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New York Edge Appoints Five NYC Business & Community Leaders to Board of Directors

– NYC’s Largest Provider of Afterschool Programs Strengthens Its Board of Directors with Business Leaders & Parent Representatives –

New York, NY – October 16, 2020 – [New York Edge](#), the metropolitan region’s largest provider of on-site afterschool programs, today announced the appointment of five New York City leaders to the organization’s Board of Directors. The new members include; **Vincenza Cristina Sacca**, senior vice president of global B2B marketing at Mastercard; **Dale Todd**, senior director at Stream Realty Partners; **Gail Vennitti**, senior principal in PwC’s Banking and Capital Markets Advisory practice; **Keith Logan**, PTA president for School of the Future in Brooklyn; and **Marisa Beharry-Vanzie**, an administrator in the New York City Public Schools. Mr. Logan and Ms. Beharry-Vanzie will serve as parent representatives on the Board.

“Each of our new board members are tremendous leaders in their communities, and they demonstrate an incredibly strong commitment to New York Edge’s mission and the betterment of young people across our city,” said **Rachael Gazdick**, CEO of New York Edge. “We are proud to welcome a diverse mix of business leaders and parent representatives to our Board of Directors, particularly during this critical time when students need our support more than ever. I am confident that together, we will be able to significantly advance our mission and continue to provide New York City students with opportunities that will enrich their futures.”

Ms. Sacca has been with Mastercard for more than nine years, where she currently leads the company’s Global B2B Marketing as senior vice president. In her current role, Ms. Sacca is responsible for the development and enhancement of issuer, merchant, and government marketing on an international scale. She began her tenure with Mastercard in the consumer and commercial card division in the company’s Italian offices.

Mr. Todd currently serves as senior director of industrial development services at Stream Realty Partners. Previously, he served as an executive director at JP Morgan Chase, where he led the company’s management of office, industrial, and residential investments throughout the U.S. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Todd oversaw strategic planning, development oversight, lease negotiation, and joint venture relations, and also previously served with the Detroit JPMorgan Service Corps.

Ms. Vennitti is currently the Global Relationship Partner for PwC's Global Priority account BNY Mellon and a member of PwC's Financial Services leadership team. With more than 20 years of financial consulting experience, Ms. Vennitti has expertise in risk management process improvement, has designed enterprise-wide risk and compliance programs, and has assisted clients in all phases of litigation and arbitration. Previously, Gail was the chief operating officer of the Financial Services Advisory Practice.

Mr. Logan is a retired sanitation and maintenance worker for I.S.I. and now serves as president of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for School of the Future, as well as PTA secretary for Brooklyn Gardens Elementary School, in Brooklyn. As a father of a student in New York Edge's program, Mr. Logan has experienced the organization's positive impact firsthand and is serving as a parent representative on the Board of Directors.

Ms. Beharry-Vanzie is an administrator in the New York City Public Schools. She works in District 75, which provides highly specialized instructional support for students with significant learning challenges, including students with autism. Ms. Beharry-Vanzie also joins the New York Edge's Board of Directors as a parent representative.

New York Edge provides 40,000 students from 130 schools in grades K-12 across the five boroughs with engaging programs that will enhance their learning, enable them to grow academically and personally, and help them develop the passion and perseverance to meet their goals. From robotics classes, to leadership programs, to chess club, fencing, step club and beyond, New York Edge's groundbreaking initiatives are customized to integrate the school day curriculum and lead to improved academic performance at every level. For more information, please visit <https://newyorkedge.org/>.

About New York Edge

New York Edge, formerly known as the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF), is a non-profit organization and the largest provider of afterschool programs in all five boroughs of New York City and the metropolitan region. With more than 40,000 students from over 300 programs in grades K-12, the organization provides under-resourced students with year-round programs to give them the edge needed to succeed. www.newyorkedge.org

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