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Success Boston: College Completion Initiative

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Vision/Mission

Vision: All graduates of the Boston Public Schools will complete college.

Mission: We provide intensive coaching support and wraparound services to incoming Boston Public Schools (BPS) graduates through their critical first year and until their graduation from UMass Boston. Our coaches (from both UMass Boston and our nonprofit partners) work closely with students, offering activities that increase academic success and build community and engagement.

Results/Impacts

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

- **Second Year Retention** of Fall 2012 First-time Full-Time Freshmen who returned for 2nd year: 82%
- **On track to graduate in six years** (had earned at least a 2.5 GPA and 24 credits by the end of their first year):

2008 Cohort: 26%
2009 Cohort: 36%
2010 Cohort: 41%
2011 Cohort: 42%
2012 Cohort: 53%



Provost Langley and Marcus Dubiella at the 2013 Induction Ceremony for Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society

Conclusion/Next Steps

- Implement an initiative to ensure BPS graduates entering the university have completed financial aid process and necessary documentation to be on track financially.
- Continue to review and introduce best practices based on the needs of participants in Success Boston Initiative to keep them on track towards their ultimate goal – a college degree.

Partners

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Mayor's Office, City of Boston
Boston Public Schools
The Boston Foundation
37 Massachusetts Colleges and Universities

Mayor Menino with SB Participants Arthur Matthew and Etchler Joseph



Goals and Objectives

- ❖ Advance student success and development
- ❖ Increase the on-time registration of Success Boston Initiative (SBI) participants
- ❖ Increase re-enrollment fall to fall semester of SBI participants
- ❖ Increase the number of SBI participants who are on track to graduate from UMass Boston in 6 years
- ❖ Assist students with finding and securing college sensitive employment

City-wide Goals:

- 2009 Cohort Goal: 52%
- 2011 Cohort Goal: 70%

UMass Boston Goals:

- 2011 Cohort Goal: 56.7%



2012 Welcome Reception: SB Coaches Alexa Hatzopoulos & Joel Mora with SB participants Mohamed Mohamed & Aura Ortiz

Approaches and Methods

- ❖ Individualized academic coaching
- ❖ Coaching through the transition in and through college
- ❖ Guidance to the university resources available and help identifying solutions to both academic and non-academic challenges
- ❖ Targeted programming to address trends and help students complete critical tasks



Joanna Ramos, anticipated graduation 2016



Chancellor Motley with a students from Success Boston & Cambridge Success & Staff at Chancellor's Luncheon 2014

Transition Support Partners

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



ASA, Freedom House, Bottom Line and Hyde Square Coaches with UMass Boston Students.

Supporters

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

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