Dear CC Alumni,

Thank you and congratulations to our 2019-2020 Commonwealth Corps members on completing their year of service and officially joining our incredible network of over 1,050 CC alumni. The three words used to describe this year’s corps at our end-of-year celebration were resilient, creative, and empathetic. Members had to navigate their roles during unprecedented times, but they still managed to help expand and enhance their host organizations’ programming both through immediate client and community impact and towards longer-term capacity building projects. While in-person programming came to a halt in March, members and sites found creative ways to continue to engage community members and address urgent needs that arose during the pandemic. You can read more about all of this past year’s members and host sites in our recent newsletters here.

Below you’ll find a variety of opportunities to support this community through our annual alumni survey, member recruitment, mentorship, and more. As always, please don’t hesitate to reach out if there is anything you would like to share with MSA, your fellow alumni, or incoming members.

Sincerely,

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

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**News & Updates**

**Annual Alumni Engagement Survey**

In an effort to regularly explore new ways to engage, support, and leverage the larger CC alumni community, we invite you to fill out our brief annual alumni engagement survey here. It has 12 short questions that ask about you and how you’d like to be involved as alum this year and should only take about 5 minutes. We’re excited to use your input to plan some fun virtual events and other engagement opportunities this coming year. Thank you!

**2020-2021 Member Recruitment**

There is no one that knows this program better than our alumni, so your recruitment support is invaluable! Please take a look at the available positions here and help spread the word to your friends and networks. We’ve also created some sample social media posts and graphics for you modify and use here. Special shout-out to 18-19 Alumna Shaina and 19-20 Alumna Francesca who already helped recruit several of our 2020-2021 members!
**Ways to Stay Involved**

**Speak on a Virtual Alumni Panel**
**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**
This year’s new member orientation will be entirely virtual for the first time. We’re thinking creatively about how to engage members virtually and we’re excited to be able to incorporate alumni voices into the program. If you would like to speak on the panel, please indicate your interest here by Friday, August 7.

**Mentor an Incoming Member**
Each year we pair current members with an alumni mentor to help them get the most out of their service experience. Mentors are expected to schedule monthly, live check-ins with their mentees. If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor this coming year, please email Stacey or indicate in the alumni survey mentioned above.

**Plan an Event or Training**
As CC alumni, we know you bring unique skills, experiences, and connections to the larger CC network. 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 would like to request a training topic, please feel welcome to reach out to Stacey.

**Join our Virtual Alumni Groups**
To stay connected with MSA, fellow alumni, and the larger CC network, join our Alumni groups on Facebook and LinkedIn.

**Access Additional Resources**
Don’t forget to check the CC Alumni Portal for the most up-to-date information about service scholarships, events, past training materials, and more.

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**Blast from the Past**

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