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2021





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Thank you for your support of our programs! We hope you enjoy your 2021 calendar highlighting our achievements from the 2019-2020 school year.

This year was especially hard for our students, coach-mentors, and staff as we all worked to protect our students from the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on youth of color and to keep them feeling connected to their communities, peers, and mentors. Thank you for standing by us during these challenging times and for giving our students something to look forward to as we slowly and safely returned to in-person programming.

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To provide urban youth with team-based education programs that promote health & well-being, academic engagement, and civic leadership.

Vision

For all youth to unlock their full potential – body, mind, and soul.

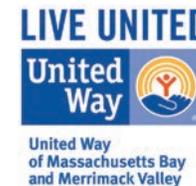
About Boston Scores

Boston Scores is one of the largest afterschool providers for the Boston Public School System. Each year, we impact ~1,500 students in K-12 through programs that blend soccer, enrichment, and service-learning. Addressing the opportunity gap for urban students, our mission is to inspire Boston youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world. At the heart of our programs are soccer teams that are led by highly qualified coach-mentors. These coaches tailor learning to social and emotional skills on and off the field and help students develop healthy habits. The teams stay together as they move from soccer practice to classroom learning, where students engage in academic enrichment programs and service projects that help students find their voices and teach the value of giving back. Our award-winning curricula have been recognized by the White House Task Force on Obesity, the Library of Congress and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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Battling Youth Isolation



Students eagerly awaited the start of our spring season when we suddenly had to suspend all programming due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. With limited options for our students to connect with others and stay active, we knew we had to find a way to pivot our programs. We immediately launched a virtual program and banded with other sports-based youth development organizations to advocate for prioritizing youth's health and well-being in emergency funding decisions. Thanks to our donors' and funders' unwavering support, we maintain our capacity to serve students and keep all staff employed.



January

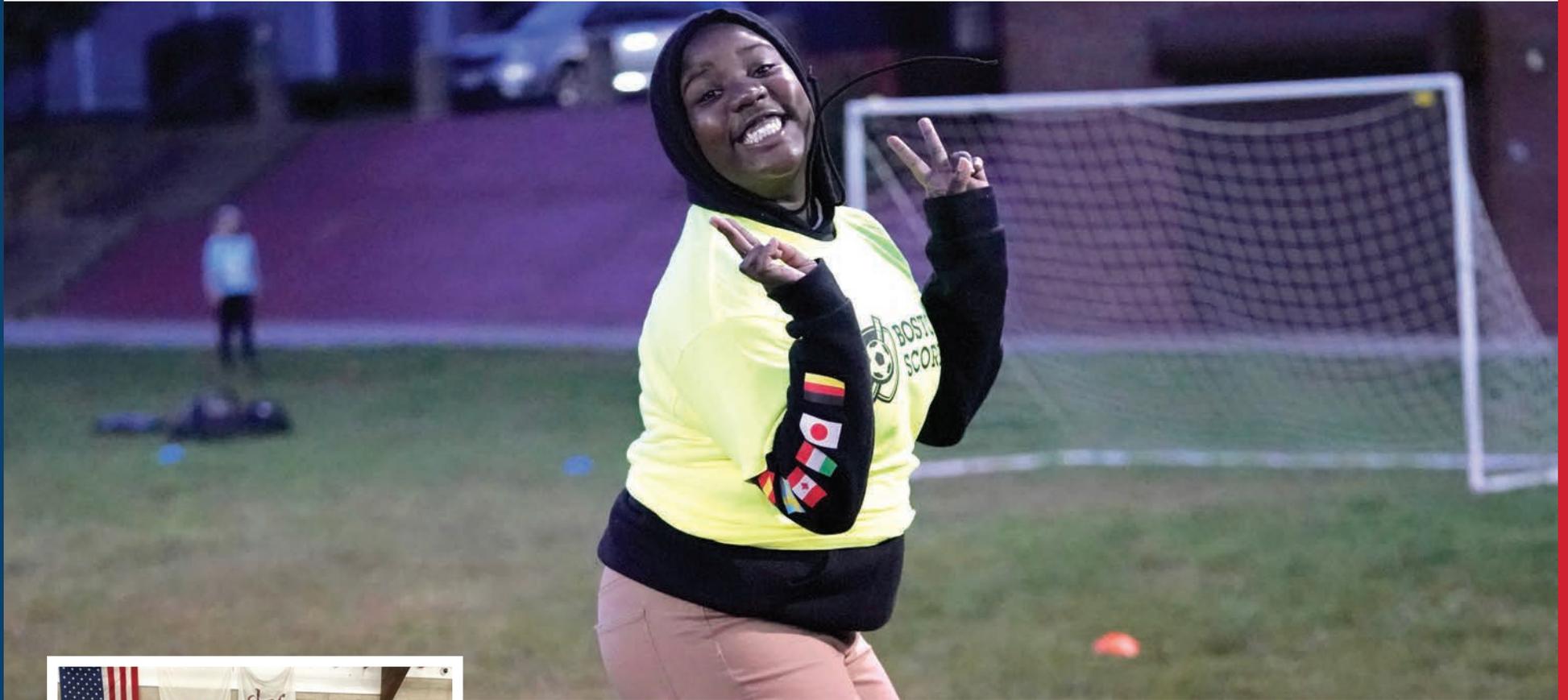
National Mentoring Month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 Return from Recess (BPS)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Leadership in Action



Soccer promotes commitment and fair play. To emphasize the importance of these two traits, each team's most outstanding students receive awards at the end of the season. High school student Sinaika, who also coaches our middle school students, was one of them. Her coach Molly explained: "This season was a challenging one, and Sinaika was consistently the most positive player on our team. She brought the team together during half time without the coaches and gave an inspiring speech on how it was the best game the team has played. Sinaika told the girls that the score didn't matter but that she had seen how well the team played and how much her teammates had grown. It was truly an inspiring moment, and this wasn't the first time that Sinaika has stepped up."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 National Freedom Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents' Day	16 February Recess Begins (BPS)	17	18	19 February Recess Ends (BPS)	20 World Day of Social Justice
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 /31	29	30	31			

Inspiring Students



Destine is an embodiment of the Boston Scores values - Teamwork, Leadership, and Commitment. As an elementary school student at The Mather School, Destine broke her leg during a routine practice this fall and could not play soccer for the rest of the season. Some students might have hung their heads and quit, but Destine focused on finding other ways to contribute to her team. During soccer practices, Destine moved around on her crutches to retrieve out of bound balls; in games, she worked with her coach on the sidelines to identify players that needed subs and adjust matchups. In writing practice, Destine memorized the team poem in just two days and used her extra time to work with teammates who were still struggling. The Mather team was given the Best Delivery Award at our Annual Poetry Slam, in part due to Destine's stage presence and confidence.

Our Hatch The Future Event is close! Follow us @BostonScores to stay tuned

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 National Encourage a Young Writer Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 National Haiku Poetry Day - Tweet a Haiku to @BostonScores	19 Patriot's Day	20 Spring Recess Begins (BPS)	21	22	23 Spring Recess Ends (BPS)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Showing Leadership



Sydney was one of the first players to enroll in the Scores High School Program when we launched it in 2016. A short year later, the Boston Scores U19 boys team not only made it to the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions (MTOC) but, thanks to the dedication and determination displayed by Sydney and his teammates, they won! Since MTOC, Sydney has worked as a coach-mentor with our elementary, middle, and high school teams. During the 2019-2020 school year, we were fortunate to have Sydney serve as an AmeriCorps member with Scores, showing his civic leadership. We have been a part of Sydney's life and watched him grow over the years, and cannot be more proud of the positive changes he is making in our community!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo and National Teacher Appreciation Day - Go and #ThankATeacher	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity	22
23/30	24/31 (31st) Memorial Day	25	26	27	28	29

“There’s nothing you can’t do / Now you’re in New York”



After performing in our fall Poetry Slam, 21 students were selected by their coaches to participate in our Poets’ Banquet, an event in February that features some of the best poetry Boston Scores has to offer. From there, we selected four students to travel to New York to compete in one of the America Scores Regional Slams, with students from our affiliates in New York and DC. Ayline, Brayden, Brian, and Katya attended workshops with their peers and performed two poems each at the historic Nuyorican Poets’ Cafe to thunderous applause!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Say Something Nice Day - Say something nice about @BostonScores	2	3	4	5
6 National Higher Education Day	7	8	9 Last day for seniors (BPS)	10	11	12
13 Children's Day	14	15	16	17 Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 Tentatively: Last Day of School (BPS)	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Going Virtual



This year's Summer Scores looked very different than in previous years (pictured here: A moment during a soccer clinic with players from the New England Revolution in 2018). As part of the Boston Public Schools 5th Quarter cohort, we ran a virtual 5-week program offering an engaging menu of virtual enrichment opportunities ranging from fun fitness to creative writing, in addition to our academic programs. With morning academic classes focusing on ELA and Math, we helped our students think about applying what they have learned in the classroom to real life. At the end of Summer Scores, we delivered Adidas bookbags stuffed with school supplies for the upcoming school year. Our first virtual summer program experience was a success!

Do you want to get involved with Boston Scores?
Visit our website www.bostonscores.org!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Independence Day (observed)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Building Community through Boston Moves!



With many of our traditional events not happening as planned this past summer due to COVID-19, Boston Scores looked for new ways to keep us connected, active, and healthy while raising funds for our programs. The Boston Moves Campaign, composed of 15 teams (Deloitte, Wellington Management, L.E.K. Consulting, Acadian Assets, and more!) competed with each other on total active weekly minutes and fundraising efforts. Fundraising supported the Boston Scores Fund: Supporting Boston Youth during COVID-19. The campaign ran from June until the end of August and raised over \$4,000.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 World Photo Day - Like your favorite photo of our programming on Social Media! @BostonScores	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28
29	30	31				

Building Capacity for Our Students



The waitlist for students to join Boston Scores' program is extensive. During FY20, we intensified our partnership with the Melnea Cass Recreational Complex to evolve the facility into a Center of Excellence to increase our program capacity and serve more students. Students could get a sense of the range of possibilities that this Center would present. Our high school students engaged in workshops geared towards college access; our Junior Scores students celebrated the end of the season with Slyde; and our middle school teams used the arena to pitch their business plans to a panel of judges.



September

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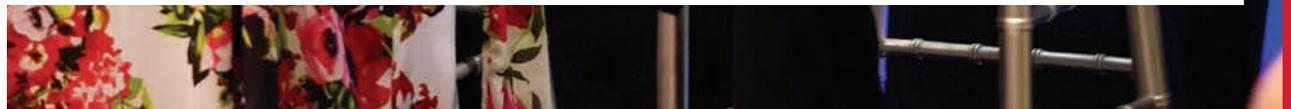
We hope to see you at our #ScoresCelebration! Follow us on Social Media @BostonScores

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month September 15th-October 15th	16	17	18 International Literacy Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Celebrating Women and Girls



Girls in Boston only have one opportunity to play sports for every two that boys have. Play equity gaps quickly become health equity gaps. Boston Scores celebrated girls and women in sports at our annual Celebration gala event held at Morton's in the Seaport. Female leaders Cat Whitehill, U.S. Gold Medalist, Rebekah Splaine Salwasser, Executive Director of the Red Sox Foundation, and Lisa Markland, Assistant Director of Training at The Center for Study of Sport in Society, shone light on how we can create inclusive environments to foster the athletic achievement and participation of women and girls in sports. Guests also heard from Boston Scores coach Luz Leal who spoke about playing soccer as a girl in her home country of Columbia before immigrating to Boston. The Celebration raised a record-breaking \$235,000 to support our soccer and academic enrichment programs.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 World Teachers Day	6 National Coaches Day	7	8	9
10	11 Indigenous People's Day & International Day of the Girl Child	12	13	14	15	16
17 Black Poetry Day - Who's your favorite poet? Tweet at @BostonScores	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 /31 (31st) Halloween	25	26	27	28	29	30

Celebrating Our Young Poets



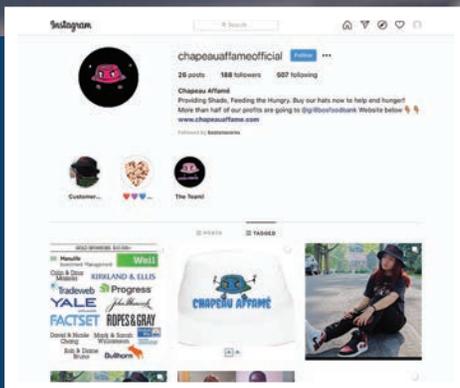
In November we celebrated our 21st Annual Poetry Slam at the historic Strand Theatre in Dorchester, MA.! 15 schools, attended and performed poems, with each school focusing on a specific color. Our very own Nelson Reyes enthralled the students as the emcee and an intermission performance of a spoken word poem.

At the end of the night, we presented five superlatives awards to stand out schools:

- Best Command of Stage: Kenny Elementary School
- Best Delivery: Mather Elementary School
- Best Writing: JFK / PJK Elementary Schools
- Best Ensemble: Umana / Sumner Elementary School
- Best Performance: Sumner Elementary School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Veterans Day	11	12	13 World Kindness Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Universal Children's Day
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Day after Thanksgiving	27
28	29	30 #GivingTuesday - Will you make a donation to Boston Scores? www.bostonscores.org/donate				

Learning How to Become Change-Makers



One Hen co-founders, Katie Smith Milway and Monique Muri, and Boston Scores staff members came together during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to discuss how we can continue to support our students virtually. During the summer months of 2020, we piloted the Poets for Good program, empowering students to become changemakers through social entrepreneurship. Students met in virtual classrooms to learn the essentials from product development to marketing, and within a few weeks, they were ready to launch their businesses. The pilot group, Chapeau Affamé, designed bucket hats and supported the Greater Boston Food Bank with the proceeds. The program was so successful that we decided to expand it to eight high school teams during the 2020-2021 school year.

December

We wish you Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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