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Match Education Awarded National AmeriCorps Grant
Match Education Partners with Summit Public Schools and Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys
to Increase National Reach of its Tutoring Program

Boston - The Match Foundation, Inc., part of Match Education, has been awarded a continuation of its National AmeriCorps tutoring program by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that administers AmeriCorps programs.

During the 2016-2017 school year, Match Education will oversee 159 AmeriCorps members who will serve full time in one of 14 schools nationwide that are operated either by Match Charter Public School in Boston, Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys in Baltimore, or Summit Public Schools in California and Washington state. Last year, the first year Match Education partnered with CNCS, AmeriCorps members tutored over 1,000 students from low-income backgrounds in Boston, New Orleans and San Jose, California.

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 struggled academically in more traditional settings. "[Match] Fellows are a vital piece both of our academic program and of 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 provide education in a safe space," said BCSB's Founder and Executive Director, Jack Pannell Jr. "Baltimore Collegiate's fellows are at the crux of our mission to ensure that every boy is known, loved, understood, and inspired."

Forty AmeriCorps members will serve at Summit Schools, eight times the number of tutors who served at Summit last year. Tutors will use Summit's Personalized Learning Plan (PLP), an online platform developed in collaboration with Facebook, that allows students to set individual goals, create roadmaps to achieve them, learn content at their own pace, and engage in projects that connect to the real world. "Tutors play an important role in offering personalized support for students," said Adam Carter, Chief Academic Officer at Summit Public Schools. "They're able to identify where students may need extra help and work closely with them to ensure they're reaching their goals. Tutors focus on habits of success and at Summit, we believe that those mindsets play a huge role in preparing students for success far beyond the classroom - but in college, career and life."



Match Education will oversee 109 AmeriCorps members across grades prek-12 in the Match Charter Public School on four campuses in Boston. “We are proud to partner with AmeriCorps again this year,” said Match CEO Stig Leschly. “This grant helps us to expand the reach of our tutoring program and gives us an opportunity to work with innovative partners to support students.”

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 as part of the [CNCS’s Partnership Challenge](#), a call to action for the private sector, nonprofits, philanthropies, and public agencies service opportunities to meet critical national and local needs.

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 tackling some of the most intractable challenges in education. It operates Match Charter Public School, a high-performing urban K-12 public charter school; the Charles Sposato Graduate School of Education, that trains rookie teachers for high-poverty schools; and Match Beyond, a college and jobs program that seeks unprecedented degree completion rates and employment outcomes. Out of this applied work, Match Education refines, validates empirically, and disseminates new ideas and practices on core questions in education reform. Learn more at www.matcheducation.org.

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