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More Than Bootstraps Announces Two New Advisory Board Members

PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – November 1, 2021 - The New Jersey non-profit organization, More Than Bootstraps, announces the addition of two advisory board members who share in our vision to build a community of first-generation, underrepresented students who empower each other to access and succeed in higher education.

E.J. Mitchell is the Director of International Student Programs and teaches ESL and Mandarin at Ranney School in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He graduated from Amherst College with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Asian Languages and Civilizations, with a China concentration.

Before joining Ranney, EJ served as a Senior Educational Consultant and Team Head at ESC, Beijing-based organization that provides academic enrichment and college counseling services for Chinese high school students and their families as they navigate education systems in the United States, Canada, and the UK. Prior to that, he was a veteran teacher and Dean of Students at Breakthrough Collaborative Cincinnati, taught middle school at Cincinnati Country Day School, and acted as Head Resident Advisor for IES Abroad Beijing.



He is a member of the National Committee on U.S. China Relations, NABEA, and Black China Caucus. He was a Questbridge National College Match Finalist and now serves as an alumni ambassador for the Quest Scholars Network.



Hannah Seaman is a Video and Motion Graphics Editor based in Tucson, Arizona. She holds a degree in Interdisciplinary Arts from Hampshire College, where she was immersed in a community of freethinking individuals from diverse backgrounds.

In her career, Hannah has specialized in nonprofit marketing and storytelling, working to inspire support for causes benefiting people, pets, and the planet. She enjoys collaborating with changemakers across the country to bring their projects to life, connect with audiences on an emotional level, and work toward a better future.

“As we have grown, we have connected with more and more people who are inspired by and want to contribute to the vision of MTB,” said Audrey Fisch, president of More Than Bootstraps. “We are thankful to EJ and Hannah for their contributions to our organization.”

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ABOUT MORE THAN BOOTSTRAPS

More Than Bootstraps is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping first-generation students access and succeed in higher education. MTB builds on the strengths and resources of first-generation college students, the majority of whom are students of color from low-income communities. Students in More Than Bootstraps will succeed not just through their individual efforts and grit but through their membership in and contribution to a peer community, engaged in a shared enterprise focused on success in getting to and succeeding in college.