

N Northeastern **City and Community Engagement**

Winter 2023 Newsletter



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Happy New Year to our community partners, students, residents, and faculty!

CCE remains committed to fostering collaborative relationships and partnerships that connect, educate, and engage our network. Explore the many ways Northeastern engages with our local communities in the newly released [2022 Community Benefits Annual Report](#)

CCE welcomes a new team member

This semester, CCE has been fortunate to welcome Smeet Kadam join the team as the Operations & Program Assistant Co-op



Smeet began his position as Operations & Program Assistant Co-op on January 23rd, reporting to Chimel Idiokitas, AVP for Community Relations, and helping to promote CCE's programming at the Crossing and fostering relationships with key stakeholders across the university and the surrounding communities. Smeet holds his baccalaureate in Information Technology and is now working on his master's of Science in Project Management. Formerly of Cyber Forensics and Investigation in India, Smeet has experience in the role of Assistant Project Manager. Smeet is also a skilled Graphic Designer with extensive knowledge of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.

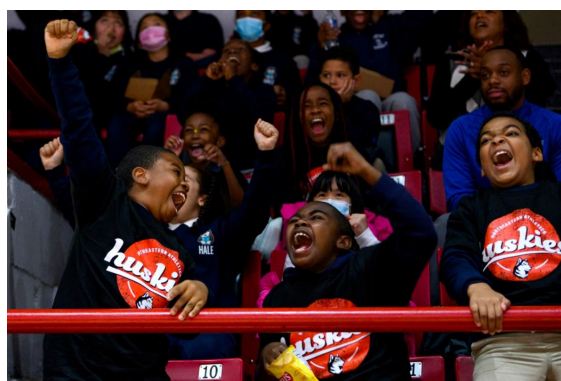


Photo by Alyssa Stone/Northeastern University

Northeastern hosts 1,000 Boston public school students and teachers for women's basketball game

In November 2022, one thousand students and teachers from eight Boston Public Schools filled buses provided by Northeastern to come to the Northeastern Huskies women's basketball game against Boston College as part of an annual—and highly popular—community event hosted by the office City and Community Engagement. "Here come your Huskies!" shouted the public address announcer, and the crowd response was ear-splitting. The guests received a Huskies T-shirt and lunch as part of the field trip. The students' enthusiasm brought life to the historic arena. They filled the courtside seats and cheered for every basket while providing the Huskies with a robust home-court advantage. The game turned in the final minute as the Huskies lost, 64-59, to Boston College. The teachers said the students had been looking forward to the event for several weeks. "They've been super excited," said Mary Phalante, who co-teaches the sixth grade with Sandra Munique at Charles H. Taylor Elementary School in Boston, five miles from Northeastern. "Knowing that this is right here in your city and that it is something to look forward to while you go to college—that is very important."

[Read more about the BPS field day](#)



City and Community Engagement successfully hosted annual food and toy donation drives.

In November and December 2022, the Office of City and Community Engagement hosted our annual food and toy drives. We want to thank all those on campus who supported our endeavors. Grant Manor in Roxbury was incredibly appreciative of all the food and consideration, while United South End Settlements, UP Academy, BYCF Tobin Community Center, and Mildred C. Hailey Apartments were incredibly appreciative of all the toys.



Photos by City and Community Engagement

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu asks Northeastern students to tackle urban problems, help mentor city youth

In November 2022, Mayor Wu met with Northeastern students on the sixth floor of the Interdisciplinary Science & Engineering Complex in an open forum facilitated by Northeastern's city and community engagement team. Common themes during the discussion included the desire to see more affordable housing, the city's affordability more broadly, and how to better support underserved communities.

[Read more about the Mayor's visit](#)



Northeastern celebrates the life, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



A panel discussion with Northeastern alumni, from left, Jameson Johnson, Cassie Harris, Jarid Turner, and Camille Martin was moderated by Richard Harris (center) during the “A Tribute to the Dream” celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy held at Northeastern’s East Village on Jan. 12, 2023. Photo by Alyssa Stone/Northeastern University.

Northeastern hosted “A Tribute to the Dream” celebration honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. held at East Village on the Boston campus. A panel of alumni, led by Richard Harris, associate dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion, director of the multicultural engineering program, and member of the faculty in the department of Africana studies, discussed King’s vision of education. They also discussed the importance of morals and values in producing a person’s character and the leadership needed to move the United States forward as a nation and as a people.

For more, read: [Northeastern celebrates life, legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

John D. O’Bryant, Boston civil rights leader, honored at the Embrace Memorial.

After years of anticipation, the long-overdue Kings memorial—a 22-foot high artwork titled “The Embrace”—was officially unveiled on Boston Common in the city where they met, fell in love, and became partners in the civil rights movement. Embedded in its surrounding pavement were the names of 69 civil rights leaders of Boston whose works inspired and were inspired by the Kings. John D. O’Bryant, a U.S. Army veteran and former teacher in the Boston Public Schools, was among the honorees in no small part because of his election in 1977 as the first Black person in 75 years to serve on the Boston School Committee. John D. O’Bryant, the former vice president of student affairs at Northeastern, was a renowned civil rights leader in Boston. The

university's African American Institute is named after him, as is the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science in Roxbury. The honorees included also included Charlotte M. Nelson—program director of the Center for Law, Equity and Race at Northeastern's School of Law—and her late husband, Leon T. Nelson, founder of the Greater Roxbury Chamber of Commerce.

For more read: [John D. O'Bryant, a civil rights leader of Martin Luther King Jr.'s era, is honored at the new Boston Common statue](#)

Northeastern's Richard (left) and James O'Bryant kneel by the plaque recognizing their father at "The Embrace" memorial on Boston Common after the unveiling ceremony on Friday. Photos by Alyssa Stone/Northeastern University



Snapshots from Winter

1. CCE members were helping Fenway Cares with food donations.
2. CCE helped organize the donation of 100 tables for BPS from Northeastern University.
3. In November, Boston While Black hosted a university mixer at Northeastern Crossing. Boston While Black also held a "Get Smart with Money" Watch Party at the Crossing.
4. CCE was proud to help sponsor and volunteer with No Books, No Ball, in Roxbury to deliver holiday meals at their annual Thanksgiving turkey drive.



Photos by Fenway Cares; City and Community Facebook



Northeastern upsets UConn, 4-1, at Frozen Fenway on January 7, 2023. [Read more about the game.](#)

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Community partners in the news!

At Fenway Community Center, Laura Jean Miller and others help residents struggling with “hidden” food insecurity

[Read the Scope article here](#)

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities & Events



The flyer features a background image of Northeastern University's campus with a city skyline in the distance. A large yellow speech bubble contains the text: "What will you LEARN? Learn how to recognize and prevent safety hazards to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards." The main text on the flyer reads: "FREE 30-hour OSHA Training at NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY". Below this, it specifies the date as "Date: Feb 21-Feb 24; 9am-4pm" and the venue as "Venue: Northeastern Crossing, 1175 Tremont Street". A QR code is provided for registration. At the bottom, there are icons for OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and social media handles for @nuengaged.

FREE 30-hour OSHA Training
at NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Date: Feb 21-Feb 24; 9am-4pm
Venue: Northeastern Crossing,
1175 Tremont Street

Learn more & register by scanning the QR code or contact:
communityengagement@northeastern.edu

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Small business workshop series

CCE in collaboration with JPMC Chase, will host a series of FREE community workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs and established business owners in Roxbury, South End, Fenway, and Mission Hill with the resources/tools available to grow and sustain their businesses. In addition, hosting monthly Speaker series with Chase Executives (BOLD), exposing the community to career journeys and opportunities in Chase/Banking community. Join us for dinner, network with executive leadership at CHASE and CCE, win giveaways, and learn how to grow your business.

Key Elements

- ✓ The FREE workshops starts on Feb 27th, and ends on May 1st.
- ✓ Targeting aspiring entrepreneurs & established business owners. (South End, Roxbury, Fenway, & Mission Hill).
- ✓ Providing resources, tools to grow and sustain their business.
- ✓ Entrepreneurs can pitch business proposals upto \$5000..



Small Business Monthly Speaker Series

HOW TO **GROW** YOUR **BUSINESS?**



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PRESENTER

JOHNNY CHARLES
(VP OF BUSINESS CONSULTING AT CHASE)

Event Schedule

Small Business Leadership Mixer kickoff
presented by JPMC (BOLD) CHASE
Monday, Feb 27, 5:30pm - 8pm

Power of Capital
Monday, March 6th, 5:30pm - 8pm

Business 201
Monday, March 20th, 5:30-pm - 8pm

Navigating Cash Flow
Monday, April 3rd, 5:30pm - 8pm

Windows of Opportunity
Monday, April 24th, 5:30pm - 8pm

Pitch Night
Monday, May 1st, 5:30pm - 8pm

Douglass Day 2023 February 14, 11:30am–12:30pm

Join the [Digital Scholarship Group](#), the [Women Writers Project](#), and the [NULab for Texts, Maps, and Networks](#) in our celebration of Douglass Day, an event honoring the life and birthday of Frederick Douglass. At this event, we will transcribe the papers of Mary Ann Shadd Cary, one of the earliest Black women to edit a newspaper, serve as a Civil War recruiter, attend law school, and so much more. Our Douglass Day celebration is free and open to the public. This event will be hybrid: please join us in-person in the Digital Scholarship Commons (211 Snell Library) or online via Zoom. No RSVP is necessary if you plan to come in person, but [please RSVP](#) for the Zoom link if you would like to join remotely. Please bring a laptop or tablet if you are joining us in person.

SAVE THE DATE

DOUGLASS DAY

FEB 14, 2023

Featuring the
Papers of Mary Ann Shadd Cary
DouglassDay.org

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 FREE 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.*

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Book your community event at Northeastern Crossing

We are excited to re-open our classroom and conference space reservations to organizations and individuals to host community programming!

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

Please visit our website at communityengagement.northeastern.edu for all reservation policies.

Visit bit.ly/NUcrossing_reservations or scan the QR code to request a booking

Follow us on social media @nuengaged

Chinatown Through the Archives Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Join Molly Brown, Reference and Outreach Archivist at Northeastern University Archives and Special Collections (UASC), for a journey

through Chinatown's past through archival materials. Gather inspiration for your own research as you learn about historical collections that you can access via Northeastern University's archival collections and beyond. Registration is required. We invite participants to stay after this workshop and join us for Chinatown Collections Project: Community Feedback Session. Free lunch will be provided.

This event will be held at Pao Arts Center, 99 Albany Street
Boston MA 02111.



(UASC)

Molly Brown



MASSACHUSETTS PROMISE FELLOWSHIP

DO YOU WANT TO SUPPORT
YOUNG PEOPLE IN REACHING
THEIR GOALS?



BE A FELLOW!



WHO WE ARE?

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is an AmeriCorps program at Northeastern University. We believe that all young people in the Commonwealth have a right to the resources they need to be successful in life, including: a caring adult, a safe space, a healthy start, an effective education, and an opportunity to serve.

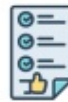
WHAT WE DO?

Each year, we place AmeriCorps Members (Fellows) at non-profit organizations, city agencies, and schools across Massachusetts to lead out-of-school time programming for youth in grades 6-12 focused on mentoring, academic enrichment, and college and career exploration.

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING
BASIS THROUGH JULY 9TH, 2023**



**START DATE: AUG 14, 2023
END DATE: JUN 28, 2024**



MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Have at least a high school diploma or GED equivalent
- Be at least 17 years old
- Be a U.S. Citizen, National, or Permanent Resident
- Be willing to comply with a criminal background check
- Be able to serve full-time (40 hrs per week)



FELLOW BENEFITS

- Living Stipend: **\$20,000**
- Segal Education Award: **\$6,895**
- **FREE CLASSES** at Northeastern's College of Professional Studies
- Monthly Professional & Personal Development
- Health insurance, federal loan forbearance, member assistance program
- Join community of Fellows & Alumni

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COMMUNITY STORIES FROM NORTHEASTERN GLOBAL NEWS

'The practice was nowhere near the policy.' History of segregation in Boston schools examined

As part of the university's Myra Kraft Open Classroom series, panelists discussed school segregation and the fight for racial equality in the school system from the 19th century to the present. The panel talked

about issues that Boston still faces today, issues that can be applied anywhere else.

[Read full article](#)



Northeastern's Henderson Boathouse gets an eco-friendly makeover

For the past five years, architecture associate teaching professor Kate Kennen and her team at Offshoots and Horsley Witten Group spearheaded a landscape project at Northeastern's Henderson Boathouse, which abuts the Charles River on Soldiers Field Road in Boston. This project helps to prevent contaminants from reaching the river. The team does this by strategically placing plants to serve a dual purpose: they look nice, but they also clean pollution from the stormwater before it enters the river. [Read full article](#)



Northeastern's influence proudly on display during Massachusetts Statehouse swearing in

"Northeastern was well-represented under the gilded dome of the Massachusetts Statehouse at the inaugural session of the House of Representatives. The occasion was a show of Northeastern pride. Public officials with ties to the university have ascended to high places in the legislature and executive branches over the last several elections. While Healey is a Northeastern graduate, former House Speaker Robert DeLeo is now the University Fellow for Public Life.

[Read full article](#)

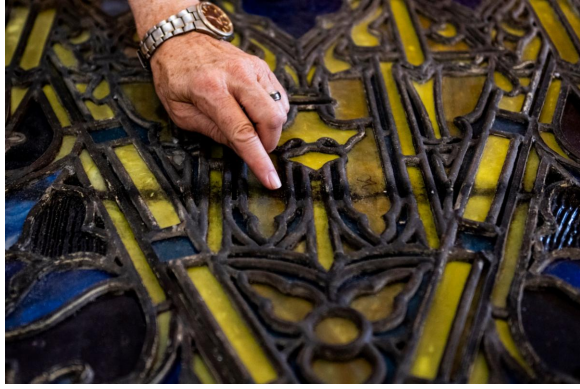


Fenway Center treasures undergo renovation, draw attention to its history and American stained glass tradition

Above the door of the [Fenway Center](#) rises a big, arch-shaped stained glass window with white lace-like grills. A similar but more intricate window can usually be found on the other side of the cross-shaped building, above the altar, but is currently replaced by

plywood. "These are hidden treasures of Boston," says [Lyn Hovey](#), a world-class stained glass specialist whose studio has done the restoration work on the window above the front door. Although the church, located at 77 St. Stephen St. and now used by Northeastern for events, is comparatively small, Hovey says, its windows are unique.

[Read full article](#)



Lights, camera, action: Liam Neeson films scene for new movie 'Thug' at Northeastern

Most Saturdays, the Interdisciplinary Science & Engineering Complex on Northeastern University's Boston campus is quiet. Students can be found studying and prospective students touring the six floors of classroom and research space. Hollywood's bright lights and the hustle and bustle filled parts of ISEC on Nov. 5 with all eyes on Academy Award-nominated Irish actor Liam Neeson, who spent much of the day filming a movie scene for his new action thriller, "Thug." [Read full article](#)



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