Greetings!

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March is AmeriCorps month, and we are so happy to join in this national celebration of a program that connects thousands of young people with opportunities to engage in meaningful work - making a difference today, to inspire the next generation of nonprofit leaders. Read on for our very special tribute to our AmeriCorps member, and the difference she has made for local immigrants in your community!

I am also so pleased to provide an update on the success of this year's online Auction. Hundreds of donations and hundreds of bids help to sustain life-changing programs in your community. Thank you for this amazing support!

The weather may be stuck in winter, but spring really is just around the corner. We are currently accepting applications for summer internships, perfect for college students or recent high school graduates. April brings us Volunteer Appreciation Week, and we are working on many ways to celebrate the contributions of our talented, committed volunteers. I look forward to introducing you to just a few of these special individuals who inspire our work everyday.

Thank you for your continued interest in English At Large.

Best regards, Maureen

Maureen Willis, Executive Director

Special Thanks to AmeriCorps Member Gretchen Kellogg

Gretchen is an <u>AmeriCorps Member</u> serving with EAL as facilitator of our Career Access Lab. Gretchen came to us with great credentials and tremendous experience teaching English in other countries. We asked her to help us strengthen the CAL Program to make it more relevant to our learners. Her ability to take our vision and put it into action has transformed the program!

Did you know that 65% of our learners hold an advanced degree or credential from their home country? Gretchen used EAL networks to engage these learners in the CAL Program, providing individual career assessment, connecting them

to resources and career mentors, and giving them the skills and confidence they need to advance their career in the U.S.

She has already helped dozens of learners move forward with their career goals to obtain work, transfer their credential and enroll in training.

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Thank you, Gretchen for working so hard to improve the CAL experience for our learners! Your efforts make a difference for hundreds of local immigrants, now and in the future!





Visit the <u>Corporation for National and Community</u> <u>Service</u> website for more information on the AmeriCorps Program



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Career Access Lab Resume Review Event

Gretchen recently organized an event at the Waltham Public Library to connect CAL learners with volunteers willing to share their experience to help strengthen our learner's resume documents.

This program not only gives each participant a professional, polished resume; it gives them confidence to enter the job market - and achieve their career goals.



Thank you for making our 2018 Auction Such a Great Success!

Your donations and high bids helped us raise more than \$12,000 that will directly support EAL Programs. This is a 50% increase over last year!

Special thanks to our Leadership Supporters <u>Platinum Sponsors</u> Standard Duplicating Machines Winchester Co-Operative Bank

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Now Recruiting Summer Interns

College students and recent high school graduates are invited to apply Job Description and Application Instructions

