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Urban Partnerships Promoting Academic Excellence

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BPS and University preparation programs can develop a collaborative partnership that shares a vision for charting bright futures for all students.

Incorporating service learning in curricula prepares school counseling students to promote educational excellence and equity among urban youth.

Co-creating school counseling interventions between UMass faculty and BPS personnel fosters communication and meets student needs.

"The main purpose of a practicum is to provide field experience, hopefully giving the student an opportunity to put into practice what has been taught in the classroom. This experience is complementary to classroom work simply because real life happens in the real world, not within the confines of a lecture hall. I cannot think of any other means by which students can prepare for work in an urban school without participating in an urban practicum. In today’s world, many concerns and issues are universal for young people. However, some are particular to urban school children and dominate much of our time as urban educators.”

Ms. Ollie Osinubi, Counselor, Urban Science Academy, Boston Public Schools.

School Counseling Program

Middle School Grades 6-8

High School Grades 9-12


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