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Match Education Awarded National AmeriCorps Grant

Match Education Partners with Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys to Continue Boosting Student Achievement with its National Tutoring Program

BOSTON - The Match Foundation, Inc., part of Match Education, has been awarded a competitive AmeriCorps grant for the fifth consecutive year by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering and service. This year marks the 25th anniversary of AmeriCorps. Since the program's inception in 1994, more than 1 million Americans have served their country through the national service program. Organizations are currently recruiting for AmeriCorps members to begin service this fall. Those interested in serving can learn more at www.AmeriCorps.gov/Join.

During the 2019-2020 school year, Match Education will oversee 45 AmeriCorps members who will serve full-time in Match Charter Public School in Boston and in Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys in Baltimore. In the last four years that Match Education has partnered with CNCS, AmeriCorps members have tutored over 2,700 economically disadvantaged students in Boston, New Orleans, the San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle and Baltimore.

Match Education will oversee 35 AmeriCorps members across grades 6-10 at two campuses of Match Charter Public School in Boston. "We are proud to partner with AmeriCorps and CNCS again this year," said Match CEO, Nnenna Ude. "This grant increases the effectiveness of our tutoring program, supports our community, and provides a unique opportunity to partner with innovative schools to support students and advance our mission."

Ten AmeriCorps members will offer academic support at the Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys (BCSB), a school that enrolls low-income, African-American boys who have often struggled academically in more traditional settings. "[Match] Fellows are a vital piece of both our curricular program and our character-driven culture. They provide a near-peer relationship to students that allows them to form strong bonds as role models, discover what makes these boys tick, and leverage these relationships to move the needle academically," said BCSB's Founder and Executive Director, Jack Pannell Jr. "Baltimore Collegiate's fellows are at the core of our mission to ensure that every boy is known, loved, understood, and inspired."



For their year of service, AmeriCorps members receive a very modest living allowance and a Segal Education Award that they can use to pay existing student loans or to finance graduate study. Match and its partners fund the cost of the program through a generous award from CNCS of \$427,500, which is matched with \$609,725 in other public and private funding. Match's AmeriCorps members implement the Match tutoring model. Harvard economists have found that this model consistently produces significantly higher academic impacts than other popular programs intended to boost the achievement of economically disadvantaged students. More information on Match's tutoring model is available [here](#).

About Match Education: Match Education is a diversified education reform organization which currently operates a high-performing, urban public charter school serving 1,250 students across grades preK-12 on three campuses in Boston (Match Charter Public School), a unique graduate school of education that trains teachers and instructional leaders to work in high-poverty schools (Charles Sposato Graduate School of Education), and a dissemination group that seeks to share what we are learning in our applied work (Match Export). The mission of Match Education is twofold. First, we are committed to delivering extraordinary results for the students we serve in our charter school and graduate school of education. Second, we strive to be a source of innovation in education nationwide. Learn more at www.matcheducation.org.

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