The 2015 National Mentoring Summit: Expanding the Mentoring Effect took place January 28-30, in Washington, DC. This event is the only national forum that brings together practitioners, researchers, corporate partners, government and civic leaders, national youth-serving organizations and the network of affiliate Mentoring Partnerships to explore and advance mentoring’s positive impact on individuals and communities. The 2015 Summit featured the inaugural Capitol Hill Day where over 300 mentoring advocates met with staff and members of Congress in more than 200 offices.

This signature event for the mentoring movement is convened by MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership. 2015 Summit supporters included Presenting Partners: America’s Promise Alliance, The Corporation for National and Community Service and The U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Lead sponsors of the event were AT&T, Bank of America and EY. In addition, 27 leading national youth-serving organizations served as Supporting Partners.

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“The most inspiring conference I have attended in a long time. Loved networking with so many fascinating professionals.”

“Fantastic schedule this year! I really enjoyed the variety of speakers.”

“I’ve learned so much. I look forward to implementing new strategies to engage student success through mentoring.”
An inspirational opening session featured remarks from a mentor and mentee whose long-term mentoring relationship brought to life the powerful impact of the mentoring effect on individuals and communities. NBA Cares Ambassador Jason Collins followed them with an energetic keynote address in which he spoke about his mentors and how he has been able to incorporate mentoring into his daily life as a diversity and inclusion advocate.

The corporate and philanthropic track, designed to advance private sector engagement in mentoring through peer-to-peer exchange, featured a briefing on MENTOR’S recent report with EY, “Mentoring: at the crossroads of education, business and community.” In addition, the participants in the Corporate Mentoring Challenge were honored, with special recognition going to AT&T, Comcast NBCUniversal, First Niagara Bank and Webster Bank. First Lady Michelle Obama launched the challenge at the first Summit in 2011.

The 2015 Excellence in Mentoring Awards were presented at the Library of Congress. Five individuals were honored for their deep and longstanding commitment to expanding the mentoring effect: Former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Charles R. Burke, Jr. of The Grable Foundation, The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu, Coach Bill Snyder of Kansas State University and Michael B. Yanney of the Burlington Capitol Group LLC. Senator Al Franken of Minnesota delivered a powerful keynote speech highlighting the importance of advocating for mentoring in support of thriving communities.

A convening of national youth-serving organizations was held to discuss the state of mentoring and strategies to align efforts. NBA Cares Ambassador Bob Linear moderated the event’s highest rated panel about youth leaders in the mentoring movement. Panelists included four young individuals making a difference in their communities: Karim Abouelnaga, Practice Makes Perfect, Imani Henry, 100 Men Reading Program, Lashon Amado, YouthBuild USA, and Amanda Matos, WomanHOOD Project.

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