



Dear Alumni,

From our TFA Massachusetts family to yours, wishing you a safe and joy-filled holiday season. The impact of your work is a gift to us all and continues to make every classroom bright!

**Yanepsi Alvarado (MA '17) wins Cognizant
Innovation in Computer Science Award**



On December 4, 2023, Cognizant and Teach For America announced the winners of the third annual Cognizant Innovation in Computer Science Education Awards. These awards, granted at the school level and the broader systems level, recognize outstanding educators and individuals advocating for and expanding access to PK-12 computer science education across the United States.

TFA Massachusetts Alum Yanepsi Alvarado was one of four Cognizant award winners. Yanepsi currently serves as a computer science and Spanish Teacher and World Language Department Lead at the Josiah Quincy Upper School, Boston Public Schools. Read more about Yanepsi's journey and the Cognizant award winners [here!](#)

New England Corps Member Equity Summit, November 18, 2023



On November 18, 2023, Rhode Island and Massachusetts corps members gathered for the New England Equity Summit with a pivotal focus: to unite educators in addressing educational inequities in the communities they serve.

This summit served as a platform for cross-regional collaboration, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and experiences that fueled growth and connection among attendees. Before branching out into their individual regions, participants engaged as a collective hub for meaningful learning and networking, discussing how to live into their shared commitment to pursue equity.

Opportunities to Learn, Grow & Connect

**Free Workshop
on Designing &
Facilitating
Learning Spaces,
Jan 9-11**

Kaospilot, (pronounced Chaos pilot) a Danish business and design school, in collaboration with Bentley University, is hosting a [3-day course](#) on experiential learning and designing & facilitating learning spaces from **January 9 - January 11**.

- The interactive course challenges traditional teaching methods
- Fosters participatory experiences.
- Explores action learning, facilitation approaches, and Kaospilot's "Vision Backcasting" framework.

Join like-minded individuals for a fun, hands-on experience PowerPoint Free zone filled with "serious play" with yo-yos and Legos! The organizer has offered three complimentary spots to TFA alumni. Learn more about the workshop [here](#).

Email Drew Bonfiglio at drew@emzingo.com by **December 11** to secure your spot for the event on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're interested and can pay for a spot or seek employer sponsorship, contact Drew to discuss a flexible "pay what you can" registration.

**Opportunity to
Join Study on
Experiences
with Addiction
during COVID-
19 Pandemic**

TFA MA alum Brittney Sousa (MA 2012) is currently a doctoral student at the University of New England. She is conducting a study titled Experience of Educators with Addiction to Alcohol during the COVID-19 Pandemic for her dissertation.

The purpose of this narrative study is to explore educators' experiences during COVID-19, specifically remote instruction and its potential impact that led to their addiction or exacerbated addiction to alcohol. She is seeking five to seven volunteers to participate in narrative inquiry-based doctoral study. If interested, please reach out to her via email at bsousa1@une.edu.

Job Opportunities in Our Network

Below are a selection of exciting job opportunities that have been shared with us by our partner schools across Massachusetts!

- [Director of Special Programs](#), SY24-25, Brooke Charter Schools
- [Director of Communications and External Relations](#), Excel Charter Network.
- [Operations Leadership Fellow](#), SY24-25, Excel Charter Network.
- [General Counsel](#), Executive Office of Education, Department of Early Education and Care.

Have a job opportunity to share with our alum network?

Fill out this [Opportunity Form](#).

Questions about this?

Reach out to [Emily Crump](#), SMD of Talent.



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