



CITY YEAR BOSTON

# 2020-2021 YEARBOOK

# LOVE & JOY

I slept and  
dreamt that life  
was joy.

I awoke and  
saw that life was  
service.

I acted and  
behold, service  
was joy.

– RABINDRANATH TAGORE

# LETTERS FROM STUDENTS' PARENTS

**Dear City Year,**

This year has been especially difficult for both students and parents, however I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a very determined and hardworking City Year Mentor. They have done an amazing job helping get my 3rd grade son back on the right track academically. I have witnessed my City Year be caring and attentive when it comes to my son and the other children she mentors. My utmost appreciation and sincere thank you are in order from both me and my wife.

**Dear City Year,**

Thank you so much for helping my son. He feels more confident when he has your help. My child is shy & he always feels comfortable with asking you for help. He can always rely on you & I am forever grateful. Thank you so much!!

**THE 2020-2021 SERVICE YEAR**



**17K**

**HOURS  
SERVED**



**10K**

**STUDENTS  
SERVED**



**22**

**SCHOOLS  
SERVED**



**240**

**NUMBER  
OF CORPS  
MEMBERS**



# LETTERS FROM STUDENTS

**Dear City Year,** thank you for everything! You have helped me on some really hard stuff this year, I really think i would have gotten a bad grade if you weren't around. I really appreciate EVERYTHING you have done for us and everything you have done in class, We will miss you soo much! I hope that the next kids you teach will appreciate everything you do as much as we do, Thank you for everything.

**Dear City Year,** I love learning new things and I have overcome so many challenges because of City Year and all of the helping hands that supported me this year. I am supper grateful for city year and i'm glad that I was been able to pass terms with honoroll grades, and for my last term I will do the same. Thank You City Year!

**Dear City Year,** I am very grateful to have you as my City year. You are so nice, funny and cool, we like basally the same things. Like anime/manga, and the same books! You are a very smart and helpful person, you make me happy ! I hope you enjoy the whole rest of your life, I don't want else to say besides that you are the best City year that I ever had. I will really miss you when you leave.

**Dear City Year,** I like being able to learn new things. I have had to overcome many challenges And one of them is to get a passing grade. I appreciate how the city year will help me when i ask for help. Me and the city year do not work together much but when we do she helps me a lot with work. I am glade that I have a city year.

**Dear City Year,** I like that my teachers are motivating me to do my work and helping me do it. I have overcome my bad grades.I appreciate that she is always making sure that im good and always being active when i need help. We work together by talking to each other and staying active when i need help.

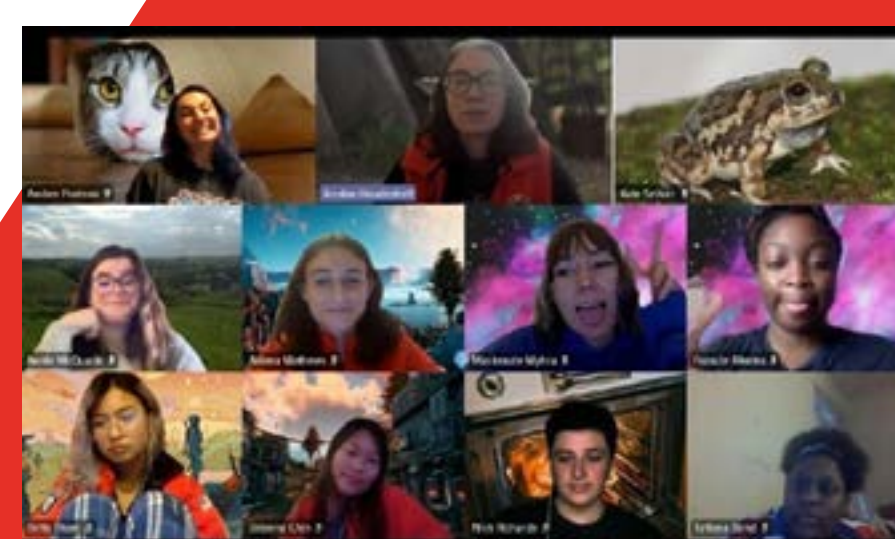




# A LETTER FROM A PARTNER TEACHER

To the 2020-2021 City Year Boston Corps,

This past year has been very challenging with hybrid learning vs non hybrid, racial disparities, and the levels of trauma that everyone continues to experience. As an elementary teacher, I have had to rely on the support of families even more, in attempts to convince them that they too are teachers and are truly needed. The support that City Year offers each year is always a welcoming experience for me and appreciated to the fullest! My City Year came to grade three with her daily smile, patience, teaching styles and technology advice this year, for the students and staff. Their role was an inspiration, as they inspired them to think, learn, and grow independently. They always lent a helping hand when mine were full. They consistently helped them to find better ways to learn and teach each day. It would have been easy to turn the class over to them. They are a great teacher! Each year, I say my City Year can't be topped, and each year they get better and better. Thanks City Year! You have always been at each school that I have attended, with amazing support not only for the students, but the staff as well. Best to all of you!





# FROM DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

To the class of 2021,  
Incredible is defined as “impossible to believe; extraordinary” which is exactly how I describe your service year. Thank you for persevering through one of the most challenging service years that City Year has ever seen in its entire history. You all delivered an educational experience that students across Boston will never forget. I deeply appreciate everyone for seeing this experience to the end and understanding the bigger picture. This was definitely not what any of you would have signed up for a couple years back and you rose to the occasion nevertheless. “Service to a Cause Greater Than Self” is an understatement for what you brought to the table this year, and we literally could not have done it without you.

As we get closer to a new normal and you all move on to lead important work, whether it be in nonprofit, health, law, sales, education, etc, please know and always remember this: the depth of your value is impossible to believe; the experience you provide is extraordinary; you are incredible.

All the best,  
Luis Fortes  
Individual Giving Manager





# LETTERS FROM EVAL AND IMPACT COACHES PAGE

From your Evaluation team:

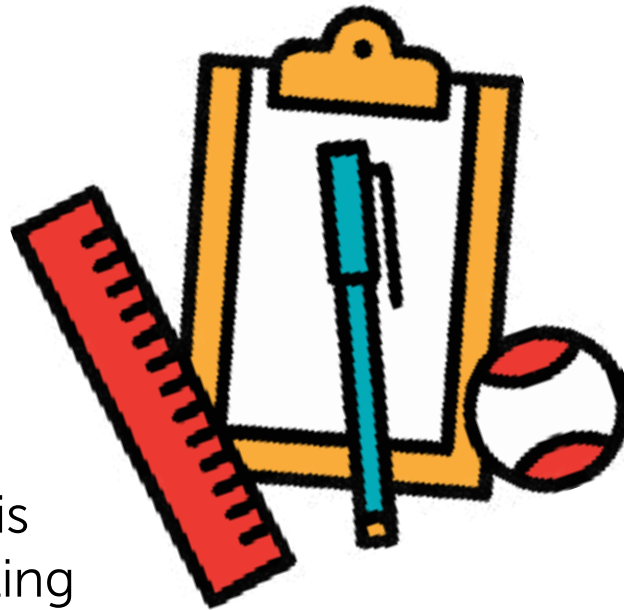
This year may have been difficult, but you were certainly not couch potatoes. They say “those who can’t handle the heat should stay out of the kitchen”, yet each of you excelled under pressure. From Team Eval, thank you for everything, and best of luck in the future- Keep growing!!

- Ryan Rucker and Jeremiah Chamberlin



From your Impact Coaches:

The ICs appreciate your incredible resilience and perseverance in your support of your students this year. You were flexible, adaptable, and always willing to try something new. You never gave up on your students, your partner teachers, or your teammates. Thank you for trusting us and each other.





# THE ADVENTURE COHORT

**SERVING AT BOSTON GREEN ACADEMY, HENRY GREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TECH BOSTON ACADEMY, AND THE TOBIN K-8**

To the 2020-2021 Adventure Cohort,

During our first Adventure Cohort session together, I said that this year's success will come from relationship building, consistency, and presence. This year I have had the privilege to see you all in action being a part of each one of your schools' communities building solid relationships not only with the teachers and students but with families. Each day you showed up and gave your schools endless support. You all have led Attendance competitions, Teacher Appreciations, Office Hours in between classes to show your school community that you are here to serve them in every way possible. Not only were you all amazing in the school but you still found ways to be involved outside of the that too. A lot of you were involved in the CYB affinity groups and some of you even presented in National Affinity Group spaces. I will never forget your competitive nature from the games we played together. I know I never chose a winner because I honestly was the true winner with having you as a cohort. Just like I always say, thank you so much today, you could have been anywhere else in the world but you're here with us and I appreciate that.

Yours in service,

Courtney

Courtney Lynn Dailey



**BOSTON GREEN ACADEMY**  
Impact Manager: Claire Sobraske  
Team Leader: Julia Beneck

AmeriCorps members: Sophie Budden, Megan Caljouw, Diamond DelValle, Eddie Herrera, Michelle Hughes, Matthew McCumber, Elianna Scheide, Peace Shobayo, Nora Springer, Katie Toth, and Rory Wilson



**HENRY GREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Impact Manager: Amanda Sanderson  
Team Leader: Kassandra Paz

AmeriCorps members: Caroline Daley, Gus Everson, Nisa Holley, Kai Kibilko, Grace Matczak, Noa Mizrahi, and Anna Rubin



**TECH BOSTON ACADEMY**  
Impact Manager: Jamie Russo  
Team Leader: Meaghan Gemma

AmeriCorps members: Andrea Brito, Jack Brown, Devin Clark, Jonny Cook, Alonzo Cooper, Sarah Harper, Caroline Howard, Tariq Longsworth, Erica Nork, Kyla Sneed\*, Scout Weymouth, and Maddy Wheelock



**TOBIN K-8 SCHOOL**  
Impact Manager: Jaisun Lewinski  
Team Leader: Jordan Houdeshell and Xavier Fisher

AmeriCorps members: Francie Aikeins\*, Tatiana Bond, Maggie Boudreau, Brianna Chin, Ariana Mathews, Annie McQuade, Mackenzie Myhra, Amber Proteau, Nick Richards, Izzy Santangelo, Kate Seltzer, Betta Tham, Aujanay Phillips, and Ava Weiss



# THE LOVE COHORT

SERVING AT BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, EXCEL HIGH SCHOOL, LILA G. FREDERICK PILOT MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND JEREMIAH E. BURKE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Love Cohort (Brighton, Burke, Excel and Frederick),

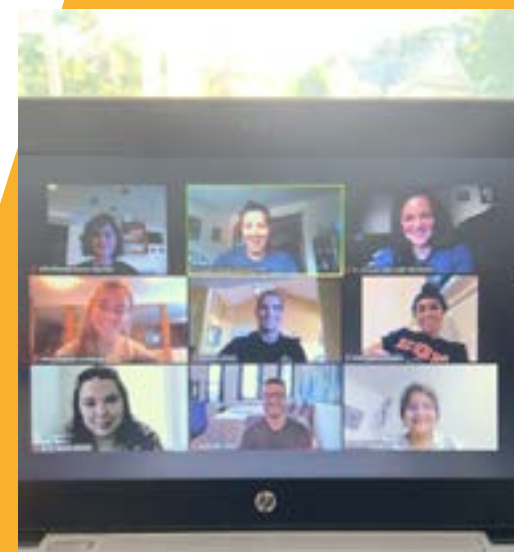
Y'all are truly the best! I couldn't have picked 4 better teams to work with this year! Every cohort space we had, I was blown away by your thoughtfulness, passion and commitment. And beyond that- just how FUN you all are! You brought so much joy to a year that was uncertain and difficult in many ways. You leaned in, creating strong relationships with your teams, partner teachers and students. You gave it your all and were constantly thinking of creative ways to engage students and be a support. You all should be so proud of each other and of yourselves!

It takes some time post-graduation for this year and all that you have experienced and learned to sink in. My wish for all of you is that you grew this year. Grew to be more aware, grew to be a better (maybe more patient ) teammate, grew as a professional and grew as a human. I wish you all nothing but the absolute BEST in your next steps after City Year Boston! It has truly been a pleasure.

LOVE,

*Kayla*

Kayla Thibault



**BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
Impact Manager: Angela Stokes  
Team Leader: Gracyn Allen-Ingle

AmeriCorps members: Phoebe Amory, Nicole Garrow, Antonia Lozano, Dan Nicoll, Ian O'Neil, Anya Sinha, and Elizabeth Wirebaugh



**EXCEL HIGH SCHOOL**  
Impact Manager: Emma Irvine  
Team Leader: Samantha Morley

AmeriCorps members: Rodney Cargill, Tim Fitzgerald, Lauryn Jean, Leah Lavin, Kayla Lawlor, Veleena O'Donnell, and Gaelle Vincent



**LILA G. FREDERICK PILOT MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Impact Manager: Daniel Thomson  
Team Leader: Dylan Wheatley

AmeriCorps members: Fred Banuelos, David Bedford, Renee Cordio, Jess DeJoie, Emma Skinner, Jennifer Tran, and Sharnice White



**JEREMIAH E. BURKE HIGH SCHOOL**

Impact Manager: Aerin Marshall  
Team Leader: Ashley Murdock

AmeriCorps members: Tara Callan, Julia Hadden, Lauren Hanks, Aidan Menchaca, David Moreno, Casey Phalen, Marygrace Pier, Julie Pijacki, Deja Savage, and Tatyana Wynter-Powell



# THE JOY COHORT

SERVING AT ELLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
MILDRED LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND  
TIMILTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

To the amazing Joy Cohort –

I cannot tell you how much of a privilege it has been to serve alongside you during your year of service. The year was marked with many changes as to what learning looked like for students, teachers, and AmeriCorps members. Despite that, I can confidently say each of you truly embodied City Year's value of "Students First, Collaboration Always."

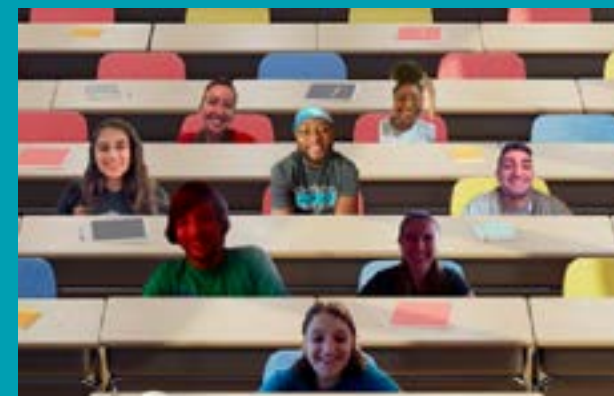
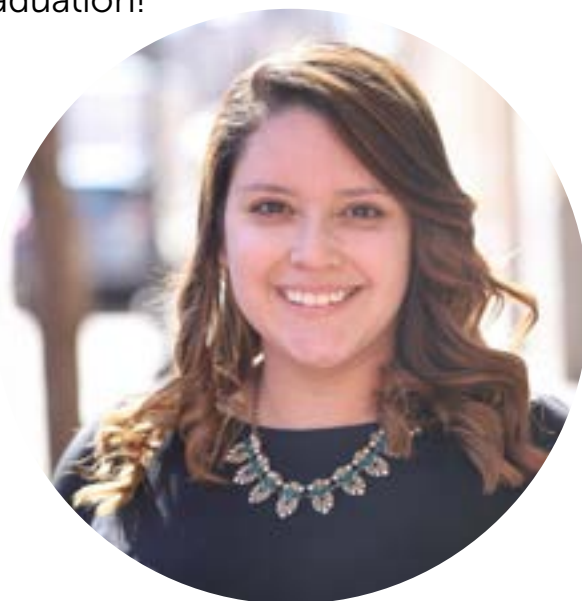
You prioritized developing authentic relationships with your students and found creative ways to engage them. From supporting homework help to attending virtual musicals, you worked diligently to build a community of support around our students during a very challenging year. It has been inspiring to not only witness this, but also be a part of your journey.

I wish each of you the best as you move into your next adventures and cannot wait to see all the wonderful things you accomplish.

Thank you for a beautiful year of service and congratulations on your graduation!

*Marika*

- Marika Azocar



## ELLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Kayla Casiano

Team Leader: Courtney Tranfaglia

AmeriCorps members: Swara Douglas, Musa Kipendo, Nakyah Lucas, Charlie Malwitz, Maya Vuchic, Scott Wagner, and Kate Watt



## MILDRED LOWER SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Collins O'Dwyer

Team Leader: Lila Dolan

AmeriCorps members: Nayely Cruz, Vanessa DiPietro, Claire Dudek, Hannah Eberly, Max Litvak, Maggie Moriarty, Lauren Peplau, Hannah Sheere, and Fatima Sidibe



## MILDRED MIDDLE SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Tim McGinn

Team Leader: Hannah Schaeffer

AmeriCorps members: Brianna Armendariz, Sara Custodio, Georgia Green, Justin Hickey, Torian Kidd, Meredith Knight-Vezina, Jessica Lane, Jack McLarnon, and Julie Monteleone



## TIMILTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Adejuwon Adeyemo

Team Leader: Henry Le

AmeriCorps members: Lexi Acosta, Stephanie Carvalho, Eva Franks, Amy Gilligan, Prajay Kattirasetty, Nick Michael, and Hannah Rose Wanless



# THE OPPORTUNITY COHORT

**SERVING AT THE HENNIGAN K-8,  
UP ACADEMY BOSTON, WINTHROP  
ELEMENTARY, AND YOUNG ACHIEVERS K-8**

To the 2020-2021 Opportunity Cohort,

I have a huge appreciation for the Opportunity Cohort. In a really challenging time they continued to step up and support and care for those around them. The teams personified the idea of service to a cause greater than self, really centering service around their students and school communities as opposed to themselves. Quick to make a shift or try something new, they hosted a variety of virtual activities and spaces for students and didn't complain when things didn't go right or shifted at the last minute.

They also held each other up and were supports for their teams and peers. Be it during a session during BTA, LDDs, during a RAG or team meeting, this amazing group was always there to help each other in and out of service. Each day whether excited, tired or working struggling with tech issues they logged on from their phones, computers, tablets or whatever else they could find and they showed up and gave their all. I wish them all nothing but the best as they move on in each of their personal journeys and I hope they carry the care and perseverance from this year with them wherever they go.

Yours in service,



-Kevin Tucker



## HENNIGAN K-8

Impact Manager: Andrew Olsen  
Team Leader: Sarah Endicott and Sarah MacEachon

AmeriCorps members: David Berman, Ariane Chacker-Bourrut, Kallie Delis, Liam Epstein, Maya Holt-Teza, Bailey Jackson, Kristin Lemley, Abby LeRoy, Rebecka Miller, Caitlyn Sarles, Hoda Yehia



## UP ACADEMY BOSTON

Impact Manager: Erica Roberts  
Team Leader: Jordan Kettle

AmeriCorps members: Fiona Berger, Rory Blumenfeld, Zhar Brassfield-Hall, Kiran Daggula, Nicole Emsley, Stephen Jin, Erin LeDrew, Kerri Mitchell, Maile Petersen, and Shannon Racz



## WINTHROP ELEMENTARY

Impact Manager: Emmie Lacey  
Team Leader: Myriam Diaby

AmeriCorps members: Elizabeth Anderson, Brooke Kelly, Gina Lanzano, Mikaela Locke, \*Ladwon McDonald, Chloe McIntosh, Olga Melendez Valdes, Malik Williams



## YOUNG ACHIEVERS K-8

Impact Manager: Crystal Erb  
Team Leader: Elizabeth Cloherty

AmeriCorps members: Priscilla Angier, Ethan Burg, MaKail Crawford, Niamh Jacobsen, Nancy Ma, Hazel Pritchard, Jack Suher, Colleen Tuite, Kathleen Weetman, and Ben Whidden



# THE POWER COHORT

## SERVING AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE KING K-8, AND THE TROTTER K-8

To THE Power Cohort - Thank you times infinity for POWERing through your City Year and for showing up when you could. You invested in your students in the most creative ways you could collaborate on, and ensured that even on the toughest of days they had something to look forward to. Whether it was a one-on-one check in, small group work, or generally supporting your partner teachers, you always showed up your best.

Thank you for following through during a time that everyone was unsure of. Your students, and your partner teachers appreciate your service, as does your leadership!

A very special thank you to Mirellalys Encarnacion and Jessica Duane for coming back for a second year of service and doing it with such grace. Thank you for your leadership in coordinating conversations, taking on teachable moments, and supporting DBIE work here at City Year Boston.

I wish you all the best of luck with everything that happens in the future, and much good energy your way!

Yours in service,

*Rebeca*



### THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Zachary Mccarthy

Team Leader: Luis Castillo Jr.

AmeriCorps members: Sophia Burick, Hillary Dodge, Alex Jacobson, Agnes Lo, Fallon Manyika, Emma Pond, and Anshul Puli



### THE KING K-8

Impact Manager: Nicole Hicks

Team Leader: Jessica Duane

AmeriCorps members: Johnathan Cheung, Sarah Cordio, Brinea Davis, Dan Gosselin, Kharmara Pinckney Morrison, Meg Rutherford, Serena Smith



### THE TROTTER K-8

Impact Manager: Anurag Salandri

Team Leader: Mirellalys Encarnacion

AmeriCorps members: Devisha Bisaria, Katrina Carter, Kendra Curtis, Jaden Ferraro, Nathalie Griffiths, Anastasia Klump, Christopher O'Connor, Eve Takazawa, Lucas Womack





# THE MEANING COHORT

SERVING AT FENWAY HIGH SCHOOL, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, AND EDWARD'S MIDDLE SCHOOL

To the incredible Meaning cohort,

Your joy, consistency, dedication, and passion for your students this year has been amazing to observe. In a year filled with unknowns and new ways of doing things, you made the best of every situation, came prepared with innovative ideas, and showed up every day ready to support your students and schools in whatever ways you could.

It has been a true joy to work with all of you this year and I've loved seeing your plans and ideas come to life in the classroom and beyond. Thank you for everything you've put into this year. I am excited to see where each of you go in your next steps and to work with some of you in the future as you return for a Senior Corps year.

Always continue to shine your light and be your amazing selves. Have a wonderful graduation day!

Yours in service,

*Samantha*

Samantha Snyder-Hawke



## CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Brendan Creamer  
Team Leader: Ariana Eggleston

AmeriCorps members: Seamus Darby, Meg Englert, Jayda Germain, Molly Kellogg, Meadh Koenigsberg, Annie Pascucci, Becca Powers, and James Shaughnessy



## EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Amanda Reveles  
Team Leader: Alexis Galloway

AmeriCorps members: Julliette Cabrera, Chris DePalma, Alexis Galloway, Kari Henken, Ezra Lowe, Isabelle Mast, Yomalis Rios, and Kimberley Vasquez



## ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL

Impact Manager: Erin Burke  
Team Leader: Caroline Samaha

AmeriCorps members: Nic Edmonds, Steven Florindo, Jamie Gresham, Sydney Kornbleuth, Kacy Lane, Isabel Ledsky, Cass Morales, Ty Roberts, Caroline Samaha, Pranav Yadati, and April Yuen



## FENWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Impact Manager: T'shana Samuel  
Team Leader: Rebekkah Hall

AmeriCorps members: Angelina Benedetti-Flores, Alex Gangi, Lucy He, Trevor Johnstone, Meghan Kennedy, Brendan Olson, Eden Rickolt, Ansel Rivera, and Ny Wallace



# THE BOSTON CIVIC

## ENGAGEMENT TEAM



Service Leaders:

Claire Connors

Tori Giordano

Josie Healey

Roxanne Leal

Johanna Masferrer

Sophia Paarz

Isabella Tofani



Impact Manager: Eileen Soiles



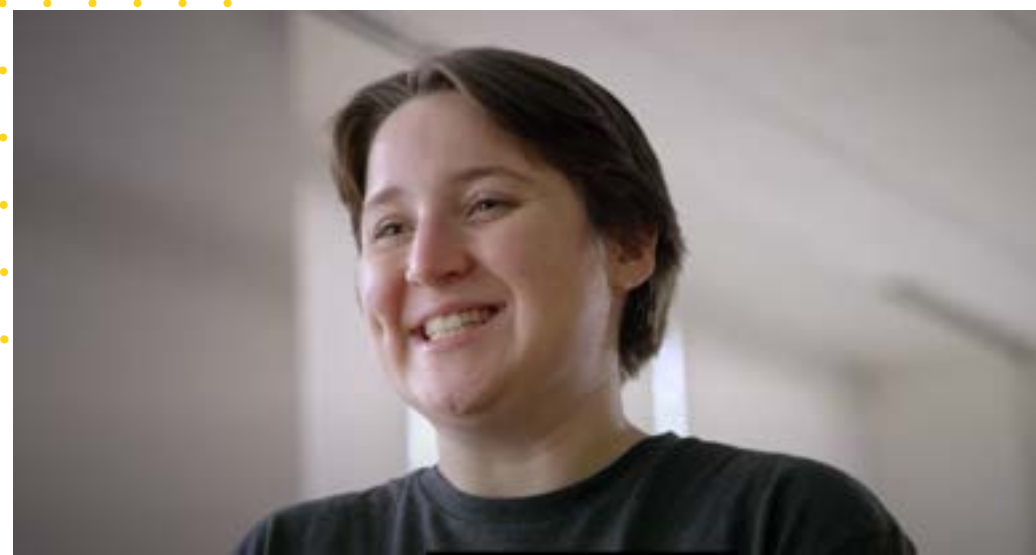
Congratulations to our BCE team  
for all their incredible service  
projects, bringing joy and support  
to students across Boston!

20 virtual service events  
220 mini mural canvases  
1,975 volunteers  
8,433 supply kits  
11,806 mask donated





# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS





# AFFINITY GROUPS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS

## Men of Color

Our purpose is to have all ACMs that identify as MOC come together in an intentional safe space to collaborate and have authentic conversations about their identity and positionality in the world. We strive to uplift and challenge each other to grow as we navigate our presence in the communities and spaces we engage with.

One accomplishment from this year is being able to collaborate with the WOC affinity group for events that let us connect and foster relationships even in our virtual service year.

Leaders: Xavier Fisher (Team Leader, Tobin K-8 School) and Anurag Salandri (Impact Manager, Trotter K-8 School)

## Womxn of Color

Bringing together beautiful Womxn of Color to build a sense of community and collaboration through story telling. Throughout the year we have been able to use this as a safe space for ACMs to come together and be vulnerable and share experiences.

One thing this group has been able to do is connect with each other by being vulnerable.

Leads - Mirellalys Encarnacion (Team Leader, Trotter K-8 School) and Alexis Galloway (Team Leader, Edwards Middle School)

## Policy Talks with BCE

The purpose of Policy Talk is to come together with staff and AmeriCorps members to discuss how the 2020 census affected the education policy and our students. Not only that but to make it more interesting there were games such as family feud to play after the discussion

Lead - Sophia Paarz



The purpose of Comms Crew is to help AmeriCorps members grow in their communication skills, including creating digital content, telling powerful stories, and building their confidence in public speaking. Thank you for all your hard work this year!

Leads - Emily Baeza and Alegria Lanas



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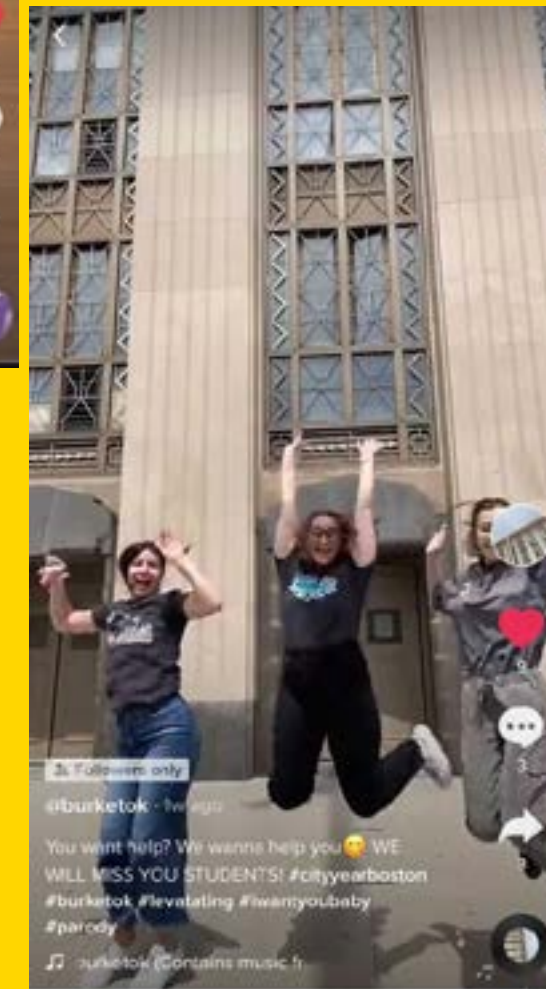
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