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College Board Selects Anseye Pou Ayiti for #WeNeedYourLight Initiative

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Continuing its [#weneedyourlight initiative](#), the College Board has selected Anseye Pou Ayiti as the local Haiti-based partner as part of its commitment to stand in solidarity with students from Haiti, Africa and Central America. With #weneedyourlight, the College Board deepened their support of students from these nations who enrich higher education and the global economy well beyond their nations' borders. The College Board's purpose is to clear a path for all students to own their future. In joining forces with Anseye Pou Ayiti, there is shared purpose in attaining educational equity so all children can reach their full potential.

A movement by Haitians and for Haitians, [Anseye Pou Ayiti](#) ("Teach For Haiti" in Haitian Creole) is equipping a new generation of local teacher-leaders to ensure all children in Haiti receive their human right to a quality education. A partner of the Teach For All global network, Anseye Pou Ayiti's two-year fellowship model prepares civic leaders in instructional excellence and community transformation. The College Board's contribution of \$50,000 will support the expansion of cohort fellowship programming and instruction across over 50 rural partner schools. Anseye Pou Ayiti (APA) is investing in outstanding Haitian talent for the long haul, so APA ambassadors fill a critical gap in local capacity. These alumni ambassadors will be career teachers driving groundbreaking student success, school leaders, policy makers, and members of Haitian business sectors who continually promote equal educational opportunity for all Haitian children.

"America's colleges are hungry for the strength and talent of Haitian students – we witness and admire the work they have done on campuses throughout this country," said David Coleman, President and CEO of the College Board. "At a time when just one third of Haitian students are passing primary school and 1 percent will go to college, Anseye Pou Ayiti is investing in community-rooted leaders as drivers of a quality transformation for the nation's education system." Early impact of APA includes significant improvements in students' academic, social, and leadership outcomes. APA is on track to reach its five-year goal in 2020 of equipping 250 Haitian teacher-leaders and impacting the trajectory of 16,000 students' lives.

Leveraging the power of local history, customs, and community in its grassroots approach, APA is poised to contribute to Haiti's next cultural revolution. The timing is critical: Haiti has the largest population of school-aged citizens in the Caribbean region, with over four million citizens under the age of 18. The country is set to become the largest Caribbean nation by 2020, and its GDP will likely more than double from what it was in the early 2000s. With a growing economy and the promise of a powerful future workforce, APA's investment in its people and communities can serve as a proof point for the hemisphere and the world. Haiti was once a global leader in the decolonization of the hemisphere following the successful slave revolt which led to its independence as the first black republic in 1804. Haiti can once again serve as a global model by providing a national example of education equity.

"Anseye Pou Ayiti shares its gratitude with the College Board for taking a stand and for recognizing the value of partnership with students from Haiti, Africa and Central American regions," said Nedgine Paul Deroly, CEO of Anseye Pou Ayiti. "As stated by Haiti's national motto: *L'union fait la force* – unity makes our strength. Together, our light shines brighter. Together, we can build the interconnected global community we need."

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About The College Board

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About Anseye Pou Ayiti

Anseye Pou Ayiti will dramatically raise education outcomes in underserved areas of Haiti by recruiting and equipping outstanding Haitian teacher-leaders for existing schools. Transformational teaching and leadership will equip all children with the knowledge, skills, and mindsets to achieve their full potential with equal opportunity, pursue lives of mutual prosperity, and contribute to a more enlightened 21st century world. A Haitian-led and Haitian-run organization, Anseye Pou Ayiti is investing in top Haitian talent for the long haul, so our alumni ambassadors fill a critical gap in local capacity rooted in respect of local talent and local solutions so all children receive the quality education they deserve. For more information, visit www.AnseyePouAyiti.org, and follow us on Twitter, Instagram & Facebook (@AnseyePouAyiti).