

# N Northeastern City and Community Engagement

## Summer Newsletter



*Northeastern students walk through campus on June 28th.*

*Photo by Matt Modoono/Northeastern University*

We're now monthly! During the first week of every month, we'll email you a recap of what we've done over the past month and upcoming events to put on your calendar. We want to know what you think of the change! Let us know by filling out the survey at the end of this newsletter.

*In the newsletter you will find:*

- Highlights from the summer, including our new summer interns and the Fenway Civic Flower Share
- Upcoming engagement opportunities and events
- Campus News Stories
- A survey to let us know your thoughts

## SUMMER SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

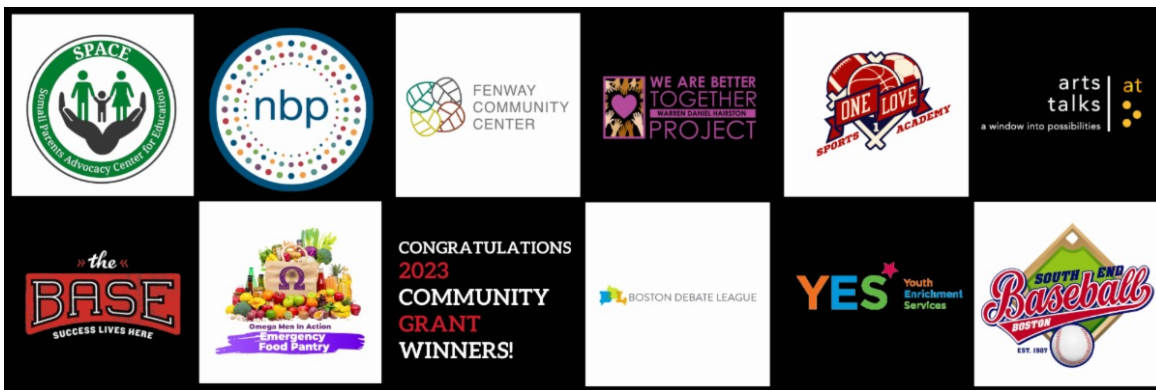
### CCE Welcomes Summer Interns

CCE welcomed two interns this summer, Brian Mui and Rosaphae Bruton. Brian attends the John D. O'Bryant High School and Rosa attends Boston International. They are both interested

in becoming more active members of their local communities, and are currently working on projects highlighting the 4 neighborhoods surrounding Northeastern. They're local, too; Brian lives in Mission Hill and Rosa lives in Roxbury.

You can read more about the C2C Summer Jobs Program below.

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*Pictured above are the 2023 grant recipients*

## \$30,000 of Community Grants Awarded

This summer, eleven exceptional organizations have received a Community Grant, while six outstanding individuals have been recognized with the Neighbors Uplifting Neighbors Award. The Community Grant program disbursed \$30,000 to diverse community organizations, each dedicated to uplifting and supporting their residents in our 4 local neighborhoods. The recipients' efforts in fostering positive change and addressing pressing challenges make a profound and lasting impact. We are honored to support these incredible organizations!

[Read the Full List of Grant Winners Here](#)

## Celebrating Community: An Evening of Gratitude

CCE, in collaboration with CSCE and CETR, celebrated our wonderful community partners who make our work possible. We were honored to recognize the community grant recipients, the Neighbors Uplifting Neighbors recipients, and our Community Collaboration award winner, Dzidzor Azaglo. The Community Collaboration award was created to recognize a community-campus collaboration that represents the values and best practices of transformational partnerships. They partnered for a service-learning course: Documenting Fieldwork Narratives in Spring 2022, which resulted in the recognizing and archiving Boston-based Black artists. You can visit their website [here](#). Since then, Dzidzor has been brought on to NU as a staff member for the Reckonings Project and another cohort of students collaborated with community artists in Spring 2023.

It was an honor to celebrate with these incredible individuals and organizations!



## Fenway Civic Flower Share

On May 13th, the team helped with the Fenway Civic Flower Share. We purchased flowers and helped distribute them to Fenway Civic members as a gesture of appreciation and community unity. Each member receives 12 plants of their choosing. Additionally, our office donated pallets of flowers to members of the Alice Taylor housing development. We love working this event and this year, we even got to see a beautiful Husky!



## Flat 9 at Whittier Community Day

The CCE team in partnership with the Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub helped organize a Community Day at Flat 9 at Whittier. We played games with the residents, and the winners received gift cards as prizes. Our interns, Brian and

Rosa, have incredible Uno skills! Snacks, drinks, and refreshing frozen lemonade from Del's were provided to help residents beat the heat. It was a wonderful event that brought us closer to our neighbors. Thank you to the resident leaders at Flat 9 for helping us organize this event!



### 13 BPS Valedictorians Attending Northeastern

For the second consecutive year, a record number of valedictorians from Boston high schools, 12 from BPS and one from a charter school, have chosen to attend Northeastern University. The decision by these valedictorians to attend Northeastern is four times higher than any other college in the Boston area. The students were honored at Fenway Park, and Mayor Wu and BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper spoke. CCE attended this event; it was wonderful to meet all these talented students!



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### CCE Sponsors 25th Annual Roxbury Film Fest

CCE sponsored and attended the Roxbury Film Festival in late June. From Saturday, June 24th to Wednesday, June 28th, Blackman Auditorium hosted a wide variety of films, including one of our own; *Powering Puerto Rico* was produced by Northeastern Films. Other films screened at Blackman include award winning *Kenyatta: Do Not Wait Your Turn* and *Eve's Bayou*. You can read more about the film festival in the news section below.



## Unity Cup Opening Day Celebration

CCE sponsored and attended the Unity Cup opening ceremony. The opening ceremony featured a parade and a street festival with a resource fair. A youth soccer clinic hosted by The Northeast Revolution team taught let young kids join in on the fun. Northeastern marketing designed jerseys and CCE provided advertisements for the ceremony. Our resource fair table had a special guest: Mayor Wu! You can see Jill and Ashanti with her below.

[Read the NGN Article Here](#)



## Upcoming Engagement Opportunities & Events

### CETR Request for Partnerships

Community-Engaged Teaching and Research is seeking community-based organizations to partner with service-

learning courses in the Fall 2023 semester. These partnerships range from direct volunteer engagement (students can fill your existing volunteer roles for 2-3 hours a week) or project-based and research collaborations (like creating a marketing plan or consulting reports). Learn more on their website!



[Apply Here!](#)

### High School Rugby Clinic

On August 20th, Northeastern's Women's Rugby Club is hosting a clinic for interested high schoolers. Skills taught include rugby fundamentals, strategy and tactics, and skill drills. The question and answer portion allows prospective students to ask any questions they have about Northeastern. Those interested in the event should register as soon as possible at the link below.

[Register Here!](#)

**HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLINIC**  
WITH NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB

**What to Expect:**

- Rugby Fundamentals ✓
- 15s Strategy and Tactics ✓
- Position-Specific Skill Drills ✓
- Q&A with Current Students: (NU Academics, Studying Abroad, and Co-ops) ✓
- Post Clinic Fundraising Dinner ✓

**Info:**

- August 20th
- 1:00-5:00 PM
- Carter Field (at Northeastern University)

**PRICING AND SIGNUP TO COME!**

### Join Northeastern at a Free Cooling and Misting Station!

Northeastern invites you to cool off with us this summer. When the temperature spikes above 90 degrees or a heat emergency is declared, keep an eye out for a refreshing drink and a cool mist at our free station this summer. You can find them during hot afternoons along Forsyth Street North of Ruggles station!

[Directions to Cool Spot Pop-Up](#)



### SummerRox Sessions

Hosted by Madison Park Development

Corp., SummerRox provides FREE supervised outdoor activities for youth. Get active with games of basketball, wiffleball, dodgeball, and more! There is still at least one more session available. For more information about Peer Health Leaders or to register for this event, please contact Community Support Program Manager, Wil Smart, at [wsmart@madison-park.org](mailto:wsmart@madison-park.org) or call 617.849.6239.

[Learn More!](#)



**SummerROX  
Sessions 2023**

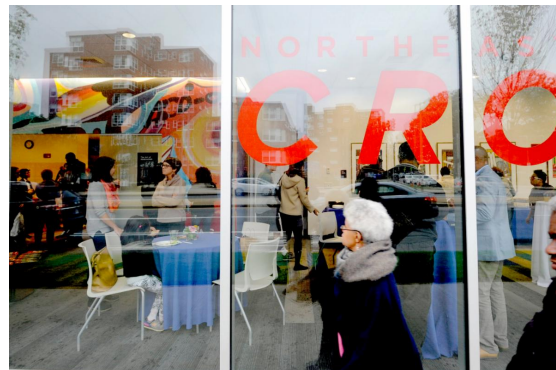
FREE, supervised outdoor activities for youth!  
June 10th, 2023 – August 18th, 2023  
11:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
Ruggles and Dewitt Corner Park  
Kickball | Dodgeball | Basketball | Wiffleball

## Book Northeastern Crossing for your next community event!

City and Community Engagement invites our local residents and organizations to reserve Northeastern Crossing for your next community event! Located at 1175 Tremont St., our space offers both conference and classroom space options for your event and program needs.

*Advance reservations are required for both spaces.  
All programming must be free to participants.*

[Request a booking!](#)



## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY NEWS STORIES

### Co-ops drive positive change in the neighborhoods—and create a pipeline for future nonprofit employees

Meghan Reardon, a Northeastern student studying criminal justice, psychology, and environmental studies, found her passion for community engagement during a co-op with Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services. The program, Co-ops In Service to our Neighbors (CSN), funded by Northeastern, offers paid co-op positions to nonprofit partners. Reardon's work included event planning, social media management, securing grants, and helping the park achieve arboretum status. CSN provides students with opportunities to invest in communities and explore careers in nonprofits.



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## New art installation, designed by Northeastern professor with community input, reclaims a piece of Boston's history

Northeastern assistant professor of architecture, Killion Mokwete, and his students have developed a multi-faceted art installation called the Winthrop Community Garden in Roxbury. The project commemorates the Black Panther Party's efforts in the Roxbury community and was created in collaboration with the Roxbury Path Forward Neighborhood Association and other community leaders. The installation features a weathering steel gateway with the Black Panthers' logo and pillars spelling out their 10-Point Platform and Program. Mokwete and his students researched the Black Panthers' legacy in Boston, and a public digital database will soon provide visitors with more information on their history. The installation reflects community feedback, serving as a model for local communities to tell and preserve their own stories.



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## Northeastern co-op student learns the 'fascinating' ways of urban beekeeping

Northeastern student Katherine Antos is doing a co-op at Best Bees Co. in Roxbury, where urban beekeeping is made possible for city dwellers. She shadows beekeepers in the field and analyzes hive data in the office, combining her interests in environmental sciences and data science. Best Bees Co. installs hives in unexpected places like office tower rooftops in downtown Boston. The company offers turnkey beehive installation and services for residential and commercial clients. Antos is fascinated by the essential role of female bees in the hive and the cooperation within the bee community for pollination, which is vital for the food web.



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## Northeastern and Boston Unity Cup bring global soccer tournament to campus

The Boston Unity Cup, an annual community celebration of soccer, returned to the historic William E. Carter Playground. The event featured 32 men's and women's teams participating in a month-long tournament, following the



format of the World Cup. The opening festival included a parade of nations carrying their national flags. The day-long event offered a street festival with food trucks, a resource fair, amputee soccer showcase game, and a youth jamboree presented by the New England Revolution and Special Olympics. The tournament brings together diverse communities and showcases talented players from Greater Boston. Northeastern University partners with the event, providing uniforms and access to Carter Playground. The championship games took place on July 23.



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## AND MORE!

- [Mayor Wu Announces Launch of Dear Summer Mixtape featuring our AVP, Chimel Idiokitas](#)
- [Fenway Cares Volunteering](#)
- [Mission Hill Arts Festival](#)
- [Campus Resources for Community Members](#)
- [Have an event you'd like us to promote? Email us!](#)

*Want to learn more? There are a number of ways to stay engaged with Northeastern and our communities.*

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