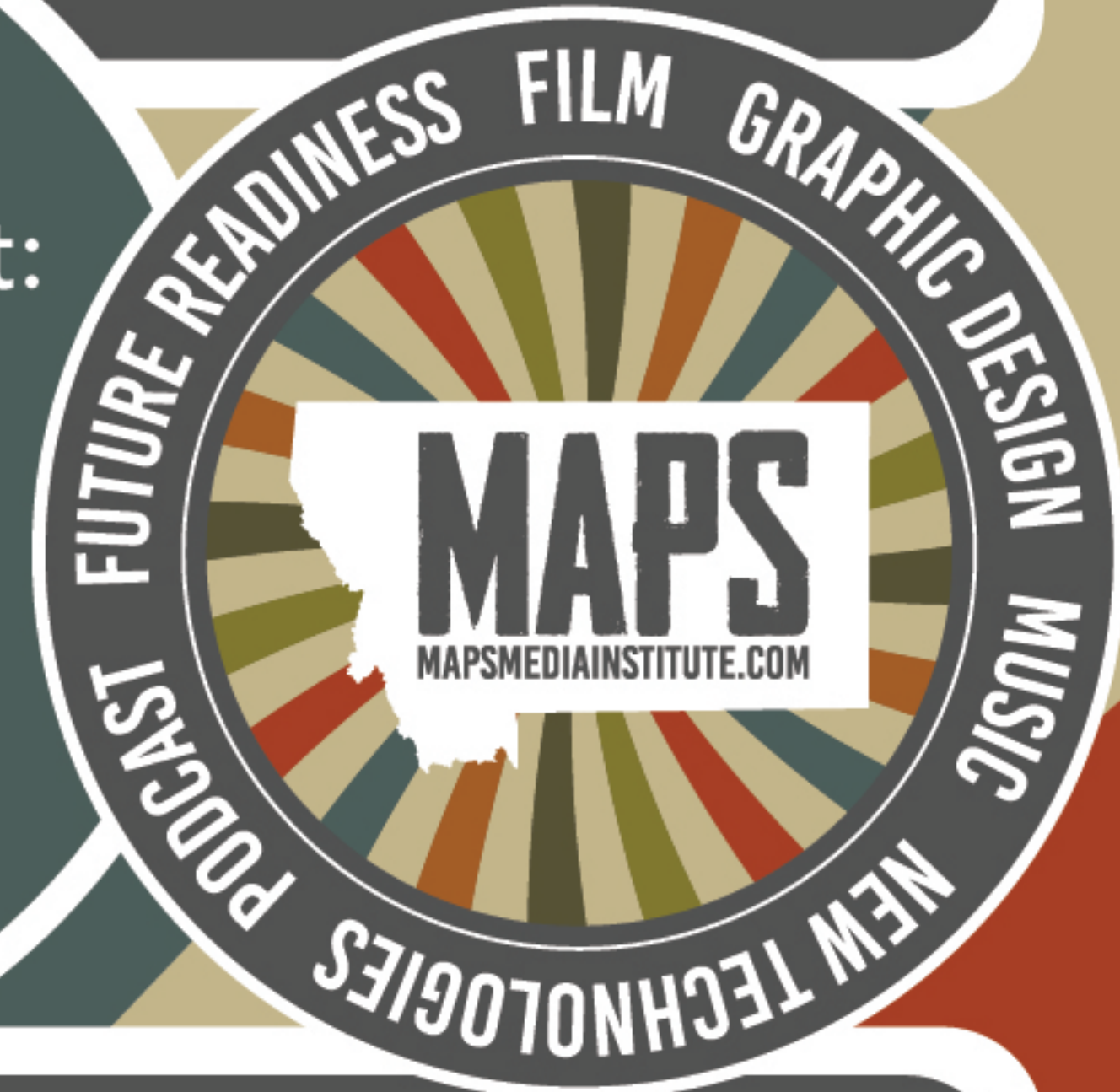
35

Lewis & Clark County Students:

31

Average # of Class Instruction Hours Per Student:

60



ONE-WEEK INTENSIVE WORKSHOPS FOSTERED INDIVIDUAL & COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS IN:

- Design: (*character design, comic books, digital photography, poster layout*)
- Filmmaking: (*narrative, short and long-form documentary, music video*)
- Future Readiness: (*guest artists, internships, resumes, scholarships*)
- Music: (*music theory, production, recording studio basics, songwriting*)
- New Tech: (*3D printer building and manufacturing and drone building/flying*)
- Podcast: (*plan for, record, edit, promote, and post to multiple platforms*)

MAPS MEDIA LAB

What stories were told...

HARLEM INDIGENOUS CHARACTER & COMIC BOOK DESIGN WORKSHOP • JUNE 5 - 9, 2023

In this 5-day workshop, students learned various artistic skills and created original comics with Indigenous characters, perspectives, and stories. One half CTE credit was awarded to high school students who completed the 35-hour class.

INTERNATIONAL BLACKFOOT RESEARCH CONFERENCE • JUNE 12 - 16, 2023

MAPS facilitated a "Documenting a Cultural Event" workshop with Blackfeet Community College students. After intensive training on the fundamentals of filmmaking and equipment orientation, students applied their new skills to film and record Honorable Guest Speakers and Keynote Speakers at this inspirational and culturally significant 5-day conference.

ARCHIE BRAY FIRST FIRE PROGRAM • JULY 2023

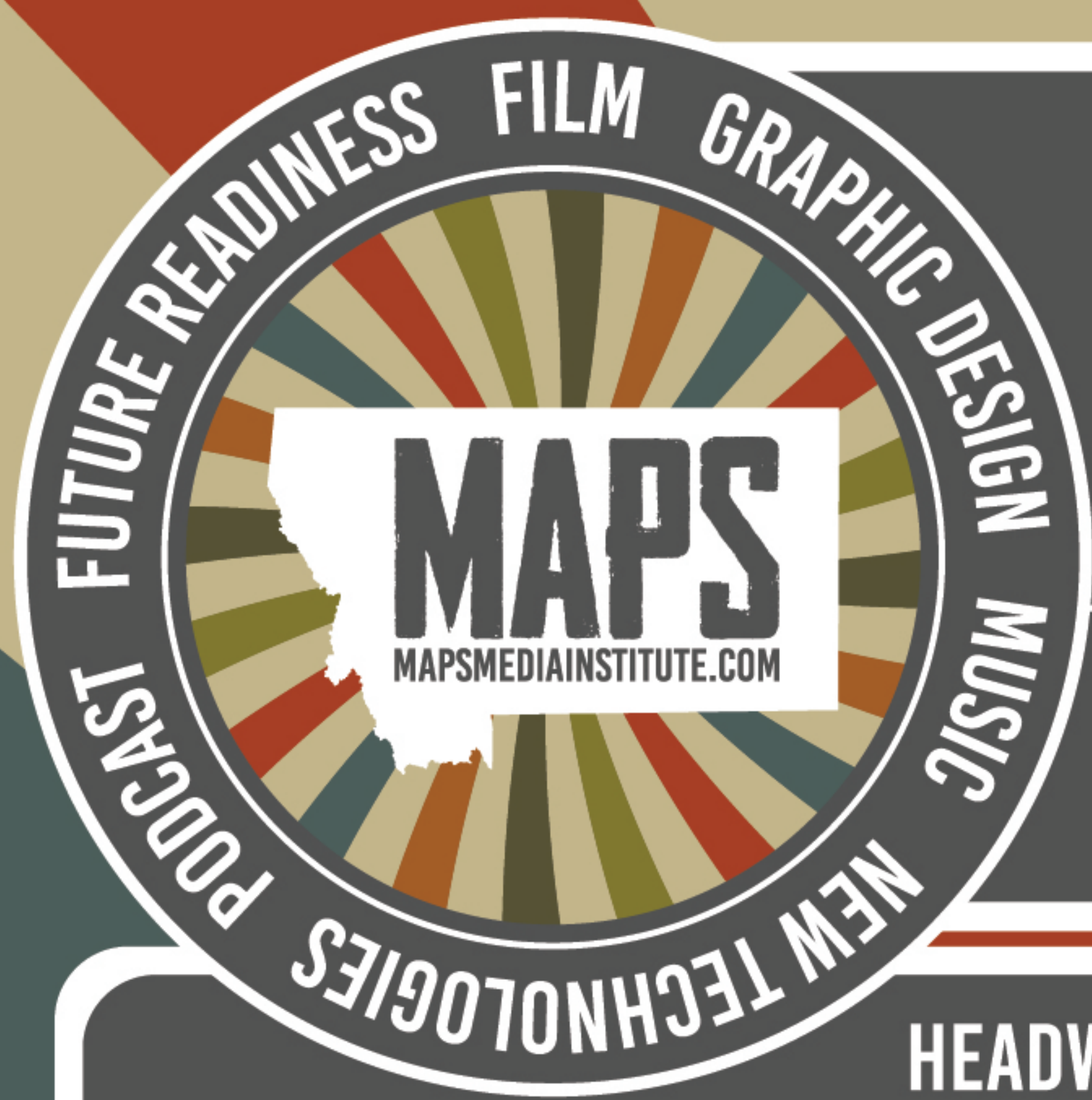
MAPS facilitated a multi-day student training to aid their participation in assisting with the production of a 4 to 5 minute promotional video about the Archie Bray First Fire program, showcasing the work of six Indigenous artists whose work engages in traditional and contemporary pit-firing practices.

TRIBAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, RELATIONS, & RESILIENCY - MT OPI: "RISE"

RISE (Resilience In Something Else) is a Youth-Designed and Youth-Led group focused on personal culture, heritage, leadership development, and relationship building. In 2023, MAPS facilitated a series of virtual and in-person media arts trainings for RISE students to document their MT Native Youth Conference "Rise Up, Speak Out - They Did Their Part, Now It's Our Turn." "RISE," a documentary film of the event, is the final product.



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MAPS CLIENT PROJECTS

Creating youth opportunities across Montana...

HEADWATERS FOUNDATION GO! GRANT VIDEO PROJECT

MAPS facilitated numerous "Filmmaking for Social Impact" workshops as part of a 4-part video project showcasing the power of Headwaters General Operating (GO! Grant) trust-based philanthropy model and its effect on multiple Montana nonprofit organizations.



FIRE IN THE ROOT AND THE MONTANA SW FIRE PREVENTION TEAM

MAPS students learned the art of studio voice recording by creating nine 30-second public service announcements to raise awareness on how Ravalli County and SW Montana communities can live with, and prevent wildfires.

SPECTRUM DISCOVERY AREA BITTERROOT IMPACT REPORT

MAPS students shared their film skills assisting documentation of spectrUM's 2023 Bitterroot Impact, including the Summer of Science and Science on Wheels programs.



MT OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (MT OPI) 21ST CCLC VIDEO PROJECT

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant program supports the creation of local out-of-school time programs to provide students and their families with high-quality academic enrichment opportunities and services. MAPS has received this grant from 2009 to the present.

From September to December 2023, MAPS will facilitate workshops with 21st CCLC students in Boulder, Box Elder, Bridger, and Lewistown, Montana, to produce 5 to 7 minute videos focused on Montana 21st CCLC programs anchored by MT OPI staff interview(s) with supportive vignettes highlighting multiple programs. They will also create 3 to 4 minute promotional videos for each of the 21st CCLC programs highlighted.

MAPS 2023 AMERICORPS

7 years of serving as an AmeriCorps site host...

Fort Belknap graduate, Amilia Blackcrow and 2017 MAPS - Ravalli County graduate, Jimmy Vegoren served for 12 weeks (June - August) as 2023 MAPS AmeriCorps. Their varied roles included assisting with Summer Program classes, MAPS Media Lab workshops in Browning, Harlem, and Helena, and Client Projects in Hamilton, Missoula, and Pablo. Most of all, they modeled active, engaged, and creative leadership for the entire MAPS Community!

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STUDENT THOUGHTS ABOUT MAPS

In their own words...

"Serving as a MAPS AmeriCorps strengthened my teamwork skills. I learned A LOT - like how to work through different situations with different people, answering emails daily, and remembering to check my camera settings every single time I film. But it also helped me be a better team player and a mentor to other kids."

2023 SUMMER AMERICORPS

"MAPS matters to me because I get to learn about film. How it can change somebody's opinions or make them feel. That's what I want to learn how to do - positively affect people, and the world with my art."

HELENA 11TH-GRADE STUDENT

"The most valuable thing I learned was how to work on creative projects with others, especially how to be cool when my idea wasn't chosen."

11TH-GRADE HOMESCHOOL STUDENT



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*Listed Alphabetically

