Office of Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects and Programs: "The Value of Teamwork"

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Through our Department of Special Programs and Projects, the Division of Athletics, Recreation, Special Projects and Programs is in the forefront of providing athletics outreach to local neighborhoods, the state, and even overseas audiences. We provide complimentary use of the university's athletic facilities to community groups; we offer student athlete sports clinics for young people; we make holiday visits to hospitals; and offer many other similar services.

More than 150 school, charitable, governmental, and private organizations use UMass Boston athletic facilities for over 2,100 hours each year as participants or spectators. Along with the university's Office of Community Relations and the Division of Student Affairs, the division provides staff support to the Urban Mission Coordinating Committee and manages the Harbor Point Agreement to ensure harmonious neighborhood relations. With the Department of Africana Studies, the Division implements the international exchange program YES (Youth, Education, and Sports) with Africa, a multiethnic, coeducational sports and leadership initiative that is currently based in Senegal and Benin and has served over 1,500 African youth.

Below is a list of some community partners:

- America Scores
- Boston Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome
- Boston Medical Pediatric Visit
- Boston Scholar Athletes
- Boys & Girls Club
- Breast Cancer Walk
- Bruins Coaching Symposium
- Champs Boston
- City Volleyball Clinic
- Cradles To Crayons
- Dream Big
- Fidelity House Clinic
- Food for Hunger UMass Boston
- Franklin Park Coalition
- Fundraising Clinic in Conjunction with PrimeTime Lacrosse
- Helping Hands UMass Boston
- Homes for Our Troops Build a Home
- Homes for Our Troops Auction
- Hyde Park DCF
- KP basketball clinic King Philip High School
- Lawrence Family Development Charter School
- Malden Youth Basketball
- MassPirg
- Meriting Attention Basketball Clinic
- MLK Day of Service
- Nantucket Boys and Girls Club
- Pan Mass Challenge Pan Mass Challenge Cancer Research
- Promising Pals Program
- Read for the Record
- Revere Girls Softball League
- Rosie’s Place
- Score Boston
- Think Pink
- U-Access Food Pantry

Below is a list of some partners who use our facilities:

- Bay State Breakers
- Bay State Games
- Boston Center for Independent Living
- Boston College High School
- Boston Police Dive Team
- Boston Public Schools
- Brazilian Ju-Jitsu Tournament
- Camp Shriver
- Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Club
- Hyde Park Youth Hockey
- Louis Saunders Memorial Basketball Tournament
- Mayor's Cup Youth Hockey Tournament
- Massachusetts State Cricket League
- Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization Basketball Tournament
- MIAA-South Sectional Basketball tournament
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- New England Senior Hockey League
- Score Boston
- South Boston Neighborhood House
- Special Olympics
- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- TAG Summer Camp

The U-Access program, part of the office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, aims to provide support to students affected by chronic or persistent poverty, homelessness, financial emergencies, and other unanticipated events. The Office of Athletics and Recreation, Special Programs and Projects along with the intercollegiate programs work with the U-Access program throughout the school year on projects ranging from food collection to distributions.