

PREP NEWS

PREP Community Announcements

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January was certainly a busy month of change for us as we said congratulations and goodbye to PACE Cohort 5, welcomed in new members of Cohort 7, and saw Nicole Baillis' transition and promotion to the role of PREP Director. Congratulations to all and Nicole! Here are a few more important announcements:

ANSI Audit

MPS hosted an ANSI auditor for an on-site visit during the second week of December for our annual program review and audit. The visit was a great opportunity to engage with an ANSI representative and share the

progress we have made this past year in further growing and developing PREP. We are pleased to share we have received positive outcomes from the audit and will continue to maintain our ANSI accreditation, while focusing on opportunities for improvement in PREP over the coming year.

PACE Cohort 5 Closing and Certificate Ceremony

On January 22nd, M Powered Strategies (MPS) held the closing and certificate ceremony for PACE Cohort 5 – the largest PACE cohort to date – at the Shakespeare Theatre in downtown DC. After six intense months of high-quality client delivery work, along with rigorous training, weekly coaching sessions, networking and community events, and team-building social occasions, MPS was proud to present all seven graduates with their ANSI-accredited PREP certificates. In attendance were MPS staff as well as executives and colleagues from our partner firms.

We are excited to announce that most of the Cohort - **Semir Hasedzic, Jessica Nielsen, Dominique Tillman, Brian Wenzler, and Aidan Wojtech** – will be staying on with MPS for the short- and long-term. To **Garrett Lance**, who will continue to work at our partner firm, Sprezzatura, and to **Heidi Obermeyer**, who has joined the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University SAIS, we wish the very best. Congratulations again to all of our recent graduates!



PACE Monthly Social - February

In late February, members of both PACE Cohort 6 and Cohort 7, along with our PREP Director Nicole Baillis, will visit the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) for the PACE monthly social event. The team will sort and pack food for distribution, as well as assist with warehouse upkeep and various administrative tasks in order to aid in the CAFB's efforts to support the DC community. Be on the lookout for a photo from the service project next month!

Oversight Group Meeting - February 5th

The Oversight Group committee will hold its first meeting of the year on February 5th! The meeting will revolve around a discussion on PREP's operational and strategic goals, while also reviewing the business objectives.

Oversight Group Recruitment

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the PREP team is seeking to fill volunteer positions on the Oversight Group governance body with those who would like to serve as advisors to the program by helping to influence program design, development, and strategic planning. We particularly need leaders with government and education experience. More information is available on our [LinkedIn Posting](#).

If you would like more information, are interested in participating, or know of others who would be, please contact Semir at (semir.hasedzic@mpoweredstrategies.com) .

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