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Chris Patterson serves as the Regional Collaboratives VISTA in the Michigan Campus Compact office in Lansing, Michigan. Chris is a recent graduate of Central Michigan University where he studied Health Fitness in Preventative and Rehabilitative Programs and minored in Psychology. While at CMU, Chris was a Campus Outreach Student Liaison in the CMU Volunteer Center.

Specifically, Chris helps support the Southeast Michigan Volunteer Collaborative and the Southeast Michigan Higher Education collaborative of Metro Detroit in an effort to streamline volunteerism for the region. The Southeast Michigan Volunteer Collaborative is a group of nonprofits located in Southeast Michigan all who share a focus on improving volunteerism in this part of the state. Chris works with the Leadership Team of the collaborative which is comprised of representatives from the City of Detroit, United Way, Volunteer Centers of Michigan, Michigan Campus Compact, Michigan Nonprofit Association, Corporation for National and Community Service, and Michigan Community Service Commission. Chris organizes meetings, serves as a central hub for communication and research models that will allow the collaborative to move forward and remain sustainable. Currently, Chris's biggest project has been to design a survey that will catch a "snapshot" of service for the Metro Detroit area called Serve the D. The survey can be found at www.ServetheD.org. Chris also supports the Higher Education collaborative by managing their communications. I help to create meeting agendas, set-up meetings, and spread information and updates through regular email.