



# SUMMER SEARCH

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## SUMMER SEARCH ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

**San Francisco - September 22, 2017** - Summer Search, a national youth development and college success organization, welcomes Dr. Marc Spencer as its new Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Spencer joins the San Francisco based nonprofit on October 30 as he steps in to replace the former CEO, Amy Saxton, who is leaving her role on September 28, 2017.

“I’m inspired daily by our students, alumni, staff, board members, donors, and partners,” Saxton said. “I cannot adequately express my gratitude to you. I will simply say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your dedication and your care is what has allowed Summer Search to thrive and grow to 3,600 students and 3,000 alumni, who are pursuing their biggest dreams, defining and achieving their own success. It has been my greatest joy and honor to connect with our young people and watch them soar!”

Dr. Spencer brings a 25-year track record of successfully scaling youth and community-serving organizations, and is dedicated to supporting young people to thrive. Marc most recently served as the CEO of Juma Ventures, a national nonprofit that strives to break the cycle of poverty by paving the way to work, education, and financial capability for youth. Marc is committed to social justice and equity and brings an inspiring entrepreneurial spirit.

Marc is eager to get started at Summer Search: in his words, “This is an incredible opportunity for me to join Summer Search as CEO. Summer Search has consistently produced impressive results. Its mentoring model is effective, so this is an opportunity to think strategically about sustainable scale. I look forward to charting the path to lead Summer Search into its next phase of growth and impact.”

Summer Search is grateful for the impact Amy Saxton has had during her six-and-a-half years, and congratulates her as she embarks upon the next step in her professional career, which will be joining The James Irvine Foundation in November, an organization focused on increasing economic and political opportunity for Californians who are working but struggling with poverty.

### **About Summer Search**

Summer Search is a national youth development and college success organization dedicated to creating greater equity by increasing the number of students from low-income backgrounds who successfully enter and complete college. We provide high school and college students with developmental opportunities and resources to strengthen their college-going identities and readiness to become first-generation college graduates and socially responsible leaders. Learn more at [summersearch.org](http://summersearch.org).