



Title: AmeriCorps Member

Type: Half Time slot providing Full Time service for 6 months

Founded in 1999, Tenacity's mission is to improve the scholastic, character, and physical development of urban youth through a combination of academic instruction and tennis instruction/competition with a focus on life skills. Over the last ten years Tenacity has evolved from its original after-school model to become an active participant in school reform. Tenacity's programs offer a Pathway to Excellence and together serve 5500 youth annually. The Middle School Academy (MSA) is an intensive three year program consisting of academic enrichment, homework help, study/life skills development and tennis programming. The pathway continues with the College Prep/Alumni Program which serves 280 high school graduates of the MSA. Our College Prep/Alumni Program further extends its support to youth who have enrolled in college so that they successfully complete their education.

Tenacity is looking for two energetic, driven, and creative individuals to serve in our College Prep/Alumni Program, working with Boston-area high school students who have graduated from our Middle School Academy. For this position, one College Prep member will focus on supporting the Spring semester of our 10th grade students and the other will focus on Spring advising our 11th grade students.

The College Prep AmeriCorps member will play a significant role in keeping our high school students connected to Tenacity and on the path to success through:

- Regular communication and development of relationships with students and their families
- Personal and academic support of students for the second semester in our program
- Regular communication with teachers/faculty at, and visits to, Boston-area high schools
- Assisting students research and apply for summer jobs and/or programs
- Monitoring of student progress and needs throughout Spring semester
- Coordination and collection of grades for Tenacity's Scholarship Program participants
- Assist students in finding volunteer and other extracurricular activities
- Manage this Spring's effort to develop sustainable resources that build programs' capacity to support student's career exploration
- Assist with the implementation of the College and Career advising curriculum
- Coordination of student workshops, college visits, and social/recreational events
- Coordination of parent workshops
- Data collection and tracking for on-going and year-end reporting
- Work with student to create resumes in preparation for summer jobs

The ideal candidates will be/have:

- Trustworthy, high energy, high integrity, flexible, organized
- Self direction and initiative
- Interest in youth development and working with high school youth
- Comfortable communicating with students and parents/families
- Able to work with others in a collaborative team environment
- Proficiency in written communication, Microsoft Word and Excel
- Fluency in other language (especially Spanish) is a plus

*Tennis experience NOT necessary

In return for a half year of full-time service you will receive:

- Living Stipend
- Health Insurance (fully paid)
- Education Award (currently \$2,775) at the end of service
- Monthly T Pass

To Apply:

Please send cover letter and resume to Paula Coyle, Senior Director of AmeriCorps & Recruiting, paulacoyle@tenacity.org Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.