

Being a Segal Coach

Enabling Citizen Leaders in Action to Make a Difference

About: The Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program was established at Brandeis University in 2007, to honor and continue the work of Eli Segal, who is best known for his leadership developing AmeriCorps and Welfare-to-Work initiatives in the Clinton Administration and for his talent for inspiring and mentoring young people. The Program, part of the Center for Youth and Communities at the Heller School for Social Policy & Management, honors his legacy and continues his commitment to developing new generations of citizen leaders. Once accepted into the Program, Segal Fellows become lifelong members of the Segal Network.

Segal Fellows: The Segal Program expands each year as new cohorts of Segal Fellows are added through a fellowship program at Brandeis University (both undergraduate students and Heller School Master in Public Policy students) as well as through a year-long fellowship at the Corporation for National and Community Service, an entrepreneurial award from AmeriCorps Alums and the City Year Corps Member of the Year awardee. All new Segal Brandeis Fellows complete a summer internship at a mission driven organization where they are able to experience the complexity of citizen leadership. Segal Fellows are dedicated, thoughtful, action-driven young people who are actively working to make a change in the world.

Segal Coaches: The Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program seeks to match citizen leaders working in public and private sectors who are committed to providing a rich mentorship/coaching experience to a Segal Fellow who is developing his/her competence as citizen leaders through the summer internship. Serving as a Segal Coach entails:

- Preferably in-person engagement 4 times over the summer – this may include anything from scheduled meetings to extending invitations to events you are attending;
- Coaching your Segal Fellow about her/his plans for the future, questions and challenges arising in their internship, fellowship or school, and what it means to be a citizen leader;
- Sharing your experiences and journey in making an impact especially when they include stories about Eli – all Segal Fellows are interested in learning about him;
- Providing feedback to your Segal Fellow for improving his/her professional and leadership skills;
- Connecting the Fellow to others in their fields of interest;
- Strengthening their commitment to citizen leadership.

Segal Coaches are supported by the Segal Program staff, and will have the opportunity to engage in various Segal Program events throughout the year as a member of the Segal Network. Learn more about our Fellows and the Program at [our website](#).

“I thought that the Segal Fellowship did a fabulous job selecting high quality, motivated, interesting, committed young people. It was a pleasure to be involved in the Segal Fellows program as a mentor this summer to help pass on one of Eli’s legacies -- to encourage young people to achieve their dreams and contribute to their communities through public service.”

~ Segal Founder Sarah Lichtman Spector

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