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LIKE THE PHOENIX, I WAS

I WAS BORN TO FLY.

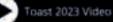
TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS.

TO DREAM BIG.

TO LOOK THE FEAR OF FAILURE **RIGHT IN THE EYE** AND SAY:

"YOU WILL NOT STOP ME."







DEAR FRIENDS,

Throughout the 2022-2023 school year we celebrated all the ways in which our students are *born to fly*. The idea of being born to fly means that you **rise above your circumstances and soar to new heights, new dreams, and new accomplishments.** Our students are not passive bystanders in their own lives, but rather passionate and influential changemakers for the greater good. As we reflect on this past school year, I am amazed by all the ways our students and community demonstrated resilience, spreading their wings and proving that they are **unstoppable**.

• In the spring of 2023, we celebrated our largest graduating class to date. **70 Boston Prep graduates matriculated** to institutions including Brown University, Gettysburg College, Carngie Mellon University, Northeastern University, Framingham State University, UMass Boston, and Babson College.

• After four long years, we were finally able to **bring our annual Toast gala back in-person** for an evening of joy, laughter, and community. It is evident by the overwhelming support we received, that our Phoenix Family remains deeply committed to Boston Prep's mission and its students.

• We **elevated our enrichment program by establishing new and noteworthy partnerships** with organizations such as Change Summer and Hands House Studio. These connections amplify our experiential learning offerings, bridging the gap between in-classroom and real world experiences.

These examples are only a fraction of the powerful moments and experiences that made up the 2022-2023 school year. We are confident that this energy will carry on into this new school year, unveiling new ways our students and community will continue to push themselves and fly to new heights.

This past year also marked the end of Tamara Olsen's service to Boston Prep as our Board of Trustees chairwoman. We are exceptionally grateful for Tamara's decade of dedication and guidance. While we will certainly miss her leadership, we are thrilled to welcome Kimberly Borchert as our new chair of Boston Prep's Board of Trustees.

Thank you all for your continued support and love of the Boston Prep community. We are sincerely humbled by your commitment to our students, and we look forward to seeing all the ways our community continues to soar this new year.

With Gratitude,

Meekerley Sanon Executive Director

Kim Borchert

Kim Borchert Chair, Board of Trustees

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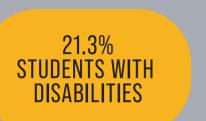
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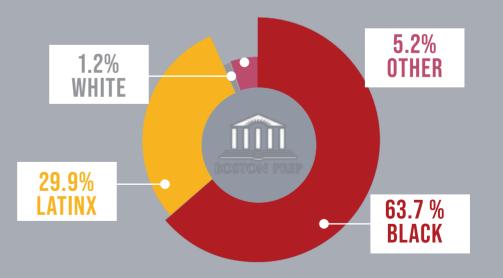
Nou ye Boston Prep. Chúng tôi là Boston Prep.

OF OUR 700 STUDENTS

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18.9% **ENGLISH** LANGUAGE LEARNERS







Embrace your identity unapologetically.

You are the culmination of a rich tapestry of cultures, traditions and histories.

Your unique experiences provide a lens through which you can navigate the world with a deep sense of empathy and understanding.

Embrace your heritage, celebrate your roots, and let your diverse perspectives shape your decisions and actions"

- Nyimah Thompson, Salutatorian Boston Prep Class of 2023, Brown University Class of 2027

Almost all of the students currently enrolled at Boston Prep identify as a **non-white, ethnic minority,** accurately representing the diversity found in the neighborhoods surrounding our campus.

The vast majority of our students come from the neighborhoods of **Dorchester**, **Mattapan**, **Roxbury**, **and Hyde Park**, with a smaller number of students traveling from various other neighborhoods in Boston. lentre Mary

BLAC

GIRL

MAGIC

At Boston Prep, our mission is to prepare students to **succeed in four-year colleges** and to embody, in thought and action, **lifelong ethical growth**.

Boston Prep lives up to its mission through three key elements.

ACADEMICS

MISSION

LIVING

Boston Prep offers an education that is anchored in **rigorous academics** and **culturally responsive pedagogy.**





THE PERSISTENCE PROJECT

Boston Prep's Persistence Project offers support for students from grade 6 through the completion of post secondary education.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

We provide enriching experiences that stay with students **throughout their lives**.



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LIVING OUR MISSION: ACADEMICS

BORN TO FLY Offering an education worthy of our students' brilliance

AP SPANISH STUDENTS OUTPERFORM NATIONAL AND GLOBAL AVERAGE

70%

of Boston Prep high school students are enrolled in at least 1 honors or AP course

Students in Mr. Jefferson Clavel's AP Spanish Class demonstrated remarkable academic prowess during the 2023 AP exams. Boston Prep scholars maintained a higher pass rate than other test takers in Massachusetts and globally. Additionally, 42% of students recieved a score of 5, which is 18% higher than the global average.

Boston Prep Pass Rate	9
MA Pass Rate	84%
Global Pass Rate	83%

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42%

of Bo

students **scored a 5** on the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam

INFUSING OUR CURRICULUM WITH ETHICS

Ethics classes were reinstated for Middle School students during the 2022-2023 school year. Ethics courses speak directly to our mission - preparing students to succeed in four-year colleges and embody, in thought and action, *lifelong ethical growth*. Classes covered topics including respect, responsibility, and integrity. The course concludes with an ethics roundtable that families are invited to. Students debate ethical quandaries as a part of their promotion to high school.

TRANSFORMING OUR CURRICULUM

Boston Prep is working to enhance and strengthen our mathematics program through implementing a more dynamic and comprehensive curriculum. Last year, DESE awarded Boston Prep the High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) Implementation Grant. This grant is intended to support "evidence-based, culturally responsive, inclusive, and equitable implementation of high-quality materials."

> A curriculum is a tool just like any other classroom resource and this grant helps us provide training to our teachers on our specific curriculum. We have partnered with the Teaching Lab to do an **in-depth analysis on what our teachers and students need to be successful.**"

> > - Tori Riley, Director of Academic Projects

LIVING OUR MISSION: ACADEMICS

BORN TO FLY Experiential Learning Takes Flight





During the 2022-2023 school year, Boston Prep's Art III students partnered with Hands House Studio and Zoo New England to create enrichment feeders and toys for Cotton Top Tamarins. Hands House is a non-profit, educational organization that works with various communities, schools, and institutions to create a variety of innovative projects.

"Environmental enrichment lets animals use their natural abilities and behaviors to interact with their surroundings. After learning about tamarins and how they move, eat and act in their environment, the students designed and built contraptions that let the animals climb and explore while foraging for their nutritious insects and fruit."

-Zoo New England



LIVING OUR MISSION: ACADEMICS

Kicking off the project, students visited Franklin Park Zoo to gain a better understanding of the Cottton Top Tamarins, their habitats, and the importance of enrichment feeders. Senior Zoo Keeper and Enrichment Committee Chair Christina Demetrio educated our students on some of the best practices when considering their designs. Students took notes, drafted sketches, and brainstormed their ideas for enrichment toys and feeders. Finished projects included a feeder box, sliding log toy, and a standing slide feeder.

"It was an **amazing experience** being able to work with Hands House and Franklin Park Zoo to create a tangible learning moment for our students. From seeing the animals live, meeting with professional industrial designers and zoologists, to learning how to use a power tool for the first time. **This project taught our students so many skills that I know they will be able to take with them on their next chapter in life.**"

- Pat Foran,

High School Art Teacher and Enrichment Department Chair

Mr. Foran plans to continue Boston Prep's partnership with Hands House Studio and Zoo New England this school year. He recognizes the impact a program like this can have on his students.

After completing last year's enrichment feeder project, one of Mr. Foran's Students, Lyianna C '24, decided she wants to **pursue a career as a zoologist.**



LIVING OUR MISSION: PERSISTENCE

BORN TO FLY The Persistence Project

At Boston Prep, we are dedicated to ensuring our students get into college, receive the necessary financial support, and **succeed** once there. Our college preparatory services begin in 6th grade and continue throughout students' entire time at Boston Prep.



Our Persistence Project deeply supports **college access & college success for all.** When our graduates enter college, we continue to provide the support our alumni need to make their dreams a reality, including but not limited to:



Support





Emergency Financial Support Professional Development

"My experience as an alumni counselor has been absolutely amazing. Speaking from the dual perspective of someone who has attended Boston Prep from 6th-12th grade, and is now a part of the Persistence Project, I believe it is extremely vital that our students know that **the love, care and support extends way beyond Boston Prep's walls and does not cease, simply because we've crossed that stage.** My job here as an alumni counselor is to ensure that our students continue to thrive and be successful post graduation, further placing the emphasis on persistence. The idea of persistence is particularly important, because **it is not enough to just introduce our students to pathways of success, but to ensure that they are able to follow through and emerge successful on the other side.**"

> - Gabrielle Hairston '16, Alumni Counselor



Class of 2023 Matriculation List

Babson College Boston College **Bentley University** Bridgewater State University Brown University Bunker Hill Community College Carnegie Mellon University College of Mount Saint Vincent Dean College Fitchburg State University Framingham State University Franklin Cummings Tech **Full Sail University** Gettysburg College Goucher College Lasell University Lesley University Massasoit Community College MassBay Community College Northeastern University Roxbury Community College Southern New Hampshire University **UMass Amherst UMass Boston UMass Dartmouth UMass** Lowell Wentworth Institute of Tech Westfield State University

The Persistence Team provides

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on campus visits each semester for recent graduates to ensure that they are on track to graduate.

LIVING OUR MISSION: PERSISTENCE

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Class of 2023, I want you to take a moment and reflect on the strength within you. You have faced adversity that others may never comprehend, yet you have risen above it. You have defied the odds and shattered stereotypes. You have broken barriers and paved the way for future generations. **Remember that** your existence is a revolution, and the world needs your voices, ideas and your leadership."

> - Margaret Gregory, Middle School Principal (2020-2023)

LIVING OUR MISSION: ENRICHMENT

BORN TO FLY Changing Summer at Camp Beyond

Summer enrichment is a crucial aspect of the Boston Prep experience. During the summer of 2023, we expanded to our robust summer enrichment offerings beyond high school to our middle school scholars.

Camp Beyond is a part of the organization Change Summer whose mission is to "provide students from under-resourced communities with a summer experience that increases independence, curiosity, confidence, and responsibility – all critical skills for a successful future." Beyond campers stayed at Westfield State University where they spent their July participating in athletics, STEM workshops, social-emotional activities, art classes, and various nature adventures.

Because of your support, all of our participants were able to attend Camp Beyond **free of charge.** We recognize that these experiences are invaluable to our students and we are deeply appreciative of the members of our Phoenix community who were able to make this possible for our young scholars.



I made so many friends at Camp Beyond. I 'went beyond' by being nice and being there for other people at Camp. I have become more mature and responsible. I learned that there is life outside of being on my phone, even though I miss my phone, I realized it's so much more fun having fun and playing with friends."

- 7th Grade Camper

2023 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Through Boston Prep's summer enrichment program, students have the opportunity to **extend their learning beyond the walls of the classroom**. This is a snapshot of the programs offered during the summer of 2023.

Summer Search

Mathematics & Science for Minority Students, (MS)2 Yale Young Global Scholars MIT MITES Summer CURE (Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences) **MIT** Amphibious Achievement Project Success, Opening the Door to Biomedical Careers Boston University's RISE Internship Cornell Engineering: CATALYST Academy Cornell Engineering: CURIE Academy Reynolds Young Writers Workshop at Denison Summer Tutti Performing Arts Camp Summer Workshop in Math (SWIM) Smith College: College Readiness Program Smith College: Creative Writing Workshop Smith College: Summer Science and Engineering Program (SSEP) Smith College: Sustainable Futures Smith College: Women, Gender & Representation Program Achieve Program Northeastern University Young Scholars Program Carnegie Mellon's Pre-College Programs Sewanee: Pre-College Programs Girls Who Code: Summer Immersion Program Ragon Institute Summer Experience (RISE) MEDscience **MEDscienceLAB** MEDscienceLAB Forensics Nelson Fellowship Program The Food Project Seed Crew Mayor's Office Summer Internship Northeastern University Accelerate Pre-College Programs Boston University's High School Honors Carleton Liberal Arts Experience (CLAE) Suffolk University: Summer Entrepreneurship Program Suffolk University: Data Analytics: Storytelling with Data Barnard College: Young Women's Leadership Institute Boston University GROW (Greater Boston Research Opportunities for Young Women) The Harvard Pre-College Program Sasaki Foundation: Summer Exploratory Experience in Design (SEED)

WPI Frontiers: Pre-College Experience WPI: College Credit Jumpstart Boston University AI4ALL Cannistraro: Heavy Metal Summer Experience 2023 Summer Journalism Academy at Boston University Youth Summer Program at Brigham & Women's Hospital Artward Bound with MassArt Brown University, STEM for Rising 9th and 10th Graders Regis College Summer Scholars Program **Operations Team Intern at Boston Prep** Junior Achievement Summer Institute Gettysburg College: Camp Psych Gettysburg College: Eisenhower Institute Civic Engagement Camp Gettysburg College: Innovation and Creativity Camp GirlsGetMath at Stonehill College Afrimerican Academy - Summer Projects 2023 Bikes Not Bombs - Bike School SuccessLink - Summer Youth Employment Opportunities Summer Youth Jobs at the YMCA Junior Teaching Fellow with Breakthrouh Greater Boston High School Intern with Breakthrough Greater Boston BCYF Snap Shot Photography Program World Ocean School: Student Ambassador Program Youth, Purpose, and Partnership (YPP) Peer Leader Police Accountability and Transparency High School Internship Humboldt Storage & Moving Company ABCD SummerWorks Artists for Humanity Bentley's Wall Street 101 Boston Cares, Volunteer Program Boston University's Academic Immersion (AIM) Boston University's Summer Challenge Boston University's Summer Preview Brandeis Precollege Online Program Bucknell Academy Summer Experience (BASE) ImpactLab: Wentworth Pre-College Program Sewanee's Pre-College Field Studies Experience Trinity Education For Excellence Program (TEEP) UML Liftoff Summer@Brown



Alissa P participated in (MS)² a Math and Science Program for minority students. "(I had a) very fun experience. I loved the people, the vibes, and all of the activities we did as a collective of teens of color!"



STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES | July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Ore	Ordinary Income/Expenses		
INCOME	DOE Per-Pupil Revenue	17,641,839	
	Grants Revenue	3,227,133	
	In-kind Transportation & Pension	1,988,935	
	Program Fees	9,710	
	Private Revenue	698,758	
	Total Income	23,566,375	
	Salaries, Benefits & Related	15,223,882	
	Professional Fees & Recruitment	270,311	
EXPENSE	School/Student Expenses	3,258,338	
	General & Administration	822,162	
	Facilities	2,880,735	
	Depreciation	612,143	
	Contingency	0	
	Total Expense	23,067,571	
	Net Ordinary Income	498,804	
	Other Income	695	
	Restricted Grants	0	
	Changes in Net Assets	499,499	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | June 30, 2023

	Cash	5,525,489
ASSETS	Accounts Receivable	598,464
	Prepaid Expenses and Other	4,700
	Total Current Assets	6,128,653
	Right to Use Lease	26,355,393
	Fixed Assets, Net	560,829
	Total Assets	33,044,875
H	Current Portion of Lease	893,683
LI	Accounts Payable	1,057,086
& EQUITY	Accrued Expenses	617,815
& E	Capital Lease Obligation	25,373,177
	Total Liabilities	27,941,761
LITI	Net Assets	5,103,114
LIABILITIES	Total Equity	5,103,114
Π	Total Liabilities & Equity	33,044,875

THE REBIRTH OF THE TOAST A new era of celebration.

After four long years, Boston Prep's Annual Toast Gala returned to an in-person celebration! Members of the Phoenix Family gathered together at Artists for Humanity on March 31, 2023 to celebrate all the ways in which our students are **born to fly.** The evening served as a powerful showcase of student talent and joy. Rows of student artwork lined the venue, our choir gave a standing-ovation worthy performance, and alumna Eve Bourjolly '18 served as our keynote speaker with a powerful message about resilience. This Toast marked a new era of celebration at Boston Prep. We look forward to coming together again in the Spring of 2024!

The idea of being 'Born to Fly' means not that you are just existing but that you **rise above** your circumstances (...)we are apart of an organization where the expectation is not that our students show up but that they **fly**, that they **excel**, that they can say that they have **reached their dreams**."

- Meekerley Sanon,

Executive Director

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