

2022



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Thank you for helping us do this work!
We hope you enjoy your 2022 calendar highlighting the impact of your support during the 2020-2021 school year.

This year was marked by developing our staff and organization to place ourselves in a position to return to programming. We adapted to the pandemic restrictions placed on serving students at their schools and brought our programs to students who reveled in meeting their friends and coaches in our neighborhood-based hybrid programs.

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Mission

Boston Scores helps urban youth build essential life skills and character through soccer and team-based enrichment programs.

Vision

We envision a world where all youth feel a sense of belonging and achieve their full potential.

About Boston Scores

Boston Scores was founded to address the opportunity gap faced by urban youth in Boston. Our mission is to help urban youth build essential life skills and character through soccer and team-based enrichment programs. We achieve this mission through delivering after-school and summer programming that combines three distinct modalities into a blended whole: soccer, enrichment, and service-learning. We exclusively serve students attending public schools in Boston. 95% of our students are students of color, 50% speak a language other than English at home, and two-thirds are economically disadvantaged.

Our objectives are to:

- Foster students' social-emotional skills through team-based programs and coaching
- Improve student health and well-being through physical activity
- Boost student academic engagement through positive experiences at school
- Promote civic leadership through service-learning opportunities

Our programs impact ~1,200 Boston Public School students in the school year 2021/2022. Students typically participate 5 days per week, including 2 days of girls and boys soccer practices, 2 days of enrichment classes (poetry or civic leadership), and a soccer game day in which teams play other Scores teams. When students enter high school, our enrichment programs add in college and job readiness workshops. 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.

Strong Body. Strong Mind. Strong Me.



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Sharpening Our Focus



A new mission and vision statement will guide our work in 2022 and beyond:

“ Boston Scores helps urban youth build essential life skills and character through soccer and team-based enrichment programs. We envision a world where all youth feel a sense of belonging and achieve their full potential. ”



January

National Mentoring Month

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

Leveling the Playing Field



Access to opportunities to play sports is a social justice issue. While soccer is dominated by a pay-to-play model in the United States, Boston Scores programs have always ensured that students can join a soccer team at their school regardless of a student's previous experience with the sport or their family's income. During the school year 2020/2021, we reinforced our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in undersigning our national office's social justice statement, increasing community representation on the board, and developing a social justice action plan which we will implement over the coming years.



February

Black History Month



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	16	17	18	19
20 World Day of Social Justice	21 Presidents' Day	22 February Recess Begins (BPS)	23	24	25 February Recess Ends (BPS)	26
27	28					

Shining a Light on Youth Talent

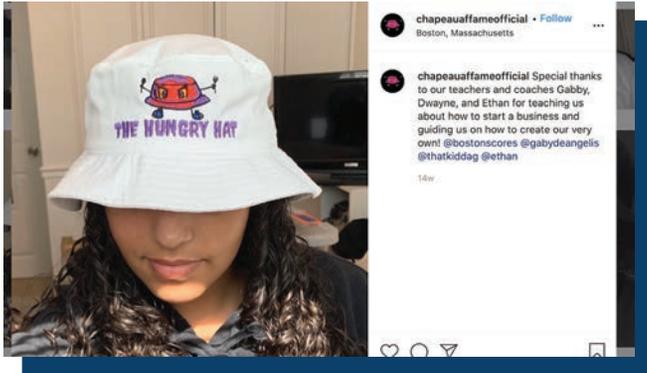


“ You can become anything you aspire to be, even in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. It does not matter what others think. What matters is what you want to achieve. We can write and share our experiences, and we can see the COVID-19 time as an opportunity to improve ourselves in everything we do. I don’t think the pandemic time will last forever, but focus and hard work will last very long. ”

Wise words from our Poet of the Year, Ayo A., who won the 2020 poetry contest themed “Still, I Rise” inspired by Maya Angelou’s poem of the same name. Congratulations, Ayo!

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	29	30	31		

Celebrating Social Entrepreneurship



**BIRD
FOLK**

Antonio Weathers

Transitioning our annual student marketplace Hatch the Future to a virtual event was a challenging feat, albeit a worthwhile one. The new format provided the opportunity for One Hen student teams to join us from as far as New York and Haiti, and gave event attendees the chance to directly engage with the entrepreneurs during intimate breakout sessions. It was a special honor to welcome back alumnus Antonio Weathers, Poet of the Year 2009, who just published his first book of poetry “Bird Folk”.



April

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Our Inspired Art 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 National Haiku Poetry Day - Tweet a Haiku to @BostonScores	18 Patriot's Day	19 Spring Recess Begins (BPS)	20	21	22 Spring Recess End (BPS)	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Providing a Platform for Connection



Due to restricted access to school premises, we pivoted our program model to community-based soccer practices at centrally located soccer pitches across the city. One of our most committed students was Jovany, a 7th-grade student at Roslindale's Washington Irving Middle School who dreams of playing on a professional team when he is older. On the field, he calls himself "Joly LC." The L in his nickname stands for leadership and the C stands for confidence, two qualities he wants to carry with him to every practice and game.



May

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National Physical Fitness & Sports Month
Asian American and Pacific Islanders Month

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

Paving the Way for Life Post-High School



For the first time in the 5-year history of the high school program, we were able to offer a full-fledged summer program. A major grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education allowed students to participate in various enrichment activities, including college exploration tours, career advising workshops, a trip to the Boston Harbor Islands, and more. Reflection exercises helped students look back on the goals they had set earlier in the season. Some highlights on what students had learned:

- “Always approaching learning from a place of humility.”
- “Communicating with others and being committed.”
- “Academically, I learned to multi-task. On the field: to communicate a bit more.”

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 Last day for seniors (BPS)	8	9	10	11
12 Children's Day	13	14	15	16	17 Eat Your Vegetables Day	18
19 Father's Day	20 Juneteenth	21 Summer Solstice	22 Tentatively: Last Day of School (BPS)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Recognizing Leadership



Every year, our collaborator and partner South End Soccer recognizes two high school students for their achievements in the program. This year, high school students McRae W. and Jaison G. were the lucky recipients of a \$2,000 scholarship.

McRae had been playing soccer since she was in elementary school and participated in the high school program all 4 of her years at O'Bryant. She had impeccable attendance and kept her team's spirits up at all times. We wish her all the best for her start at Penn State University!

Jaison had moved to Boston four years ago and played in the program for all 4 years while refereeing each season and serving as an assistant coach and role model for one of our younger boys teams. He will continue his education at Southern New Hampshire University and we expect him to stay the course on his successful path!



July

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Visit our website www.bostonscores.org!

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

Enjoying Summer in East Boston



A cornerstone in the Boston Summer Learning Community, Boston Scores hosted a Summer Learning Academy for students in East Boston for the 6th year in a row. While the mornings were dedicated to academics, students could choose between various STEM, soccer, and arts-centered activities in the afternoon. A particular highlight was a visit by the Dick's Sports Goods Giving Truck with a donation of equipment for our students and a check presentation in support of the program.



August

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Curious about our #summerlearning programs? Follow @BostonScores

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			

Scoring Goals at Gillette Stadium



After a one-year hiatus in 2020, we were thrilled to welcome back over 300 players to Gillette Stadium for the Scores Cup 2021 Presented by Advent International. The 24 participating teams collectively raised almost \$250,000 for Boston Scores' programs and helped Scores' students join their first team, play in their first game, and become leaders in their communities. Congratulations to PwC for taking home the trophy as 2021 Scores Cup Champions!





September

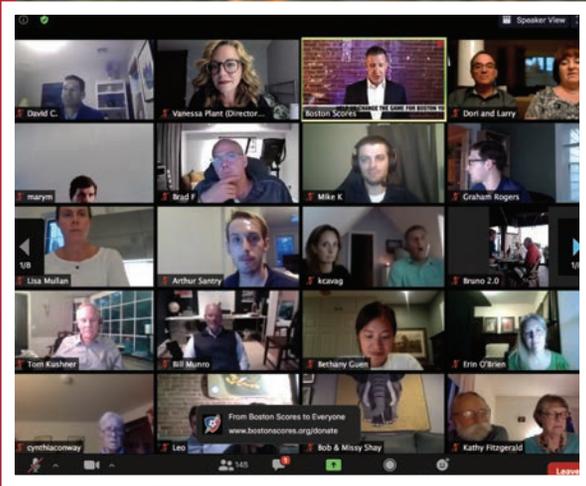
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We hope to see you at our #ScoresCelebration! Follow us on Social Media @BostonScores

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

Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders



The 2020 Celebration gala theme “Empowering Tomorrow’s Leaders” set the stage for a selection of inspiring guests: Scores student Tali shared her leadership journey as a participant of our newest virtual program, Poets for Good. Jessica Tang, President of the Boston Teachers Union, highlighted the importance of providing youth with the tools to become change-makers within their communities. Boston’s Youth Poet Laureate Alondra Bobadilla (pictured left) performed her original poem, “Tomorrow.” It was a special honor for us to present David & Nicole Chang (pictured above) with the 2020 Leadership award for all their work within our board and committees.

Watch out for our Poetry Slam! Don't miss any update and follow @BostonScores

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5 World Teachers Day	6 National Coaches Day	7	8
9	10 Indigenous People's Day	11 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 /30	24 /31 (31) Halloween	25	26	27	28	29

Investing in Our Coaches



Our coaching staff is our most valued asset and at the core of our program impact. During the 2020-2021 school year, we continued to provide coaches with the tools to scaffold students' learning environment and facilitate personal growth. In addition to our regular pre-season training sessions, we launched a series to train our coach-mentors on Trauma-Informed Practices. The training enables coaches to appropriately respond to student trauma and create emotionally safe environments where youth can heal from the ordeal of social isolation, uncertainty, and loss youth experienced during the pandemic.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	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 #GivingTuesday - Will you make a donation to Boston Scores? bostonscores.org/donate	30			

Looking Ahead



Our focus for the upcoming years is to ensure sustainable future growth. Our brand new 5-year strategic plan lays out a roadmap to deepen and extend our impact across the communities we serve. We are committed to embedding ourselves more deeply in the community, enhancing our coaches' support, taking a more proactive approach to social justice, and embracing new service delivery models. Thank you for being part of this community and for helping make this future reality!





December

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We wish you Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you in 2022!
Keep up to date and follow @BostonScores

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	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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