



June 2016

A message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Last week we celebrated the class of 2016 graduation at KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate. The occasion was joyous as KIPP families, staff, and alumni turned out to celebrate the hard work and commitment of these young men and women. Ninety percent (97%) of our Class of 2016 KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate seniors are matriculating to a four-year or two-year college or post-secondary education programs this fall. Please see page 2 for a list of schools where our high school students are matriculating. Study the table below to see the continual improvement of our academic preparation and college graduation.

	C'2015	C'2016
Matriculating to a 4-year Institution	70%	88%
Matriculating to a 2-year Institution	8%	8%
Attending an Alternative Pathway	2% (Year Up - Boston)	1% (Year Up - Boston)
Matriculating to a Reach or Far Reach Institution	18%	30%
Expected College Completion Rate (ECC) Average of the 6Y Minority Graduation Rate of the Intended Matriculation Plan	45% This is 6x the national average	55% KIPP National Goal by 2020 is 50%

Even more exciting than these matriculations is the fact that many students from our founding class of KIPP Academy Lynn 5th graders (who never had the chance to attend KIPP high school) just graduated college in May. We are thrilled that some of our college alumni have returned to KIPP to work with our students and families. Read their stories on page 4.

At KIPP Massachusetts we are working hard to build a rich and rigorous academic program that enables all our students to thrive in college and life. In addition to the work inside our walls we are working hard to address summer learning loss at all our schools with increased programming and opportunities to learn year round. Read more about some of these programs on page 7.

Our family and community learning program in Lynn has supported the success of our students while helping many of our parents and community members achieve increased job and citizenship skills. It has also helped KIPP Lynn parents become the most civically engaged group of charter parents in the state. This fall we will expand our program to Mattapan at our new KIPP Academy Boston facility. Some of the classes we will be offering parents of KIPP students and members of the surrounding community, include Financial Literacy, English as a Second Language, Civic Engagement, Computer Literacy and Citizenship.

In November, as many of you know, an important question will be on the Massachusetts ballot addressing whether or not our legislature should lift the public charter school cap. Please be sure to register to vote if you haven't already. See page 4 for the link to where you can register online. For a list of facts about public charter schools, go to <http://www.charterfactsma.org/>.

If you haven't visited one of our 5 schools lately, particularly our newest K-8 campus in Mattapan opening this August, please visit so you can see firsthand the academic rigor, character development and joy in our classrooms. Call Laurie Kennedy at 617-596-3821 or email her at lkennedy@kippma.org to schedule a tour. We look forward to sharing the stories of our students and families in the new school year.

Caleb Dolan
KIPP Massachusetts Executive Director



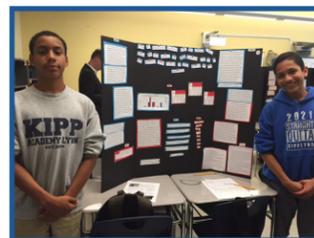
"How can you help lift the public charter school cap? Give people a chance to see these schools in action."

-Governor Charlie Baker at KIPP:MA May 2016 Event

Volunteers Help Take Student Learning to Another Level



KIPP Academy Lynn 7th graders, Abby and Nevaeh (at left), delve into STEM work at the KAL Science Fair hypothesizing that seltzer helps plants grow faster than water because of the Co2 in the seltzer. In their presentation they share data and analyses with volunteer judges, including Ron Hutter and his GE team, who evaluate their work and compare their presentation to other 7th graders. Meanwhile Trystan and Alex (at right) hypothesized that polyester was better for a parachute than cotton but tracked mixed results.



KIPP Academy Lynn students visit Harvard University with Mr. Kane as part of KIPP:MA's college counseling program

KIPP:MA volunteers support many programs that take students out of the classroom and to places they never imagined. From trips to the Boston Symphony Orchestra to engaging in Faulkner book groups, from visiting Andover Academy to hear the author Julia Alvarez speak, to traveling to California to deepen their understanding about Steinbeck, volunteers like John Kane help broaden students' worlds. At the same time, Suzanne Wright and Susan Zoia support academic growth inside the classroom through tutoring, STEM support, reading groups and other internships for students. Thank you to all our volunteers who help create exciting opportunities for all our students to broaden their learning and growth inside and outside the classroom.



Congratulations to our KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate (KALC) Class of 2016!



On June 9, 2016, 68 seniors, or 97% of the Class of 2016 graduated from KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate. Ninety percent (90%) of this class has a set plan for the fall and 85% are attending four-year colleges. Thirty-seven students will be paying less than \$6,000 a year, 18 of these will be paying less than \$2,000 a year. Thirty-eight percent (38%) will be attending a KIPP Partner school. Fifty-five percent (55%) of these students are projected to graduate from four-year colleges, more than 6x the graduation rate of educationally underserved students across the country. See below for a list of colleges our KIPPsters will be attending.

KIPP National Partners	KIPP:MA Regional Partners	All Others		
Bennington College	Champlain College	Barry University	Framingham State University	Salem State University
Brown University	Lesley University	Bates College	Husson University	Tufts University
Davidson College	Newbury College	Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology	Lawrence University	Union College
Duke University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	Bowie State University Brandeis University	Mass College of Liberal Arts	University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Franklin and Marshall College		Carleton College	Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Lycoming College		Clark Atlanta University	North Shore Community College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
St. Edward's University		College for America: Southern New Hampshire University	Norwich University	Westfield State University
		Dickinson College	Providence College	Year Up Boston
		Fitchburg State University	Regis College	

“Muhammad Ali was a fighter, who in his hardest fights, was at his best. College will be hard but you can become the greatest too. With grit, persistence and hard work, you will succeed.”

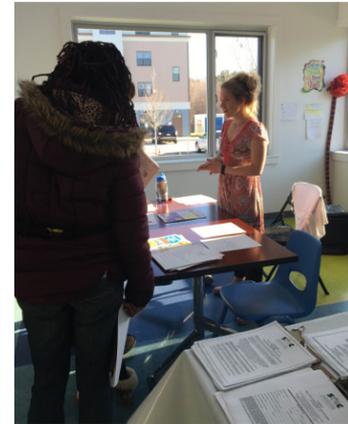
--Keynote speaker, former KAL teacher and Memphis education reform leader, Mike Brown, sharing advice for the Class of 2016

Zach Meisner, KIPP Academy Boston (KAB) Assistant Principal, Receives 2016-17 Miles Family Fellow Award

The Miles Family Fellowship prepares fellows to lead a KIPP school in two years, as a founder or successor school leader. The fellowship includes an intensive Summer Institute in Chicago and individualized support through a site visit and year-long leadership coaching. Miles Family Fellows work as employees of a specific KIPP school and region as generalist Assistant Principals/Deans. In addition to the school-based responsibilities associated with their role, they are afforded the opportunity to take part in intensive leadership development programming throughout the one-year fellowship.

Zach Meisner is one of 24 of this year's KIPP National's Miles fellows. He is aiming to open the first KIPP High School in Boston to complete the K-12 vision for the city. He currently works at KIPP Academy Boston Middle School where he is the Assistant Principal. Last year he taught 7th grade reading and was the grade level chair for his team. Before coming to KIPP Boston, Zach was a Teach for America corps member in Chicago. He taught for two years at his placement school and then continued teaching at KIPP Chicago on the West Side. Zach graduated from the University of Michigan in 2010, and spent most of his time there dedicated to both his literature studies and position as Photo Editor at The Michigan Daily.

To Offset Summer Learning Loss KIPP:MA Partners with Local Organizations to Offer a Variety of Summer Programs



To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. This is especially true during the summer months.

Research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer.

Much of the achievement gap between lower- and higher income youth can be explained by access to summer learning opportunities. As a result, low-income youth are less likely to graduate from high school or enter college.

To beat these odds, KIPP:MA partners with many local organizations to offer the following learning opportunities over the summer:

* **Girls Inc.** in Lynn KIPP:MA middle school girls explore science and math through hands-on activities and group projects. Classes for the rising seventh grade girls include Patterns & Problem Solving and STEM which covers science, technology, engineering and math. The eighth grade girls participate in Design which focuses on architecture and engineering and Technology. The classes for the rising ninth grade girls include the Beach Sisters, a marine science class and A.C.E. an academic & career exploration class which is designed to help prepare the girls for the transition to high school.

* In 9th grade at **Girls Inc.**, girls are placed in paid internships with career women in nontraditional fields and are required to attend a professional development session each week at Girls Inc. The girls work 25 hours a week for six weeks. The internships provide real world work experience while also giving them opportunities to be leaders.

* KIPP:MA also partners with the **Lynn Police Department** who run a 6 week FREE summer program for students age 13-18 with the mission of educating all Cadets in the areas of law, policing, courts and corrections while furthering values of teamwork, responsibility, self confidence, promoting community leadership and integrity.

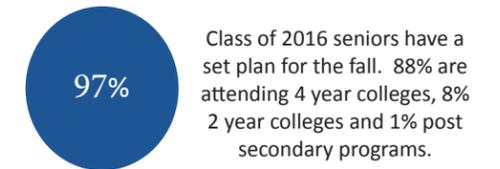
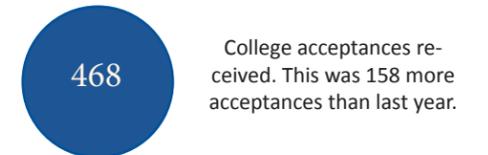
* Other programs KIPP Academy Lynn students are involved in include attending **YMCA** summer camp, required reading for elementary and middle school students, **ACT Prep, Prep@Pingree** and Accenture partnership with **Future Focus** programs to build career skills.

* Many KIPP Lynn high school students attend **KIPP Partner College** summer programs at Davidson, Georgetown, Franklin and Marshall, Brown University and Lycoming College. Students have participated in other programs at Cornell University, Smith College and Champlain College and Gordon College while others work at summer internships for the **Global Embassy of Activists for Peace, Kids in Community in Lynn, the Peabody Essex Museum and RAW Artworks.**

* KIPP Academy Boston students participate in summer programming including **ACT prep** programs, **YMCA and Bird Street Community Center** programs, **Dorchester Sportsmen's Tennis Club and Enrichment Center, B-SAFE (Bishop's Safe and Fun Enrichment summer program in Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury, South End and Chelsea), Boston's Bridge to Excellence - Roxbury and Summer Camps, the Boys and Girls Club and Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF).**

Six Essential Questions: Are our high school students climbing the mountain to and through college?

Helping our students get to and through college and achieve their dreams is only possible if we know exactly how we are doing. Data helps us understand what our true impact is, what is working, and what needs to be improved. Our Six Essential Questions provide a yardstick by which to measure our progress, keep us focused as we grow, and—most important—help us keep the promises we make to our students and their families. In this edition of Juntos, to show our student's significant growth in all academic and character development areas, we spotlight **Question 4: Are our high school students climbing the mountain to and through college?**



More results for KIPP:MA students can be found online at www.kippma.org/about/results/

KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate Indigo Team Places 2nd in Spoken Word Competition



For the second year in a row, The Indigo Society advanced to the Louder Than a Bomb finals and finished this year's competition in second place. The team lost to Urban Ego (from Urban Science High School) by just .3 points, but met their goal of beating perennial power Codman Academy.

Tope Sholola and Michelle Garcia, co-captains of the Spoken Word team, led the team who handled the moment with love, hugs, smiles, and their typical dance-offs with their Louder than a Bomb (LTAB) brethren.

Check out the Indigo Society's Instagram page @Indigo.Society.Poets for pictures from the festival and the Brave New Voices and follow this link to their group piece, which won the group piece round:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VRiDnCjk24>

"The point is not the point, the point is the poetry." -The Indigo Society Poets

KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate Track Team Wraps up the Season in 5th Place

Both the mens' and womens' KALC Panthers teams took 5th in the Mass Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) League Championships. Some highlights from the meet include KALC senior, Wrutoe Bonwin, who crushed her 100m heat and moved onto the finals with a season best time of 13.4 seconds and then won the finals with graceful, joyful power. Hector Lopez, KALC junior, took 2nd in the 800 meter race in 2.08 minutes, just behind the winner at 2:05 minutes. All KIPPsters who competed demonstrated impressive work all season and the Panthers team as a whole represented incredibly well cheering for and hugging their teammates and tackling them when victorious.



"The team went to the championships, saw what is required to succeed, and now understand well what is necessary to conquer. Thank you to Boyd, a better coach and leader of young people can't be found this side of the Mississippi." -- Josh DoBell, KALC English Teacher and Track Coach

KALC Students Share Their Talents with our Youngest KIPP Academy Boston Elementary (KABE) and KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary (KALE) KIPPsters



KIPP Academy Boston Elementary cool cats perform at the Wild Things Musical in Hyde Park

In preparation for college, high school and middle school, KIPPsters perform thought provoking spoken word poetry, play a variety of string and percussion instruments, and put on successful step and other dance routines, preparing them for future performances. To support our youngest KIPPsters, KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate high school artists designed and painted sets for all 144 KABE and 120 KALE Kindergarten and first grade students for their musicals this spring exemplifying team and family by sharing their talents with their fellow KIPPsters. KALC musicians also provided accompaniment for the KALE musical.



KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary perform at the Fabulous Farm Musical in Lynn

KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate (KALC) High School Senior Corinne Jean –Gilles, Posse Scholar, will attend Union College this Fall

Corinne was five when she and her mother emigrated from Haiti to live in Cambridge with relatives where she shared a 2 bedroom apartment with 6 people. Her Mom worked to earn her registered nursing license so she could save up and eventually buy a house in Lynn. Once settled in Lynn, Corinne joined the Boys and Girls Club where she met Josh Zoia, Founder of KIPP Lynn, who was recruiting 5th graders for KIPP's middle school in the basement of the Bessom Street church. She remembers Zoia talking her into attending "this new school program that offered a longer day from 7:45 am – 5 pm with the reward of a school trip to Utah."

Corinne applied for the Posse scholarship because she was friends with fellow KIPP students, Jose Valera and Anaidys Uribe, last year's Posse scholars, who shared their experiences and suggested she apply. She was also attracted to the Posse STEM program. She described a test Posse used to evaluate her—the Dynamic Assessment Process (DAP)—which identifies the best candidates from among the thousands of nominees. DAP consists of large- and small-group interviews, in which students participate in social group interactive workshops (such as running around like a chicken and working on Lego challenges) designed to showcase their problem-solving skills and their ability to work in groups. DAP also incorporated individual interviews, in which students presented their transcripts and discussed their academic and leadership histories.

Some of the KIPP activities Corinne was involved in included the KALC student ambassador program where students give tours of KIPP to visitors. Corinne enjoyed giving Democratic Senator Thomas M. McGee a tour recently. She also participated in track for 4 years where she earned an excellence award for most improvement, soccer for 3 years, was a Global Embassy Activist for Peace, on the National Honor Society, and part of the youth philanthropy group. Her plan is to study Engineering at Union College because *"she has always wanted a career in STEM to help improve health conditions of people living in third world countries."*

KIPP Lynn Students Grant \$5,000 to Local Nonprofits Courtesy of the Highland Street Youth Philanthropy Initiative

On behalf of the Highland Street Youth Philanthropy Initiative, 7th and 8th grade KIPP Academy Lynn students, Destiny, Amana, Ashley, Dominic and Destinee awarded checks to two nonprofit organizations located in Lynn. As a team, they chose to award \$3,950 to the Lynn Community Health Center for a Patient Emergency Fund and \$1,050 to the Lynn Girls and Boys Club to provide five one week scholarships to attend the Club's summer camp in Middleton. KALC high school students also participated in a separate initiative granting another \$5,000 to the charities of their choice.

Led by avid KIPP:MA supporter and volunteer, John Kane, the students saw how mission statements are developed, learned how non-profit leadership is established and operates, and how charitable missions are put into practice. They made site visits, met with leaders from each of the organizations and collectively determined which organizations to fund.

The Highland Street Youth Philanthropy Initiative (HSYPI) empowers middle, high school, and college-aged youth to collectively choose and fund nonprofit organizations that are addressing the most pressing community and societal needs teaching them about philanthropy, supporting local communities, and how to make effective giving choices.

"We are happy these students can take this experience with them. There are many different kinds of philanthropy to which people give of their time that make a difference in the world. We are glad students can learn about how important this work is to others."

--- Derrick Shallcross, Community Relations Manager at the Highland Street Foundation.

Class of 2016 Graduation highlights ...



Corinne with her Posse Foundation award certificate will attend Union College in the fall and study Engineering.



Jassyran Kim plans to attend Davidson College, a KIPP Partner school, in the fall to study Biomedical Engineering.



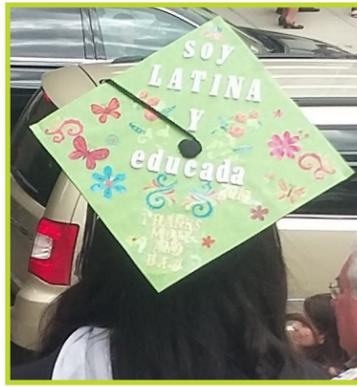
Director of Operations, Jennifer Startek and KALC seniors honor former KIPP student, Rayquan, who died of rhabdomyosarcoma in 2014 and would have graduated with this year's Class of 2016.



Keynote speaker, Mike Brown, Education Reform Leader and Former Founding KALC 8th grade teacher inspires KALC Class of 2016.



Eveleen Hsu, founding principal at KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary, with her former 5th grade students, Kimberly Lopez and Rachana Chau, now National Honor Society members, and rising seniors at KALC.



KIPP Through College and KIPP:MA Alumni News

To meet our mission in preparing students to lead choice-filled lives, we follow the progress of our KIPP alumni, examining their rates of high school graduation, as well as college enrollment and college completion. Through our KIPP Through College program we check in regularly with our students as they embark on their college career. Below are a few updates on some of our KIPP:MA recent KAL, KALC and college graduates who are serving as pioneers for siblings and cousins throughout our classrooms.



Natalia Rosa, KAL Class of 2012, Lesley University Class of 2016 graduate, magna cum Laude and Recipient of the Edith Lesley Wolfard award exemplifying the values of Lesley's founder is now working as a KIPP Academy Lynn Elementary (KALE) ESL Specialist.



Kristal Morfa, KAL Class of 2012, graduated from Providence College in May and will work as a teaching fellow at KIPP NYC.



Rey Rodriguez, KALC Class of 2012, Class of 2016 Keene State graduate.



Dulce Gonzalez, KALC Class of 2015, a rising sophomore at Lesley University, interned at the State House and with Congressman Moulton and is currently a Project Coordinator for the Global Embassy of Activists for Peace and an Education Intern at the United Nations Association in Greater Boston.



Executive Assistant to the KIPP:MA Leadership Team, Yvon Biselele, KALC Class of 2012, U Mass Amherst Class of 2016, here with his Uncle.



Cynthia Lopez, KAL Class of 2013, seen here with Natalia Rosa is a junior at Lesley College studying marketing and communications.

KIPP:MA's Family and Community Learning Program is Growing in Boston

At KIPP:MA, one core belief is that we teach in schools and communities, not just in classrooms. The impact of the work we do in our schools is multiplied when we can also empower our families and communities with the training and resources necessary to live a life of independence and impact.

Building authentic, respectful and collaborative relationships with our families, as with our students, creates trust and alignment in reaching common goals. Some of the struggles many KIPPsters were facing before coming to KIPP were part of the daily experience of many of their family members at home; language barriers, learning how to navigate new systems with little direction, and being in an environment that didn't feel safe and in which expectations were low, all potential obstacles to their own success and that of their children.

In 2007, KIPP began offering free evening workshops and clubs (including free childcare), to build relationships with families and community members and ensure KIPP parents developed the skills necessary to support their children's education. The topics included parenting, English as a second language, GED preparation, and book clubs. The demand quickly increased and the need for more formal programs that had application not only at home but in the community became apparent. Soon, more than 50 families were attending free, semester length courses in financial literacy, citizenship, computer literacy, ESOL and even Zumba.

The combined impact of increasing families skills and confidence through the courses offered, along with information on services offered in the community, has been remarkable as evidenced in the following anecdote. *"When Linda, a single immigrant KIPP mom with two KIPPsters first moved to Lynn, she was afraid of her landlord. He would yell at her children and told her she was not allowed to have any visitors in the apartment at any time. He was entering her apartment without notice when no one was home or when her children were home while Linda worked. After attending classes and working with the services case manager at KIPP, Linda learned her rights as a tenant and advocated for herself and her children. Her landlord then stopped the illegal behavior and Linda and her children now feel safer in their home."*

"Today, at KIPP Academy Lynn, over 200 KIPP and non KIPP parents from the Lynn community attend evening classes several nights a week. In the fall of 2016, we plan to grow our Boston program and double the adult learners served."

- Hugo Carvajal, Director of Family and Community Engagement

For more information or to sign up, call us at 781-808-3901 or email us at familyandcommunitylearning@kipppma.org.



New KIPP Academy Boston K-8 school in Mattapan where family and community learning classes will be taught.

Family and Community Learning Classes to be Offered in Mattapan this Fall

- * English as a Second Language Levels 1-4
- * Computer Literacy (English and Spanish Classes)
- * Citizenship Classes
- * Fitness and Nutrician Class/Zumba
- * Learning About the Achievement Gap
- * Civic Engagement
- * Serving on the Board: How to apply, fiduciary responsibilities, nonprofit organization management
- * Election Process: How to make your vote count



Family and Community learning classes offered in Boston in Spring 2016.



Financial Literacy class offered in Boston in Spring 2016.

Your Summer Assignment ...

- * Register to vote. Go to <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>.
- * To prevent summer learning loss, support student learning opportunities.
- * Rally your friends to vote to lift the cap this November !

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“In the summer, the lack of affordable child care and the achievement gap collide for lower income families. Most kids lose math skills over the summer, but low income children also lose, on average, more than two months of reading skills. That puts them nearly three years behind higher income peers by the end of fifth grade, and the gap just keeps getting wider. Researchers credit the summer slide for about half of the overall difference in academic achievement between lower and higher income students.”
---- Developing Critical Consciousness *“The Families that Can’t Afford Summer”*

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