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NASPA and City Year announce new partnership

Both organizations support students, helping them become ethical leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and City Year announce a partnership, building on the organizations' missions to support students and train ethical leaders.

City Year is an education-focused, nonprofit organization founded in 1988 that partners with public schools and teachers to help keep students in school and on track to succeed. They work to bridge the gap in high-poverty communities between the support the students in the communities actually need and what their schools are designed to provide. In doing so, they are helping to increase the number of students who are on-track to graduate from high school, prepared for college and career.

This is similar to the work NASPA does at the college and university level. Student affairs professionals are positioned to help high-risk students succeed in higher education.

"We want City Year AmeriCorps members and the communities they support to know about NASPA and see higher education as a viable option for any student who wishes to pursue it," says Stephanie Gordon, vice president for professional development at NASPA. "As the leading association for the advancement, health and sustainability of the student affairs profession, it is critical students are receiving ethical training, and we hope some will then consider positions in the student affairs profession."

City Year operates in 26 communities across the United States. The public-private partnership brings together teams of young AmeriCorps members who commit to a year of full-time service in schools. Corps members provide individual support to students who need extra care and attention, focusing on attendance, behavior, and course performance through in-class tutoring, mentoring, and after school programs. City Year AmeriCorps members also organize school-wide programs to increase student academic achievement and engagement.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with NASPA which has a long-standing history of advocating for student success in higher education across the nation and world," said Darla Pires DeGrace Director of National Diversity Recruitment and Strategic Partnerships. "At City Year our focus is on helping students graduate from high school on track and on time, but ensuring their success in college and beyond takes the work of critical partners like NASPA."

About NASPA: NASPA is the leading association for the advancement, health, and sustainability of the student affairs profession. Our work provides high-quality professional development, advocacy, and research for 14,000 members in all 50 states, 25 countries, and 8 U.S. territories.

About City Year: City Year is an education-focused organization founded in 1988 dedicated to helping students and schools succeed. City Year partners with public schools in 26 urban, high-poverty communities across the U.S. and through international affiliates in the U.K. and Johannesburg, South Africa. Diverse teams of City Year AmeriCorps members provide high-impact student, classroom and school-wide support, to help students stay in school and on track to graduate from high school, ready for college and career success. A proud member of the AmeriCorps national service network, City Year is made possible by support from the Corporation for National and Community Service, school district partnerships, and private philanthropy from corporations, foundations and individuals. Learn more at www.cityyear.org.