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Olivia Mussell is the 2021/2022 AmeriCorps Vista Member for the Community Foundation for Oceana County (CFOC). AmeriCorps VISTA members serve communities by building added capacity in the community economic development work of small nonprofits. For the last four years she has been studying German with an international business minor at Miami University of Ohio and is graduating in December of 2021.

Over the next year Olivia will be working on building the backbone of a Complete Your Degree (CYD) scholarship program and preparing for a Foundation capital campaign. A CYD program redefines and reimagines how scholarship assets are used to support the continuing education of young adults. This will be a partnership with local community colleges to provide traditional scholarship as well as additional life needs supports, including support for books, childcare, or transportation needs.

The AmeriCorps assignment aligns with Olivia's interest to give back to her community, and the value she sees in philanthropy. She is excited to see where this year will take her, and the connections she can make not only for herself, but for the Foundation as well.

Mussell is a graduate from Shelby High School (2016), where she was involved with the Foundation's Youth Advisory Council, multiple sports, and differing clubs such as Science Olympiad, & Student Council. After high school she went to Germany as an exchange student on scholarship through YFU/Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, where she found her interest for the German language and culture. After her year as an AmeriCorps Vista member, she plans to go back to school to complete her master's in business.