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PRESS RELEASE

Bridge the Gap College Prep in Marin City welcomes Alvin L. Gilmore Jr. as Educational Director.

Marin City, CA February 7, 2014: Bridge the Gap College Prep, the Marin County non-profit group serving Marin City students with 1-12th grade academic support in after-school and evening programs, announced the appointment of Alvin Gilmore to the position of Educational Director. He will be joining the senior administrative team and report to Executive Director, Denni Brusseau.



As Educational Director he will help lead Bridge the Gap College Prep's program growth and development, and work closely with Sausalito/Marin City and Tamalpais Union High School Districts to coordinate and align Bridge the Gap College Prep program objectives for focused and effective student support overall.

"I am impressed with Alvin's experience as an educator, leader and administrator. He also has a strong background in student life skill development. He is personally drawn to our work and mission because of his own life experience. He is a visionary and strategic thinker." " says Bridge the Gap Executive Director, Denni Brusseau. "Our staff, community and students are very fortunate to have someone with his background and experience join our team."

Mr. Gilmore has lived and worked in the diverse communities of Santa Monica, Oakland, Houston, Seattle, and now lives in San Rafael, CA. He has been a teacher, coach, counselor and administrator in middle and high schools for more than 25 years.

"There is much work to do for young people today. They require skills that will help them to navigate a world that is becoming increasingly diverse and complex. Continuing my heart's work for Bridge the Gap will be an enriching and satisfying endeavor. I look forward to continuing the work that has made Bridge the Gap such a vital and important advocate for educational equity and success."

Mr. Gilmore received his B.A. in Psychology from UCLA. In his last year at UCLA, he worked at the Fernald School, a laboratory school that worked with students with learning disabilities. This experience significantly influenced Alvin's core beliefs about equity education. After taking a couple years off from formal schooling, Alvin enrolled in the USC School of Education and earned his MS in Education, with a specialty in counseling. His time at USC helped to ground his educational beliefs in a progressive and humanistic framework. He is also a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

Bridge the Gap College Prep prepares over 150 Marin City youth to succeed in school and be prepared for the rigors of college. The nonprofit, located in the heart of Marin City public housing, creates a college bound community of engaged, hardworking students supported by a cadre of dedicated volunteers. The program is a game changer for Marin City students. Students, who would normally struggle to graduate from high school, are succeeding in their rigorous college preparatory classes. Bridge the Gap College Prep's credentialed teachers cultivate college aspirations in Marin City students, beginning in the first grade and continuing through high school graduation. The after school program develops the academic, social and personal skills necessary for college success.

Bridge the Gap College Prep is funded primarily through the generosity of individual donors and foundation grants, and staffed largely with volunteers. Please visit btgcollegeprep.org for more information.
