Dear CC Alumni,

Happy Fall! We hope you’re having a wonderful start to the season. We recently kicked-off our 11th Commonwealth Corps program year!

If you’re interested in connecting with and supporting our current members by volunteering as a mentor, leading a training or webinar, or hosting an event, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

Even if you aren’t able to get involved this year, we still love receiving updates and photos from alumni — such as the picture above, which features current CC members and a recent alumna teaming up on a project at Westport River Watershed Alliance!

Also, thank you to everyone who completed the annual CC Alumni survey we sent out over the summer and congratulations to our swag winner, Rachel Bergquist (2014-2015)! If you haven’t had a chance to complete the brief questionnaire yet, we would greatly appreciate if you filled it out here.

Below, you’ll find a variety of opportunities to connect via upcoming social events, workshops, member mentorship, and more. We hope to see or hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Stacey (CC Program Manager) & Julianne (CC Program Associate)

Upcoming Alumni Events

**NOVEMBER 8, 2019**
*Living on a Budget Workshops*

We’re excited to be able to offer two of our member workshops to CC alumni.

**NOVEMBER 13, 2019**
*Fall CC Alumni/Member Mixer*

Join fellow CC alumni and current members for a casual evening...

More Info/RSVP

Visit the CC Alumni Portal for even more upcoming events!

News & Updates

NEW MSA & CC LOGOS
We are incredibly excited to share our brand new logos with all of you! MSA was looking to refresh our visual identity and turned to Artists for Humanity to create something modern and vibrant that better represented the community based on work we do, while also modernizing the original MSA logo which featured a weave. If you like the new designs, keep an eye out for more opportunities to get your own CC alumni swag.

Alumni Spotlight

CASSIE LAWSON
2012-2013 CC Member
I served as a Commonwealth Corps Environmental Educator with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. I decided to serve with the Commonwealth Corps because of my combined passions for the environment and working with youth. My service year set me on the path I am on today and enabled me to experience the impact a small group of individuals can make to affect a cause, which, in this case, was protecting clean water in Buzzards Bay. It helped me understand what “giving back” means and that nonprofit work serves an essential function in society—a function that would otherwise go unfulfilled without the critical work of nonprofit organizations.

After my service year, I spent two years as an elementary school teacher before returning to the Coalition as the Senior Educator. I was fortunate to supervise several CC members over the course of the three years I was there. This enabled me to see the continuing impact of this service program on an organization and a community.

In 2018, I transitioned to an environmental organization called the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), where I am a grant writer. I am able to leverage the grant writing skills I learned at the Coalition to secure funding for a variety of AMC’s programs, many of which also help connect youth to local natural spaces. My CC experience played an important role in the path that led me to where I am now.

Lookout for Cassie’s full spotlight in the upcoming August-October CC Newsletter

Blast from the Past
## Ways to Stay Involved

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<td>Each year, we pair current members with an alumni mentor to help them get the most out of their service and think about next steps. Mentors are asked to schedule monthly check-ins (virtual or in-person) with their mentees. If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor this year, please email Stacey ASAP.</td>
<td>As CC alumni, you bring unique skills, experiences, and connections to the greater CC community. We invite you plan or host events for alumni and/or members. We would help take care of logistics, food, and space (as necessary). If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to email Julianne.</td>
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