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**WORKING IN THE SCHOOLS EMPLOYS
ASHLEY ADAM, TOONI AKANNI, KRISTEN EIDSON,
SHAUNNA MACLEOD, BRIAN MEISSNER AND MORGAN O'NEIL**

Jenné Myers, Executive Director of Working in the Schools (WITS), recently announced the new hires of Ashley Adam, Tooni Akanni, Kristen Eidson, Shaunna Macleod, Brian Meissner, and Morgan O'Neil to the WITS Staff.

Ashley Adam joins WITS as a Development Coordinator. Adam came to WITS with nonprofit and publishing experience and started as a Development Intern in May. She was published in a CIEE newsletter, an international study abroad program, detailing her travels in Australia. Adam received her BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Tooni Akanni is a Program Coordinator for WITS. Previously, she worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer Program Coordinator where she managed the Refugee Mentoring Program. Akanni's experience also includes various mentorship positions helping people acclimate to their community. Akanni received her BA from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Kristen Eidson has been appointed the Program Director at WITS. Eidson has been a Power Lunch and Workplace Mentoring volunteer and coordinator for the past seven years through her previous position at Credit Suisse, a WITS Corporate Partner. Eidson participates in various Chicago volunteer projects and has served internationally in Angola and Mexico. Recently, she wrote her Master's thesis on "No Child Left Behind" and its impact on urban school children. Eidson received her BA from Illinois State University and her MPP from Northwestern University.

Shaunna Macleod joins WITS as a Program Coordinator. Macleod has extensive literacy development and nonprofit experience. She is a published researcher covering topics of children's literacy, literacy evaluation, and development of digital text. Before WITS, Macleod also developed funding for educational programs in Ghana. Macleod received her Honors BA from the University of Toronto and her ME from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Brian Meissner is a Program Coordinator and Public Ally for WITS. Before WITS, Meissner served as a Youth Specialist for a nonprofit organization offering living accommodations in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has served as a student coordinator in a university program that promoted social justice through education. Meissner received his BA from the University of Michigan.

Morgan O'Neil is hired as a Program Coordinator. Formerly a Corps Member of City Year, O'Neil served as a tutor and mentor in a 5th grade classroom, Recruitment Director, and a

community development coordinator. Her classroom background continues with her experience from AmeriCorps VISTA and facilitating a summer school program for at-risk preschool students. O'Neil received her BA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.