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**CELEBRATED EXTRA YARD FOR TEACHERS SUMMIT & LOUNGE COMING TO ATLANTA**

College Football Playoff Foundation Honoring Thousands of Teachers at Signature Events

ATLANTA – September 14, 2017 – On January 6, 2018, two days before the College Football Playoff National Championship, the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation is hosting its signature annual events, the Extra Yard for Teachers Summit (Summit) and the Extra Yard for Teachers Lounge (Lounge), to celebrate, honor and inspire Atlanta’s best and brightest K-12 teachers.

At their core, the Summit and Lounge invite all of us to connect with the remarkable possibility and passion of teaching. Both the Summit and Lounge will be held on Saturday, January 6, at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building A.

Beginning at 10 a.m. ET on Saturday morning, teachers from across Atlanta will have access to attend the Lounge, a daylong celebration of teachers with workshops, wellness activities, giveaways art activations, and one-on-one discussion opportunities with Summit speakers. The Lounge is free and open to all teachers with a valid school I.D., and open until 6 p.m. ET.

In the afternoon, 1,000 teachers representing public and independent schools across Atlanta will converge for the Summit—a free, fast-paced event featuring TED-style talks and performances focused solely on teachers. The Summit will showcase inspiring speakers, engaging performers, classroom makeover giveaways, and opportunities to share personal teaching stories and experiences. The full lineup of speakers and performers from around the country will be announced in October.

Local Atlanta teachers are also encouraged to audition for an opportunity to become a speaker on the main stage at the Summit or share a workshop or discussion idea for the Lounge. To get involved, teachers are invited to submit a description or 90-second video of their best story and lesson they want to share with their peers to [www.ExtraYardSummit.com/Audition-Atlanta/](http://www.ExtraYardSummit.com/Audition-Atlanta/). A curatorial committee will narrow the submissions and announce the winning teacher-speakers on November 6. These teachers will have the opportunity to share their story on stage at the Summit in front of 1,000 of their peers or in small groups at the Lounge.

“Teachers are the everyday heroes—the star players—who are on the field ensuring our children have the best and brightest futures. They bring out the brilliance in our children’s minds and show them that the greatest possibilities are open to them,” said Britton Banowsky, Executive Director of the CFP Foundation. “We look forward to celebrating Atlanta’s teachers at the Extra Yard for Teachers Summit and Lounge in January. We want to show teachers how much we appreciate and value their work and give them a truly extraordinary day.”

Tickets for the Summit and Lounge are free and will be available beginning October 11. Attendees must have a ticket in order to attend either event, and teachers are encouraged to sign up for event updates at [www.ExtraYardSummit.com](http://www.ExtraYardSummit.com).

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**Significant Dates to Remember:**

- September 12 – October 20: Local Speaker Auditions
- September 16 – September 23: Extra Yard for Teachers Week
- October 11: Speaker lineup revealed
- October 11 – December 20: Register to attend the Summit and Lounge
- November 6, 2017: Local speaker audition winner(s) announced
- January 6, 2018: Attend the annual Extra Yard for Teachers Summit and Extra Yard for Teachers Lounge

The Summit and Lounge are part of the CFP Foundation's philanthropic platform, Extra Yard for Teachers, which aims to make a significant impact in the classroom. The platform supports teachers through the development and implementation of programs in four focus areas: direct provision of resources for classroom needs, recognition of standout teachers, professional development and leadership training, and teacher recruitment.

Since its inception in 2013, Extra Yard for Teachers has funded more than \$12 million in support of education, impacting 3,033,144 students, 97,407 teachers and 12,902 schools in College Football Playoff host cities and in communities designated by its conference partners.

For more information about the Extra Yard for Teachers Summit, please visit [www.ExtraYardSummit.com](http://www.ExtraYardSummit.com).

**About the College Football Playoff Foundation and Extra Yard for Teachers**

The College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation is the charitable arm of the College Football Playoff, supporting education across the country. The CFP Foundation's primary platform, Extra Yard for Teachers, elevates the teaching profession by inspiring and empowering teachers through the implementation of programs in four focus areas: resources, recognition, recruitment and professional development. The CFP Foundation utilizes multiple partnerships to execute its initiatives and support positive educational outcomes. For more information, please visit [www.CFP-Foundation.org](http://www.CFP-Foundation.org).

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