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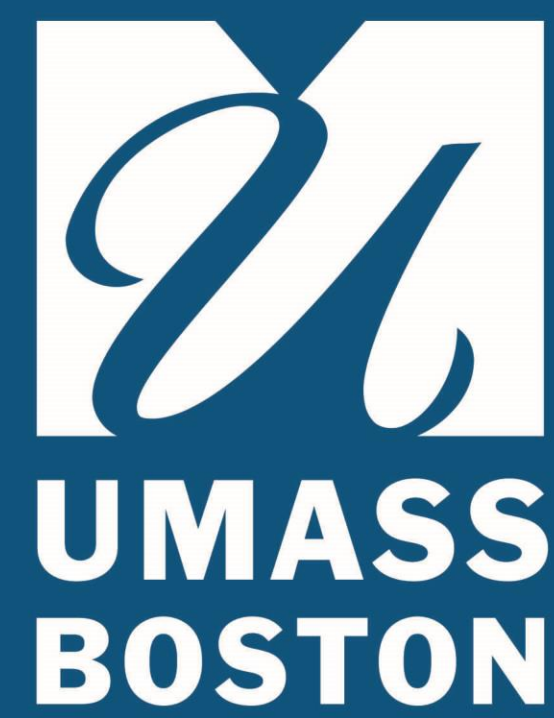
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Success Boston College Completion Initiative



Success Boston provides intensive coaching support and wraparound services to Boston Public Schools students and graduates to ensure they are **Getting Ready, Getting In, and Getting Through** college so they are equipped to lead productive lives after graduation.



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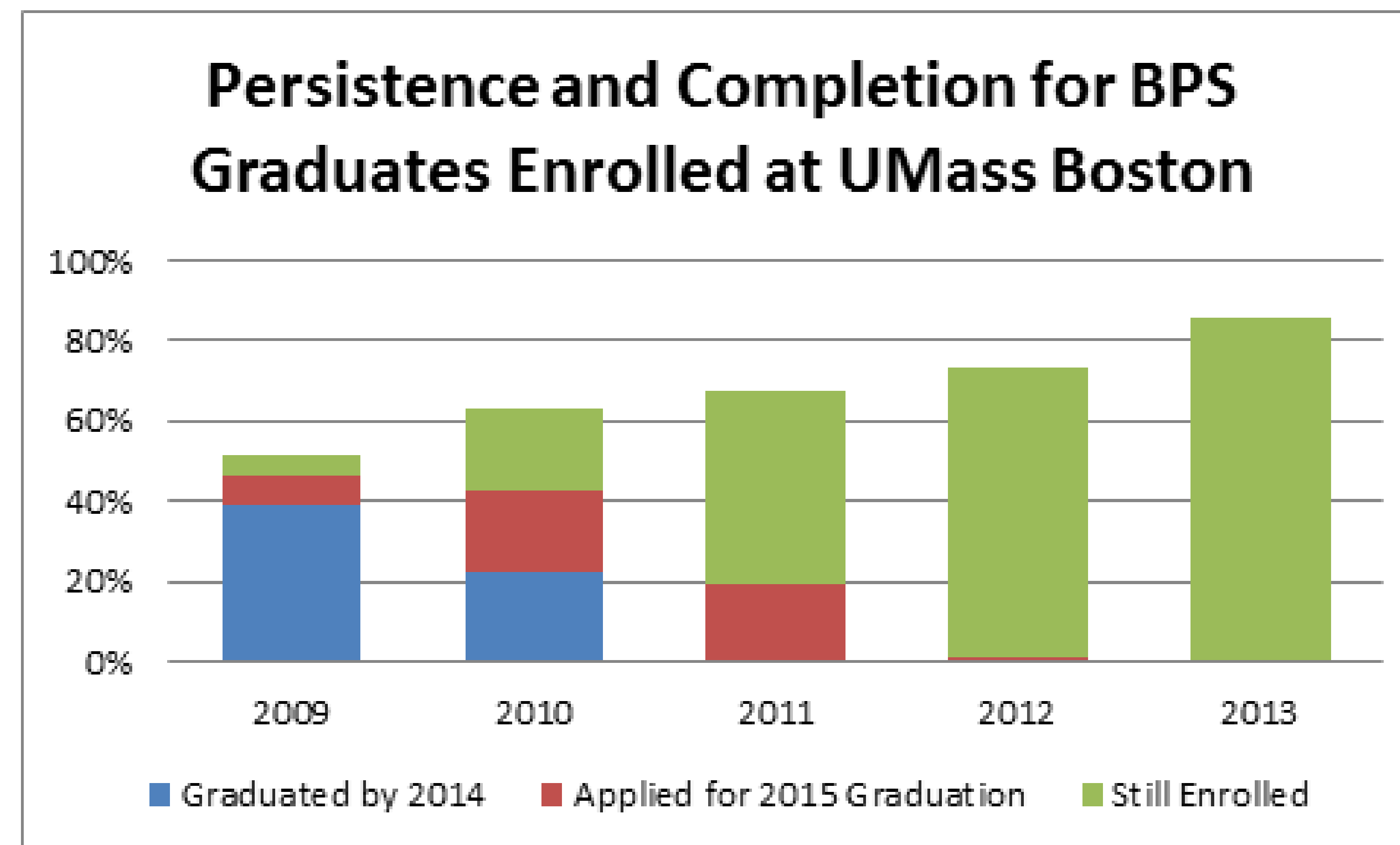
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Our Impact

UMass Boston's data continues to show progress of Success Boston participants



Watch our Success!

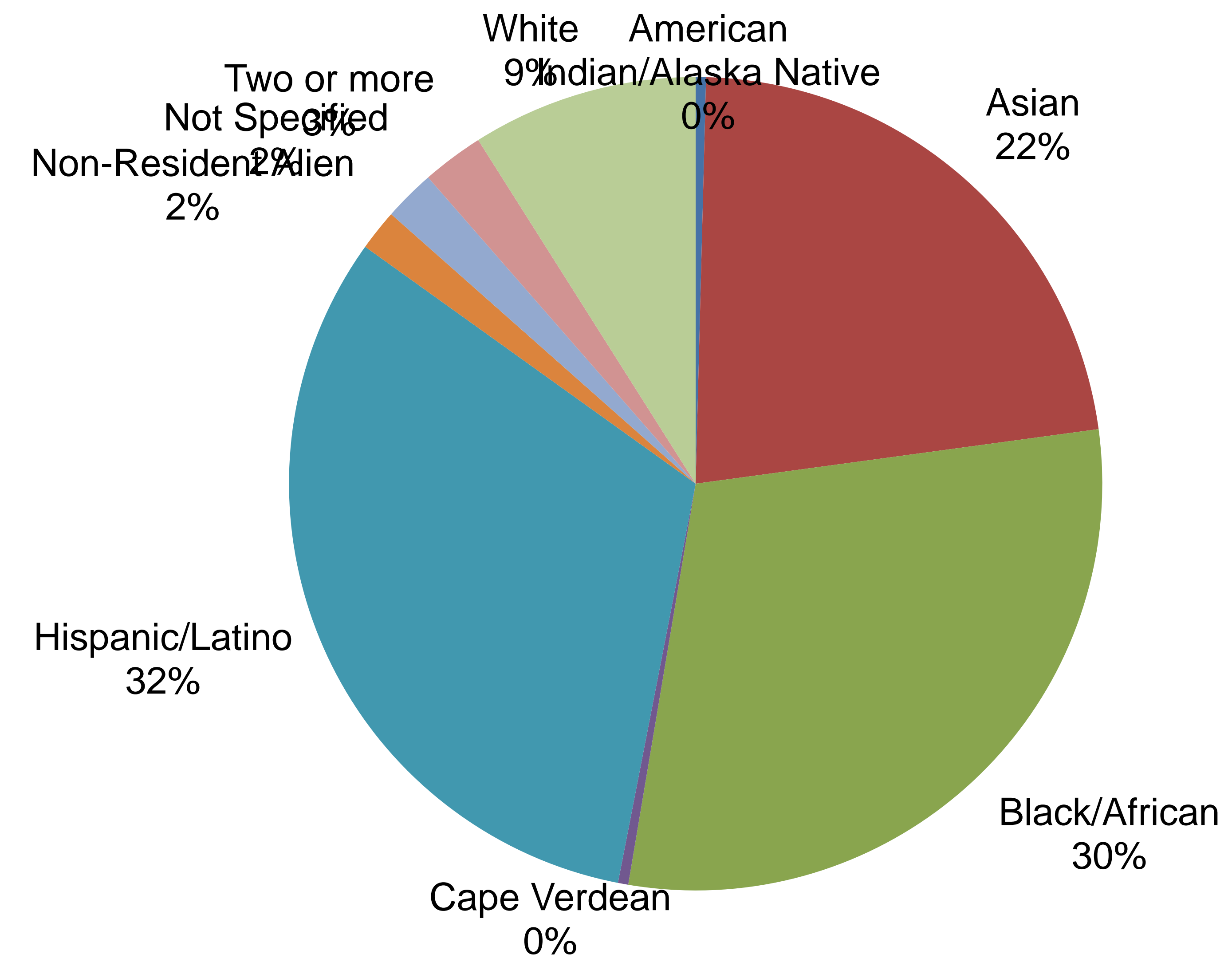
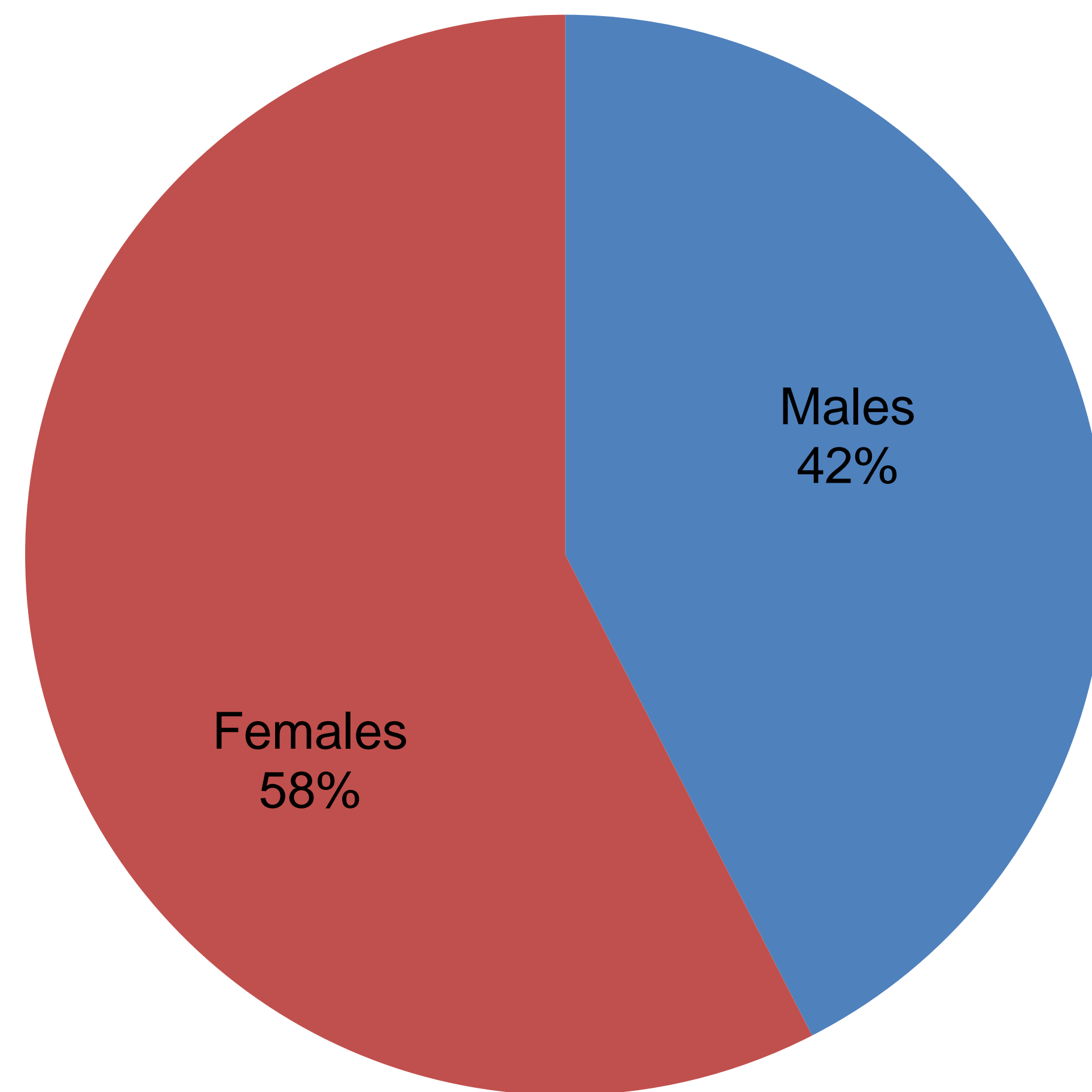


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Demographics of 2014 BPS Graduates Enrolled at UMass Boston



Success Boston College Completion Initiative



Goal: Advance student success and development through comprehensive support.

Objectives:

- **On-Track:** Increase % of participants on-track to graduate within 6 years
- **Employment:** Assist students with securing college sensitive jobs
- **Financial Aid:** Provide support mechanisms for managing process
- **On-time Registration:** Boost on-time class registrations
- **Re-enrollment:** Increase number of participants retained each fall
- **Innovate:** Align data-informed needs of participants with best practices to enhance services

Activities

- Individualized academic coaching that supports transition into and through college
- Support for problem solving both academic and non-academic challenges
- Targeted programming to address trends and help students complete critical tasks
- Special events focused on building community and celebrating success
- Connecting students to university resources



Success Boston student, Ravie (center), was connected to the Office of Career Services and Internships which supported him with applying to CVP Career Academy, a premier internship opportunity offered by a coalition of New England's leading real estate, engineering, and hospitality firms.

Partners

Network Partners:

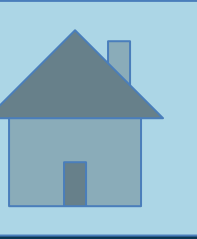
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Boston Public Schools
The Boston Foundation
UMass Boston
37 Massachusetts colleges/universities

Transition Support and Implementation Partners:

American Student Assistance (ASA)
Boston Private Industry Council
Bottom Line
Freedom House
Hyde Square Task Force
uAspire Boston

Support Partners:

The Ford Foundation
The Boston Foundation
The Boston Opportunity Agenda
Supporters of City-wide Initiative



Yen's Story

Yen came to Boston from Vietnam as a young child. As a high school student, she describes herself as “shy, self-conscious, and struggling academically.” She made it into UMass Boston through the Transitions Program which helped her adjust and become better prepared for college. Yen then took advantage of Success Boston’s opportunities which regularly informed her about scholarships, job and co-curricular opportunities, and financial aid deadlines. Success Boston connected her to various university opportunities. Yen earned a spot in a two-year cancer research program called CURE, participated in a “life-changing” service-learning trip to Puerto Rico, is a member of student government, and is utilizing her fluency in Vietnamese to lead health disparities research in her own community. When you meet Yen today, you find an ambitious, confident young woman, and a star student.



Yen participated in a Beacon Voyages for Service trip to Puerto Rico focused on sustainability.

Yen Phan Shares How Success Boston Has Connected Her to the Resources Needed to Succeed

Yen and Manny are both on-track to graduate!

Manny's Story

Manny attributes Success Boston as the key factor in preventing him from dropping out – not once but twice. After a family tragedy, Manny recalled, “As I am thinking about dropping out of school, one of my coaches call[ed] me. I just needed to be reassured by someone else who cared about me, and I got that.” Struggling to balance school and a full-time job, Success Boston also connected him to an on-campus job, leading him to forge new friendships, study more, gain career-related experience, and become a student leader. Manny founded AMEND, a men’s group that provides a safe place to discuss issues of identity, relationships, success, violence, and a host of other topics.



Manny speaking at a Success Boston event.