



MAPS MEDIA INSTITUTE • 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

MAPS 2023 Highlights is a snapshot of the fantastic work we have accomplished together - all made possible by your support. Whether you're a youth participant, parent/guardian, community member, collaborative partner, or generous donor - we can do this work because of you.

Showcased in this report: New Staff Positions to strengthen youth experiences with caring, skilled mentors; Ravalli and Lewis & Clark Counties year-round programs; Client Projects that took youth out of the classroom and into the community; MAPS Media Lab statewide projects (over 15,000 miles logged!); Awards; Partners – new and long term.

One thing we all know is that investing in youth makes our communities stronger. Since 2004, MAPS has continued its commitment to supporting young people's ideas, stories, and dreams by providing them with resources and opportunities to help develop their creative potential and strengthen their life skills.

We're already working on big things for 2024 and look forward to continuing our meaningful work together.

WITH GRATITUDE - CLARE ANN & THE MAPS TEAM

NEW STAFF



Amilia Blackcrow
Summer AmeriCorps



Jimmy Vegoren
Summer AmeriCorps



Alex Small
Lewis & Clark County
Podcast Instructor



Arielle Rhodz, M. Ed.
Lead Instructor &
Curriculum Designer
MAPS BOD 2018 - 2022

YEAR ROUND BRICK & MORTAR PROGRAMS

AFTERSCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Ravalli and Lewis & Clark Counties

- Afterschool Programs: 32 weeks, 4 days a week
- Summer Program: 6 weeks, 5 days a week
- Individual and collaborative projects in:
Film, Graphic Design, Music, New Tech, & Podcast



MAPS IN SCHOOLS: Corvallis Middle School

6-Week Character Design
Afterschool Class



STUDENTS
SERVED:

240

AVERAGE INSTRUCTION
HOURS PER STUDENT:

148

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MAPS CLIENT PROJECTS

MAPS with producing media projects for nonprofits and small businesses that work to make Montana healthier, stronger, and happier.

Youth participants experience real-world learning and on-the-job training, gain hands-on experience with one-on-one targeted support from staff, learn new educational/career pathways, build their resumes/portfolios, and increase their scholarship eligibility.

21stCCLC VIDEO PROJECT, MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

21st Century Community Learning Centers ("21stCCLC") grant program supports out-of-school time educational opportunities for youth and families.

From September 2023 to January 2024, MAPS facilitated film workshops with youth in Boulder, Box Elder, and Lewistown, MT, to produce promotional videos for these selected 21stCCLC programs. Vignettes from these programs will also be included in a long-form video to be distributed by MT OPI.

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 radio announcements to raise awareness on how Ravalli County and SW MT communities live with wildfire.

HEADWATERS GO! GRANT VIDEO SERIES

MAPS students helped produce a four-part video project showcasing the power of Headwaters Foundation General Operating (GO!) Grants trust-based philanthropy model and its effect on three Montana nonprofit organizations.

SPECTRUM DISCOVERY AREA BITTERROOT IMPACT REPORT

MAPS students shared their film skills and assisted with documenting the spectrUM Discovery Area 2023 Bitterroot Valley Impact, including their Summer of Science and Science on Wheels programs.



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MAPS MEDIA LAB

Statewide Educational Outreach Program (aka MAPS "Road Show")

In this program, MAPS professional artist-educators travel to rural and tribal communities and facilitate specifically designed media arts workshops with youth ages 13 - 24. These projects often have real-world implications, such as addressing a social issue or promoting a positive social or cultural message. They are designed for fully realized professional outcomes and frequently result in award-winning student productions.

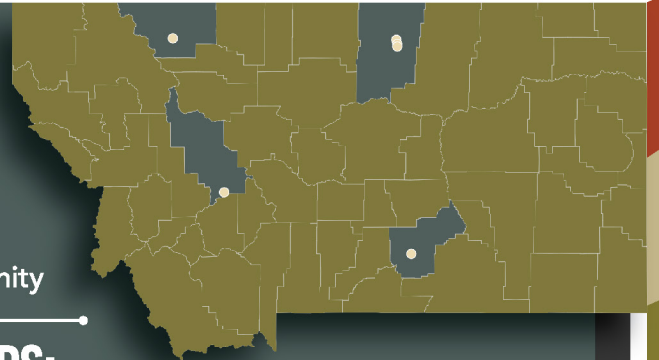
APRIL WORKSHOPS:

DOCUMENTARY FILM: RISE Youth Leadership Program:
Tribal Student Achievement, Relations and Resiliency,
Montana Office of Public Instruction

DOCUMENTARY FILM: Harlem Buffalo Unity Project -
Harlem School District

FILM FESTIVAL: Great Falls, MT - Fort Belknap Indian Community

MAPS MEDIA LAB PROJECT SITES



JUNE WORKSHOPS:

DESIGN: Indigenous Character and Comic Book Design Workshop -
Harlem School District

DOCUMENTING A CULTURAL EVENT - FILM: 2023 International
Blackfoot Research Conference - Blackfeet Community College
students

DOCUMENTARY FILM: Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts
First Fire Program

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP:

DOCUMENTARY FILM: Fort Belknap Indian Community

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

AMERICA AFTER 3PM FOR NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILIES: MAPS was the highlighted organization as part of the Afterschool Alliance national report.

MONTANA STEM SUMMIT PRESENTER:
Montana Afterschool Alliance

EMMY®: National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences NW Chapter
for outstanding achievement & unique accomplishments in the arts.

AMP SKA PI PIKUNI • NIZI PUH WAH SIN (SOUTHERN BLACKFEET • REAL SPEAK):
Winner: Short Form Nonfiction • Regional Student Production Award
National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences NW Chapter

MONTANA NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION, 2023 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE:
In-Person Panel on Leadership



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"MAPS has taught me a lot. They have shown me how to work through intense situations and how to communicate with others.

I learned skills that will help me be a better person and strengthen my future career - simple things like the names of equipment and more complex things like starting my own film project.

Being able to work with them also helped prepare me for college and helped me work through my homesickness."

**2023 SUMMER AMERICORPS,
HARLEM HIGH 2023 GRADUATE**

"MAPS gives me the people, the equipment and the space to grow into who I am becoming."

RAVALLI COUNTY 12TH GRADER

IN THEIR WORDS: STUDENT FEEDBACK

"MAPS matters to me because I get to learn how to create new forms of art and 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."

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 11TH GRADER



"I came to MAPS because I had nowhere else to go to learn film. I had no idea what to expect. From the first time I walked thru the door, I was treated like an artist, like my thoughts and opinion really matter. That I matter."

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 10TH GRADER

THANK YOU!

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A Voice	MT Arts Council
Aaniih Nakoda College	MT Cultural Trust
Archie Bray Foundation	Montana Department of Natural Resources and
Bill and Rosemary Gallagher Foundation	Conservation - Hamilton Unit
Blackfeet Nation,	MT Office of Public Instruction
Blackfeet Community College	MT OPI Tribal Student Achievement, Relations
Cultivating Connections	and Resiliency
Fire In The Root Council	MT Public Value Partnership
Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Aaniih Tribes,	Mr. Andrew Wiencek
Tribal Council and THPO	Natalie Benson
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Headwaters Foundation	Rapp Family Foundation
High Stakes Foundation	The Steele-Reese Foundation
Identity Inc.	U.S. Department of Education
Jane S. Heman Foundation	University of MT & spectrUM Discovery Area
Ken Payne	Western Native Voice

SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Boulder, Corvallis, Darby, Hamilton, Harlem, Helena, East Helena,
Lewistown, Rocky Boy, Stevensville, Victor

*Listed Alphabetically

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