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Summer Search Awarded \$150,000 Technology Grant from SAP Concur

SAN FRANCISCO - September 13, 2018 - Summer Search, a national youth development and college success organization, announced today that it has been awarded a \$150,000 technology grant from SAP Concur, the world's leading provider of travel, expense, and invoice management solutions. The funding will support all five of Summer Search's sites nationwide (Bay Area, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Seattle).

"This grant represents a critical, nationwide partnership for Summer Search," explained Nick Hutchinson, Chief Operating Officer at Summer Search. *"Thanks to this generous investment from SAP Concur, we can provide our students with the technological support, resources, and opportunities they need to ensure they can succeed academically, attain a bachelor's degree, and become socially responsible leaders in our communities."*

This opportunity to leverage SAP Concur's technology and experience will have a profound impact on Summer Search's ability to serve young people from low-income communities - most of whom are the first in their families to earn a college degree - more effectively by improving the quality, efficiency, and security of their unique program.

"We are extremely excited to announce our national nonprofit partnership with Summer Search, whose direct support of underserved students across the U.S. is life changing for so many youths," said Jenn McColly, Vice President of Employee Experience at SAP Concur. *"At SAP Concur, a focus of our Corporate Social Responsibility efforts is creating access to quality education for all youth. We are looking forward to developing this partnership and supporting Summer Search's technology needs."*

Specifically, this grant will allow Summer Search to ensure that all five sites have adequate hardware - such as laptop computers - for student use, and continue to integrate the latest technological tools that improve student and mentor communication and connection, like Summer Search's text messaging platform and summer on-call phone system.

In addition, a portion of the grant will enable Summer Search's Seattle site to enhance and improve in-office technology tools in their new office in Tukwila, WA. The grant will cover new student workstations, tablets, an additional conference line, and an overhead projector to accommodate student interviews, peer-to-peer connections and cross-site collaboration.

Prior to this organization-wide investment, SAP Concur was the premier sponsor for Summer Search Seattle's 2018 Leadership Luncheon in May, with SAP Concur President Mike Eberhard being one of the featured speakers at the event. SAP Concur has also hosted Summer Search Seattle students as interns, helping them gain critical experience while strengthening their professional development skills.



About Summer Search

The mission of Summer Search is to help students from low-income backgrounds transform what they believe is possible for themselves and strengthen the skills they need to become college-educated leaders who give back to their families and communities. It's not about charity. It's about equity. Through a combination of mentoring, experiential learning opportunities, and start to finish college support, Summer Search gives young people the opportunity to strengthen the skills they need to succeed in school and in life. And in doing so, they soar. Learn more at summersearch.org.