A message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We hope you and your family had a glorious holiday season. In the true spirit of giving our KIPP community came together in December to support the victims of the Bruce Place fire in Lynn.

As we begin the New Year we congratulate our KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate high school seniors, class of 2016, who, as of December, submitted over 1,000 college applications. We are incredibly proud of the rigor with which our students and college counselors tackled the college match and application process. Right before our holiday break, we were notified that four of our students received early decision acceptances, Jefferson Prakob to Brown University, Edvan Solano to Duke University, Jassy Kim to Davidson College, and Corinne Jean Gilles to Union College. Brown, Duke and Davidson are all KIPP partner schools. Corinne joins Jose Valera and Anaidys Uribe, last year’s scholars, as recipient of the Posse Foundation Scholarship, a four-year, full-tuition scholarship that awards students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential. In 2015, Posse received more than 17,000 nominations for 720 scholarship slots. We will continue to celebrate many other acceptances this spring as well as deferrals and rejection letters as they are a testament to our student’s character in applying to reach schools.

As the class of 2016 thinks about beginning their college career, our founding class of KIPP Academy Lynn middle school 5th graders, KIPP Lynn class of 2012, will be graduating college. We estimate that 35% of these students will graduate from four year colleges, four times the national average of their peers. As our first KIPP: MA college graduates, this group of leaders and their families continue to pave the way for all KIPPsters who follow them.

While this edition focuses on students learning outside the classroom, new milestones are reached each day by our students inside the classroom. This year for the first time KIPP:MA made the commitment to implement the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career) test. Over 70% of our KIPP Lynn middle schoolers met or exceeded expectations in ELA and Math. This was some of the highest growth and achievement in the nation’s best charter sector.

As we continue to build a K-12 education in Lynn and Boston we stand side by side with our families in advocating for choice in education for all families in MA. Our families have shown incredible commitment and grit to ensure their voices are heard by attending rallies, public hearings and evening meetings, making time around their work schedules. It is a privilege to work alongside our parents in the struggle to make social change.

If you haven’t visited one of our five schools lately, please visit with us so you can see firsthand the academic rigor and joy in our classrooms. We look forward to continuing to share with you lessons learned as the year progresses and wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

Many thanks, much love,

Caleb Dolan
Executive Director

Help KIPP:MA save money and go green! If you would like to opt in, please email kreyolds@kippma.org to be added to our e-newsletter list.
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More results for KIPP/MA students can be found online at www.kippma.org/about/results/