Dear Commonwealth Corps Alumni,

This program year, we are celebrating 10 years of the Commonwealth Corps! Governor Deval Patrick signed the program into legislation in 2007 and the first Corps began their service in fall of 2008. Over the last 10 years, nearly 1,000 CC Members have supported 67 organizations by leveraging over $3.6 million in cash or in-kind support, recruiting and/or managing 34,600+ volunteers, which has benefited 607,640+ individuals across Massachusetts.

Thank YOU for your commitment and dedication to strengthening communities, addressing unmet needs, and increasing volunteerism in the Commonwealth!

Sincerely,

Amy Mulvena, CC Program Manager
Julianne DeFilippis, CC Program Assistant

NEWS & UPDATES
CC SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE
We are excited to share that Brandeis has increased their scholarship for CC Alumni! You are now eligible to receive a 50% scholarship for select graduate degree programs at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Learn more here.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Fall Alumni/Member Mixer
Join us for food and fun while meeting fellow CC alums and current members!
Date: Thursday, November 8, 6:30—8pm
Location: Massachusetts Service Alliance, 100 N Washington St, Boston, MA 02114
More Info/RSVP Here

WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED
CC ALUMNI SURVEY
Thank you to everyone who completed the CC Alumni survey we sent out last month and congratulations to our gift card winner, Alex Young! If you have not had a chance to complete the brief questionnaire yet, we would greatly appreciate if you filled it out here.

ALUMNI AMBASSADORS
We’re looking for several CC Alumni from each program year to serve as Alumni Ambassadors, to help grow and expand our alumni programming. Please email Amy (amulvena@mass-service.org) if you’d like to learn more about becoming an ambassador.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

AUGUST ALUMNI PANEL

We were thrilled to have so many CC Alumni join us for a panel discussion at orientation in August. New members appreciated hearing from Alumni about their experiences and words of wisdom!

Top: Emily Morrison (17-18), Alexis Kubana (17-18), and Preston Hollis (16-17). Bottom: Vikki Fils-Aime (17-18), Raffi Pontes (15-16), and Francesa Jeudy (16-17).

PRESTON HOLLIS (2016-2017)

After volunteering for a year with Soccer Without Borders, I chose to join the Commonwealth Corps because it provided me with the opportunity to deepen my service with the organization. Luckily for me, my position went beyond the field. I connected youth with academic support, managed volunteers, and stewarded important community partnerships. I also served as the head coach for the elementary school boys’ team.

While I am proud of the impact I had on the program during my time as a Corps member, what I find more significant are the ways that my experience changed me. My year with the Commonwealth Corps clarified for me that I wanted to work to make sure that these young people’s stories are heard, and that their lives are valued.

I am happy to report that last year, after completing my service term with Commonwealth Corps, I took on the role of Soccer Without Borders Boston director. The year with Commonwealth Corps directly segued into this role, and for that, I will be forever be grateful.

*Excerpt taken from Preston’s speech at the 2017-2018 Celebration of Service in June.*

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