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Northampton-based national foundation welcomes Truman scholar

Northampton, Mass.—The Solidago Foundation, a national social justice foundation, appointed Springfield native, Amherst College graduate and Truman scholar Pierre Joseph to a newly created role of Program Associate. Within this role, Joseph will have a critical role in developing four new signature projects as well as researching, recruiting, and managing new national and state partners.

“Pierre is joining our growing team at a pivotal time for the foundation,” said Elizabeth Barajas-Román, CEO. “We are excited about the expertise and fresh perspective he’ll bring to our ongoing work.”

A graduate of Amherst College; prior to working at the Solidago Foundation, Pierre worked as a policy analyst at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. At HHS, Pierre staffed the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services where he worked on many issues ranging from two generation approaches to child poverty, family implications of substance use disorder, and linking health systems transformation to the social determinants of health.



“In this new role I am very interested in how emerging financing strategies, blended funding streams, and democratized access to capital can build wealth, expand opportunity, and increase economic mobility in underserved communities throughout the United States,” said Joseph.

Joseph is also responsible as Program Associate for working with senior staff on supporting the team’s budgeting, financial analysis, and planning efforts.

“I am thrilled to be working alongside of Pierre,” said Jeff Rosen, CFO of the Foundation. “We are lucky to have a person who has gained so much experience in both local and national arenas to bring to the next phase of our work. Pierre offers the rare blend of practical focus and long-range vision. He will be an invaluable field and thought partner and we look forward to working together on a host of new initiatives.”

About The Solidago Foundation

The Solidago Foundation is a national public foundation that, combining over 20 years of deep field and funder expertise, cultivates innovation to ensure robust funding of progressive social movements. The Foundation was originally founded in 1995 with the intent to completely distribute endowed assets by 2020. However, because of the ongoing need to support progressive, empowering, community-based organizations and collaborations, the Foundation is now committed to ongoing operation, and in addition to its own grant making, will be leading large new efforts in line with its mission to promote justice, equity, sustainability and enfranchisement for all. To learn more about the Solidago Foundation, please visit www.solidago.org.

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