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# Matt Sampson, CFP<sup>®</sup> Making College Possible



Matt Sampson, CFP® Senior Investment Advisor Arnerich Massena Senior Investment Advisor Matt Sampson, CFP, is passionate about helping students get into college, and also guiding them all the way to graduation. That's why he recently joined the Ambassador Board of College Possible Oregon.

### **College Possible**

**College Possible's** mission is to make college admission and success possible for students from low-income backgrounds. The non-profit provides coaching and support through the application and admissions process, and in guiding students through their college academic career. College Possible provides historically underserved students with the resources they need to navigate the world of college.

Matt Sampson recognizes the value of the college experience, and wants to help make that available to interested students. Although he didn't experience the same financial hardships in his own college career, he is no stranger to facing profound difficulties. His mother, who served as guide and counselor when he was applying for college, passed away during his senior year of high school, leaving a huge space behind as he worked to move forward with his college education. He is passionate about being there for other students facing challenges, and joining the Ambassador Board of College Possible Oregon is a great way to serve in that capacity.

# Connecting with College Possible Oregon

Matt has been part of The Rotary Club of Portland's U40 program for young professionals under the age of 40 seeking ways to be of service in the community. Recently, College Possible Oregon invited the U40 group to the College Possible Portland office to learn more about their mission and







how Rotary members can become involved. Matt knew right away that he wanted to connect with College Possible and find out how he could help. After several meetings, he was invited to join the College Possible Ambassador Board, and he accepted.

# The College Possible Ambassador Board

College Possible, like many non-profits, has an Ambassador Board for younger professionals to develop skills as board members and philanthropic leaders. College Possible's Ambassador Board focuses on raising support and awareness of the organization, as well as helping with corporate relationship management.

Members of the Ambassador Board are asked to focus on one of three possible areas: events, programs, or communications. Matt will serve on the events committee, helping to lead the planning of College Possible's annual events in Portland.

# What's next?

Matt is looking forward to getting the message of College Possible's mission out to the business community, fostering relationships and bringing in donors to the organization. His efforts will bring resources and coaching to students who need it. Eventually, he may seek avenues where he can offer direct mentorship to students from underrepresented communities who are interested in financial services careers, but that's a next step! For now, he's excited to begin a long relationship serving College Possible Oregon.

To learn more about College Possible and how you can support their efforts, visit https://collegepossible.org/get-involved/