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### **United Airlines Offers Trips of a Lifetime to Summer Search Students**

**SAN FRANCISCO - June 3, 2019** - Summer Search, a national youth development and college success organization, announced today that it is renewing its partnership with United Airlines this summer to provide students from low-income backgrounds with a once in a lifetime opportunity to step outside of their comfort zones and travel somewhere new. As part of this partnership, United Airlines has committed air travel which will allow 79 Summer Search students to fly across the United States and Caribbean to participate in transformative experiences. The funding will support five of Summer Search's sites nationwide: San Francisco Bay Area, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Seattle.

"We are thrilled to partner with United Airlines in support of our students traveling globally this summer," said Dr. Marc Spencer, Summer Search Chief Executive Officer. "These summer experiences are life-changing – they broaden our students' view of the world, and are a core element of the Summer Search program."

During the Summer Search program, students receive full scholarships after their sophomore and junior years of high school to attend two multi-week outdoor, academic, global service, or leadership development programs around the globe. These summer trips give students the opportunity to practice the leadership, problem-solving, grit, and adaptive skills they have been strengthening with their Summer Search mentors. Students have the opportunity to live and work alongside peers from vastly different socioeconomic backgrounds, much like what would be felt on a college campus. These experiences are also eye-opening for students who may have never traveled outside of their communities or been on an airplane.

Summer Search's National Summer Program Manager Matt Osgood added, "The generous air travel support from United Airlines allows Summer Search students to visit destinations in the Caribbean and Central/South America this summer. We can't wait to hear from our students about their experiences, new perspectives and what they've learned about themselves once they return!"

"As California's global airline, United is proud to be part of Summer Search's important mission to give young people the real-world skills they need to succeed in life," said Janet Lamkin, United's president of California. "We are passionate about connecting people and excited to continue our support for this important program and our communities."

#### **About United Airlines**

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#### **About Summer Search**

Summer Search provides youth with skills, resources, and support to develop the character and life skills needed to thrive and become leaders in their communities. Its comprehensive program spans seven to nine years and directly supports the

development of the non-cognitive skills necessary to manage the social and environmental challenges students will face in college and in life. Summer Search integrates year-round, holistic professional mentorship, summer experiential learning opportunities, individualized college and financial aid counseling, and a consistent network of support through their high school and post-secondary years. Through the combination of these program components, students expand their view of what is possible for themselves and achieve their own definition of professional and personal success. And in doing so, they soar. Learn more at [summersearch.org](http://summersearch.org).