3PointFoundation Partnership

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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.

We are serving 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.

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

- 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

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