Welcome

Teach For America Information Session and Alumni Q&A

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Today, poverty limits educational opportunity.

- Children growing up in low-income communities face extra challenges
- Prevailing ideology hasn’t led to necessary policies and investments
- Schools lack sufficient capacity to address children’s needs
The Facts:

Just 8% of kids growing up in low-income communities graduate college by age 24.

source: postsecondary.org
80% of kids growing up in high-income communities graduate college by age 24.
The Basics:

We select corps members based on leadership potential and other traits that distinguish our most successful teachers.

- Leadership and achievement
- Perseverance and sustained focus in the face of challenges
- Strong critical thinking skills
- Superior organizational ability
- Respect for individuals' diverse experiences
- Superior interpersonal skills
- Understanding of and desire to work relentlessly in pursuit of our vision
The Basics:

- All majors and academic backgrounds
- Commit two years to teach in one of 45 regions
- Pre-service training and support throughout your two years
- Graduate school and employer partnerships
- Full salary ($30,000-$55,000)
- Comprehensive health benefits
- Relocation funding available
- Help with student loans

visit www.teachforamerica.org for full details.
This year, more than 9,300 Teach For America corps members are reaching 600,000 students.
Teach For America’s 20,000 alumni are playing critical leadership roles to shape our schools, policies, and investments in low-income communities in all sectors.
Although 16 million children face the extra challenges of poverty and few currently graduate from college, an increasing body of evidence shows that these kids can achieve at the highest levels.
Founded in 1997 by Michelle Rhee, Baltimore Corps '92

Mission: closing the achievement gap by ensuring that high need students get outstanding teachers.

“Being a corps member convinced me that working in education represents that greatest opportunity to make our country a better place.”

Timothy Daly. Baltimore Corps '99

President, The New Teacher Project
Mission: prepare students in underserved communities for success in college and in life.

“My proudest accomplishment is opening KIPP Blytheville so that the students of Mississippi County, Arkansas would have a high-quality choice in education.”

Maisie Wright Mississippi Delta Corps ’06
School Director, KIPP Blytheville
Resources for Corps Members and Alumni

- Graduate school and employer partnerships
- Career and Leadership Center
- Regional alumni affairs teams
- Alumni summits
- One Day magazine
Where We Work

[Map showing cities across the United States where Teach For America works, including Seattle-Tacoma, New York, Greater Boston, and more.]
Your Role

• Apply online: www.teachforamerica.org

• Next application deadline: August 15, 2012

• Contact information:
  Sara Metzger, Associate, Campus Recruitment
  Sara.metzger@teachforamerica.org

• Visit Career Services!
Your Role

Learn about the issue and our work:

• *A Chance to Make History* by Wendy Kopp

• *Relentless Pursuit: A Year in the Trenches With Teach for America* by Donna Foote

• *Teaching As Leadership* by Steven Farr, Jason Kamras, Wendy Kopp

• *In the Deep Heart’s Core* by Michael