Dear Commonwealth Corps Alumni,

Happy New Year! We want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of the program and your contributions to the CC community. We would especially like to thank our CC Alumni who are volunteering as mentors this year, connecting with current members to help them have the best year possible and expand their networks.

At this time, we are beginning to prepare for the host site application review process for the next program year and we would love your help! If you are interested in learning more about participating in the 2019-2020 CC Review in February, all the details can be found here.

Wishing you a wonderful 2019!

Sincerely,
Julianne DeFilippis, Commonwealth Corps Program Associate, and the MSA Team

JOBS IN THE FIELD

COMMONWEALTH CORPS PROGRAM MANAGER

You did a year of CC service, now become a member of the team that is responsible for the oversight and management of the program. Primary responsibilities include overall program implementation, member and host site management and support, training for members and host sites, and supervision of the Commonwealth Corps Program Associate. This position reports to the Director of Programs. The full position description and application instructions can be found here.

COORDINATOR FOR VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES

Help lead MSA’s efforts and initiatives that increase the engagement of volunteers and the impact of their efforts in the Commonwealth. Primary responsibilities include supporting the implementation of MSA’s Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF) grant to develop and strengthen relationships with volunteer connector organizations, supporting grants that engage volunteers for National Days of Service, building the capacity of organizations to engage volunteers, and promoting service and volunteerism in MA. The full position description and application instructions can be found here.

AFTERSCHOOL SITE DIRECTOR

Manage an after-school child care program at the Gleason YMCA in Wareham, Monday—Friday from 2-6pm. The program has 40 children enrolled ages 6-12. Duties include managing daily activities such as homework help, gym activities, planning and implementation of enrichment activities, and serving snack. The site director supervises 2-3 assistant teachers, and manages parent interaction and communication. Must be 20 years of age with a minimum of 6-9 months experience with school age children. Please send resumes to alibby@ymcasc.org. — From CC Alumna Mandy Bonilla

For a complete list of jobs in the nonprofit sector with various MSA partners throughout the Commonwealth, visit our Job Board.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

JESSICA SANON (2015-2016)

After graduating from UMass Amherst with my bachelor’s degree in mathematics, I did not know what career path I wanted to take. I came across the Commonwealth Corps program and decided to do a year of service with Northfield Mount Hermon Upward Bound. I served as an Assistant Advisor to 30 Holyoke High school students where I was able to engage students in community service placements, co-lead the after-school enrichment program, and provide individual and group tutoring for students.

It was during my time at NMH that I wanted to learn more about the nonprofit sector and applied for graduate school at the Heller School of Social Policy and Impact Management at Brandeis University. Because of the great partnership MSA has with Brandeis University, I was able to graduate with my MBA degree in May 2018 and was elected to be the student speaker of my MBA program.

Currently I am the founding CEO of sySTEMic flow, an organization aiming to advance STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education for young black girls in Boston through math literacy, hands-on experiences, and connecting students with professional mentors in the field. My experience as a CC member has led me to pursue my own business, addressing the educational disparities black women face in the educational system and providing solutions on how to diversify the STEM sector. Without the Commonwealth Corps, I do not think I would have been able to get this far in my entrepreneurship journey.

Read more about Jessica in the latest November-December CC Newsletter.

NEWS & UPDATES

2019-2020 HOST SITE APPLICATION
Each year, MSA partners with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and public entities to reinvigorate civic involvement to help address the Commonwealth’s most urgent needs. If you know of an organization that would be a good fit to host CC members, please direct them to our website.

CC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Don’t forget to check the CC Alumni Resources page for information about CC service scholarships for graduate school.

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

We recently made some changes to our Facebook! We now have an official Facebook page, and the existing group has been made private for current members, alumni, and partners to stay connected with each other. You are always welcome to share job openings, training opportunities, events, and more with the larger CC community through this group.

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