

# PREP NEWS

## PREP Community Announcements

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From all of us at MPS, we wish you a Happy New Year! To kickoff 2015, we are excited to share a few announcements.

### ANSI Audit

On Friday, December 12th, MPS hosted an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) representative for our annual Professional Readiness and Effectiveness Program (PREP) accreditation audit. Results will be provided in our February newsletter.

### PACE Cohort 5 Concludes

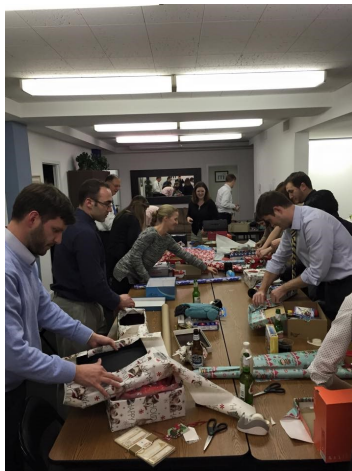
This month marks a special time for us as our PACE Cohort 5 finishes their apprenticeship! The 25-week program, during which each apprentice worked on client delivery, attended trainings and networking events, participated in diagnostics and coaching sessions, completed an individual business case, and engaged with community outreach and volunteering efforts, comes to a close on Friday, January 23rd.

During the week of January 12th, cohort members will present their business case white papers before a panel of industry leaders and executives. The individual projects are a culmination of the program and involve in-depth analysis and research of potential client needs with recommended solutions developed by each apprentice. Our apprentices have worked tirelessly on their business cases since September and we are excited to see their presentations!

Please take a moment to congratulate the members of PACE Cohort 5 (there are seven, the largest class yet!) on finishing their business cases and completing their 25-week apprenticeship program.

### Holiday Gift Giving for SOME

On December 18th, MPS staff came together for a holiday gift giving to a local charity, So Others Might Eat (SOME). SOME is a community-based organization that helps the poor and homeless of D.C. by meeting immediate daily needs in the form of food, clothing, and health care. MPS employees donated and wrapped shoeboxes filled with toys and essentials for 28 children of all ages. Each shoebox included a hat, scarf, gloves, socks, underwear, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, lotion, and a toy.



### Oversight Group Recruitment

We are seeking volunteers to serve as advisors to PREP on the Oversight Group governance body to influence program design, development, and strategic planning. If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact Semir Hasedzic ([semir.hasedzic@mpoweredstrategies.com](mailto:semir.hasedzic@mpoweredstrategies.com)). We particularly need leaders with business development, government, and consulting experience.

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