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**Princeton-Blairstown Announces the 2016
Seasonal Experiential Education Facilitator Team**

Princeton, NJ – April 25, 2016 -- The Princeton-Blairstown Center (PBC) is pleased to announce the appoint of four new Seasonal Experiential Education Facilitators (EEFs) for our 2016 season, Don Juan Lewis, from Long Beach, California; Joseph Fallin, from Whittier, California; Nathan Zaccara, from New Milford, Connecticut; and Ron Franco, from Hackettstown, New Jersey. These four young men will be joining Travis Heilman and Terrell Gilkey, our two returning Seasonal EEFs from 2015. The Seasonal EEF position works predominantly at our 264-acre Blairstown campus, and is responsible for the implementation and facilitation of PBC's adventure-based, experiential education curriculum.

Don Juan, or DJ, hails from Long Beach, California where he most recently worked as an Instructor at the San Geronio Outdoor Science School. Prior to that, he worked as a Naturalist, Program Leader, and Tech Tutor at various youth development agencies in Southern California. Don Juan attended Cerritos College.

Joseph is from Whittier, California where he also most recently worked as an Instructor at the San Geronio Outdoor Science School. Prior to San Geronio, he worked at a YMCA Camp and played water polo for over eight years. Joseph attended Rio Hondo College.

Nathan, or Nate, hails from New Milford, Connecticut where he most recently worked as a Farm Hand at Trokia Farms Draft Horse Center and as a Wilderness Instructor and Site Manager for the YMCA Green Knoll in Brookfield, CT. Nate has also served as an AmeriCorps Team Member. Nate is a graduate of The South Kent School and attended Unity College in Maine.

Ron lives in Hackettstown, New Jersey and joins us from YMCA Camp Bernie, where he worked as an Outdoor Education/Program Instructor. Ron is also a Gardener and Manager of a small Community Supported Garden (CSG) at The Farmhouse in Hackettstown, NJ. Ron also has experience in schools as a substitute teacher and In-School Suspension Disciplinary. Ron holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Binghamton University.

Roberto Gil, Jr., Esq., Director of the Blairstown Campus, exclaimed, "We are excited about the team this year. They bring a diversity of experiences and backgrounds to our team. Their energy



and enthusiasm for our mission is only surpassed by their desire to learn. In fact, they all recently completed and passed both an Association of Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) Certification and Wilderness First Responder (WFR) course.”

About Princeton-Blairstown Center (PBC)

PBC seeks to transform the lives of vulnerable young people through integrated experiential and adventure-based programming in schools and at our outdoor campus. What began in 1908 as a summer camp run by Princeton University students to give inner-city boys an opportunity to have a character-building fresh air experience has evolved into a wide variety of year-round youth development experiential educational programs serving about 6,000 students from the Mid-Atlantic States. For more information on PBC’s services or to donate, visit www.princetonblairstowncenter.org.

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