

AMERICORPS FELLOWS

ZOI HUNTZINGER is a return fellow, and is very excited to spend another year with our wonderful students. She likes to read, especially a good mystery book. She spends her free time wandering around the city or giving a new craft a try. Let's have a great year together!



DARREN NGUYEN was born and raised in Boston Massachusetts. Darren had recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he had pursued a degree in Exercise Health and Science. With that degree Darren wants to eventually open up his own community recreation center. Throughout college Darren had partaken and helped plan various events with the New England Intercollegiate Vietnamese Student Association.



Some of his favorite things to do in his free time consist of playing video games, watching cooking videos, watching anime and spending time with family and friends.



JOSHUA COLEMAN is our newest member and Tennis Fellow, he was born in Boston and raised in Jamaica before returning to study kinesiology at UMass

Amherst. Joshua is an avid student and enjoys learning new things such as building and repairing computers and he's excited to help the students learn about tennis and more!

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**Middle School Academy
(MSA) at BCLA-
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STAFF



Francesca Viazzoli is the Site Director and Family Engagement Coordinator. Ms. V is from Kansas City and studied at Cornell University. She is very excited to get the year started and get kids excited about reading and tennis.



Ashley Rivera- Perez is the Academic Coordinator. Ms. Rivera is excited to join the BCLA McCormack team this year. She is currently a student at Worcester State University. In her spare time, she enjoys walking and snuggling with her cat. She is a huge book nerd. If you really want to see her geek out, ask her about the Alchemist.



Noah Poindexter is the Tennis Coordinator. Mr. P grew up in Boston and played football and lacrosse at Lake Forest College in Illinois before pursuing his education elsewhere. His favorite book is Beartown. In his spare time, he enjoys watching and coaching football and lacrosse. His two favorite professional sports teams are the Patriots and Bruins.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY

The Tenacity **Middle School Academy (MSA)** is an intensive, three-year program that works to improve student literacy and tennis skills while building character.

LITERACY: Tenacity uses a curriculum focused on reading, comprehension, vocabulary development, and writing. We work with ELA teachers to determine how to best support your students. Students represent McCormack at our annual poetry slam and book club presentation.



TENNIS: Our program uses a progressive tennis approach designed to get students quickly playing and enjoying the game of tennis. Students represent BCLA-McCormack at Team Tennis matches and tournaments against the Mario Umana Academy, the Frederick Pilot Middle School, and the Curley School.

Other Fun Reasons To Join Tenacity:

