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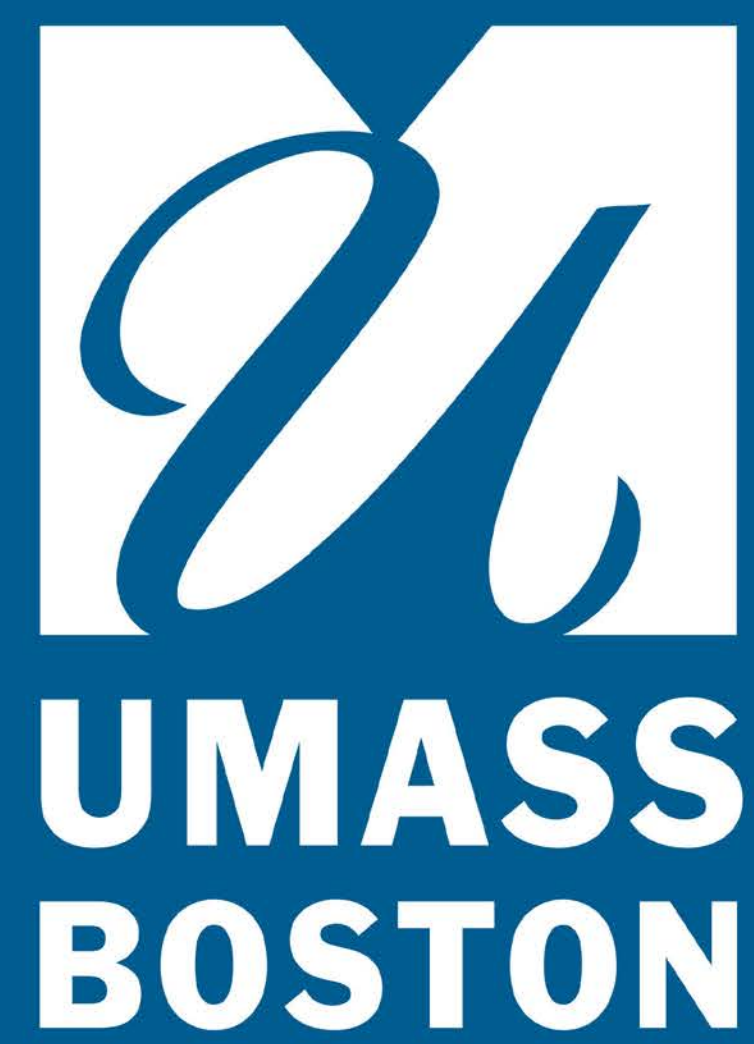
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In partnership and collaboration with the Division of Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects and Programs



Summary/Abstract

An exciting partnership in collaboration with the Division of Athletics, Recreation, Special Projects and Programs, and the College of Public and Community Service. The project involves students at UMass Boston and the 3PointFoundation which is affiliated with the Boston Celtics. Its mission is to provide academic support and mentoring to middle school urban males using basketball as an incentive and vehicle for growth and development. Through their roughly two hour weekly sessions they hope to build character, academic strength, and promote the pipeline to higher education.

Goals and Objectives

- Feed the pipeline to higher education
- Enhance academic success through activities linking character, academics, and basketball
- Promote opportunities for youth development through community service and connecting to university mentors
- Offer an afterschool program building on academics and character while connecting to basketball
- Allow for meaningful service-learning and community service opportunities to university students with specific programs for athletes.

Results/Impacts

We are **servicing over 60 youth** in **3 sites** and we will have our first awards event to honor youth who have submitted essays on violence and suggestions to combat it. Across campus, **15 UMass Boston students** have been involved in service-learning with this program and are helping to develop the curriculum. The hockey coach and **10 student-athletes** from the team were involved with the youth. They served Thanksgiving meals to the Harbor Point Apartment Community, neighboring the 3PointFoundation's McCormack Middle School site.



Approaches and Methods

Experiential learning, writing, math, basketball, field trips, community service



Images: John Gillooly, Kaitlin Thurlow, 3Point Foundation



Student Involvement

This partnership has yielded opportunities for:

- College of Public and Community Service and Liberal Arts undergraduates
- A graduate student in Exercise and Health Science and UMass Boston basketball player
- 10 student-athletes

Total number of UMass Boston students involved: **25**

Total number of hours contributed per year: **1000**

Student roles: serve as mentors and tutors; design curriculum, provide workshops

Conclusion/Next Steps

- Expand experiential learning opportunities for youth and UMass Boston students
- Increase the number of sites and student participants
- Connect to the *Youth Opinion Matters Forum* on Violence Prevention on April 25, 2014

Partnership Information

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