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Summer Search Appoints Teke Kelley as Chairman of its Board of Directors

San Francisco (April 30, 2020)—Summer Search is pleased to announce the election of Teke Kelley as the new chair of its board of directors. Kelley has served on Summer Search’s board since 2018, most recently as Vice Chair. Prior to that, Kelley served on the Bay Area board of directors since 2009, including as Bay Area Board Chair from 2017-2018. In his new role, Kelley will lead Summer Search’s board of directors as the organization responds to the COVID-19 crisis and pursues its mission of unleashing young people’s potential through mentorship and transformative summer experiences.

“We know that talent and potential are equally distributed — but opportunity isn’t. Everyone deserves a fair shot at success,” says Kelley. “This public health crisis has only exacerbated the historical inequities in our education system and economy. I look forward to working closely with Summer Search’s dedicated board, supporters, staff, and students to deepen the impact of our work,” says Kelley. “My heartfelt gratitude to Jim Milligan, Summer Search’s past board chair, for his legacy of service. Jim has created a foundation that will continue to benefit Summer Search for years to come.”

During Milligan’s tenure as board chair, Summer Search managed a CEO transition, launched a new strategic plan, expanded its New York offices into the Bronx, and served more than 3,500 young people every year across five cities, helping to close the opportunity gap for students who are first in their family to go to college.

“Teke Kelley embodies the Summer Search values of connection and collaboration,” says Milligan. “Beyond his years of service as a Summer Search champion and supporter, he understands the transformative power of mentorship. I look forward to seeing him lead the organization at a time when Summer Search’s impact has never been more critical for our students and their families.”

Teke Kelley is one of the founders of Gordon-Creed, Kelley, Holl & Sugerman, a San Francisco Bay Area law firm specializing in business litigation. He has thirty years of experience litigating complex business disputes in state and federal courts. Mr. Kelley has a strong commitment to community service and volunteerism. He has served as a local and national board member of Summer Search since 2009. In addition to his leadership at Summer Search, he is a former Trustee of Marin Academy High School in San Rafael, California, where he chaired the Strategic Alignment Committee.

Teke Kelley was born and raised in Reno, Nevada. He currently lives in Marin County with his wife of 28 years. He is an avid tennis player, golfer and mountain bike rider.

About Summer Search

Summer Search is a national nonprofit organization that serves 3,500 students in five regions: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco Bay Area, and Seattle. Summer Search is committed to the belief that our world is better off when everyone can discover their purpose. Every day, Summer Search connects first-generation students to mentorship and transformative summer experiences, helping young people realize that they possess not just the talent, but also the inner strength to carve their place in the world. Because when we can harness the power and courage inside us, we become unstoppable.

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