Upcoming Events

- **High School Info Night**
  October 6th at 6pm - Zoom link will be emailed
  October 4th at 4pm - Zoom link will be emailed
Students and families will be introduced to the high school process and be supported in making a list of schools to visit. Students and families will also meet the College Prep team at Tenacity.

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October
Tenacity ACE

Huge shout-out to these students who had perfect attendance for the first week of Tenacity. Beyond just showing up, these students were active participants and we appreciate their positive contributions to our program!

Annie Cruz
Aminata Fofana
Richard Godoy
Naomi Herrera
Jasmin Lopez
Mercy Torres
Hi everyone! My name is Seth Nigrosh and I am the Site Director and Academic Coordinator for Tenacity at the Umana. Before moving to Boston and joining Tenacity last year, I taught World History and Criminal Justice at the high school level in Baltimore, MD. I have worked with students in many contexts, including after school programs, classrooms, and ropes courses, where I have worked as a staff member and director. I love reading, going hiking, video games, and playing with my cat. We are going to have a great year, and I’m excited to get to know all of you better!

Hi all! My name is Harper Johnson and I am excited to be the Tennis Coordinator for Tenacity at the Umana this year! Last year, I was an AmeriCorps fellow at the Umana and enjoyed building relationships with all of the awesome Umana Tenacity students. I am originally from Eugene, Oregon and I have played tennis for over 10 years! I love cooking, traveling, and painting! I am looking forward to building a strong Tenacity community, engaging students in fun virtual activities, and making the most of a very different year!

Hey Tenacity! My name is Kai Lindsey, I’ll be the Family Engagement Coordinator for Tenacity at the Umana! This will be my third year with the Umana, as I was an AmeriCorps fellow for the last two years. Before Tenacity, I attended Bates College where I graduated with a double major in Asian Studies and Religious Studies, and am originally from Colorado Springs, CO. I love to read, hike, ski, and eat delicious food! Looking forward to getting to know everyone better again this year!!
Hello Tenacity at the Umans! It is Mr. Spencer coming back for a second year as an AmeriCorps Fellow! This year, I will be your tennis and high school selection Fellow. Before quarantine hit us, I loved to play tennis in my free time and I usually love to play videogames with my friends. One fun fact about me is that I have 10 different shirts and sweaters from my favorite band: Dance Gavin Dance.

Lexi just graduated from St. Lawrence University in New York where she was on the Varsity Field Hockey team. Her semester abroad in Kenya was the most influential experience of her college career. She is originally from Ridgefield, CT, and loves being outside and reading. Lexi has volunteered at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in CT, where she worked with campers with severe illnesses, and was President of Reading Buddies at St. Lawrence, where she tutored students after school.

Grace went to college at the University of Notre Dame. At Notre Dame, she worked as a peer tutor and served as a manager for the baseball team. Grace continued on to earn an M.S. in Sports Management from Columbia University in New York, where she also worked for Major League Baseball. After a year in Phoenix, AZ with the Arizona Coyotes, Grace is thrilled to return to her native Massachusetts to be a part of the Tenacity team. In her free time, she likes to read, hike, and play tennis. She can’t wait to get on the court!

Ellie will be a high school selection fellow this year. She went to Creighton University and North Carolina State University. In college, Ellie was a mentor to 5th grade students and organized a non-profit race called the Krispy Kreme Challenge which includes running 2.5 miles to Krispy Kreme, eating 12 doughnuts, and running back in under an hour! Ellie enjoys hiking, exploring new places, and watching movies. She is currently watching the Marvel movies in order with her roommates. Recently, Ellie was able to cross off skydiving from her bucket list!

Hey all! My name is Mr. Devor and I’m looking forward to meeting everyone! I am a student at the University of Central Florida (Go Knights!). This is my 2nd year with AmeriCorps! Last year I served in California in a similar position. My hobbies include reading, gardening, hiking and travel. Fun Fact: I’ve been to 47/50 states so I’ve seen almost the entire US! I also like to play cards or board games, especially Uno. I like historical fantasy and science fiction/fantasy books so let me know if you want a recommendation! Looking forward to an amazing year!
October Highlights

**Literacy Preview**

In October, our 7th graders will be writing poetry and learning about artistic reactions to the current social unrest. They will focus on finding their own voice and gain confidence in presentation by preforming poetry in front of their peers. We will prepare for the Tenacity Poetry SLAM, a poetry competition between all the different Tenacity schools- there are multiple categories, and winners get Amazon gift cards and other prizes!

The 8th graders will start exploring their high school options, and do research and presentations to teach each other about different schools around Boston. They will also be studying poetry and art about social justice and working on presentation skills to prepare for the Tenacity Poetry SLAM.

We will be recruiting for 6th grade students as well!

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**Tennis Preview**

Tennis at the Umana will look a little different this year, as we transition to remote learning and becoming an after-school program. We are exploring the possibility of having in person tennis practices. While that may not be a possibility this fall, it will hopefully be possible next spring. Until then, we will be doing virtual tennis lessons and learning about professional tennis.

We will focus on watching professional tennis matches, understanding match scoring and strategy, building a strong team spirit, and creating a positive and encouraging environment. Stay tuned for more updates as we progress throughout the year!