Dear Commonwealth Corps Alumni,

Welcome to the first edition of the Commonwealth Corps Alumni Newsletter! Our hope for this new newsletter is to help CC Alumni stay connected with MSA, the Commonwealth Corps, and the greater Massachusetts service community. In each of the quarterly editions, you will find events, ways to stay involved, alumni spotlights, news, updates, and more!

If there is anything you would like to share with your fellow Commonwealth Corps Alumni, please feel free to contact Julianne (jdefilippis@mass-service.org).

Sincerely,
Amy Mulvena, Commonwealth Corps Program Manager
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Service and Volunteerism Day
Join MSA to hear from remarkable community heroes as they share their stories of service!
Date: Thursday, April 19, 10:00am—1:00pm
Location: MA State House, Grand Staircase
More Info/RSVP

Celebration of Service
Join us in celebrating the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Corps members!
Date: Thursday, June 28, 12:00pm—3:00pm
Location: MA State House, Hall of Flags
More Info/RSVP Coming Soon

WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED

ALUMNI PANEL
We will be hosting an alumni panel for current CC members on May 16 in Boston. If you are interested in speaking on the panel, please email Amy (amulvena@mass-service.org).
Thank you!

SPRING TRAINING
In partnership with the Boston Women’s Advancement Council, we will be offering a special training for CC Members & Alumni on Salary Negotiation. More information and registration will be available soon.

Check out their Alumni Spotlights on page 2!
SPOTLIGHT

MSA NEWS & SCHOLARSHIPS

APRIL HOOPER (2016-2017)

I joined the Commonwealth Corps in 2016 because I wanted the opportunity to serve system involved youth while still receiving professional development support and giving back to my community. As a CC Member with More Than Words, I coached young adults on a variety of job training skills, took the lead in supporting and appreciating book drive hosts, and created social media content.

My year of Commonwealth Corps service helped me grow both professionally and personally. I learned how to work in a large office environment, utilize new tools such as Salesforce, and push myself creatively, while also learning to live on a small budget, find a good work/life balance, and build perseverance.

My service year also led me to accept a job at More Than Words as a Donations Manager. I get to continue to be with these awesome young adults, while also expanding our book container placements and sourcing our books.

Read more about April in the August-October Commonwealth Corps Newsletter.

ISATA JALLOH (2016-2017)

Graduating from college and being unsure of what exactly I wanted to do career wise played a major role in why I chose to join Commonwealth Corps. As a CC Member with 826 Boston, I co-led the after-school tutoring program, launched and co-led an evening tutoring program, and supported weekly field trips to the center.

I have so many highlights and great stories from my CC experience, but the one thing that comes to mind is the relationships and connections that I was able to make with our students, families, and community.

Serving as a CC Member prepared me for my current role as the 826 Boston K-8 Writers’ Room Coordinator. It allowed me the space, creative experience, and opportunity to learn and grow within the organization.

Read more about Isata in the November-December Commonwealth Corps Newsletter.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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MSA NEWS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2018-2019 MEMBER RECRUITMENT

It’s almost recruitment season here at MSA! Host Site Partners for the 2018-2019 program will begin recruiting in April. If you know anyone who might be interested in serving, 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.

Learn more at www.mass-service.org