The Peace Corps Community in Wisconsin

Among large colleges and universities, the University of Wisconsin, Madison ranked 1st in 2019/2020 and 2nd all-time in sending Peace Corps Volunteers overseas. Among medium colleges and universities, Marquette University was tied for 21st in sending volunteers overseas.

Peace Corps has educational partnerships with four universities: Marquette University, the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, and the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

National Peace Corps Association affiliate groups include the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) of Wisconsin–Madison, and the Milwaukee Peace Corps Association.

For the past 33 years, the international calendar project of the RPCVs of Wisconsin–Madison has resulted in more than $1 Million of charitable giving by the group. In 2019, the groups donated nearly $37,000 to support 18 community projects in Wisconsin and twelve other countries.

Former LaCrosse Circuit Court Judge Roger LeGrande Jr. (recently deceased) was a Peace Corps Volunteer, assigned to serve in India in 1969. Former Governor Jim Doyle and his wife Jessica served as Peace Corps Volunteers in Tunisia in the late 1960's.

*Based on data from Peace Corps, National Peace Corps Association, and other news sources.