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# **3Point Updated**

### **3POINT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

On June 17, the 3Point family of supporters moved onto the basketball court at Emmanuel College for a 3 on 3 basketball tournament to support 3Point's expansion of its youth programs. While playing to see who would win the Women's and Men's Divisions, the teams also squared off against each other competing to raise funds for 3Point. The competition was fierce both on and off the court. Congratulations to Eric Little, Giovanni Ahern, Angela Schmitt, Santhosh Saravanan, and Teddy Christakos from Bain Capital NAPE and Friends who took home the trophy in the Men's Recreational Division; Kings of Fenway led by Little White and Terrance Favors won on a last second shot by former 3Pointer, Antony Gurley, to win the Men's Competitive Division and Team Matela, modestly named after its captain cleaned up in the Women's Division.

In addition to the spirited competition on the hardwood, the Tournament also was a fundraising success. The tournament exceeded its fund raising goals thanks to the generosity of the Boston basketball and business community. In the fundraising competition, the Grand Slammers with Alex Jacobs, Daniel Gonzalez, Yvan Bodart, Kaitlyn Judge, and Yoel Benarroch led the way raising over \$35,000.

### SARA KILROY TO JOIN 3POINT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sara Kilroy, a long time leader in Boston educational non-profits, will be joining 3Point as its Executive Director in late July this year. Sara has been a strategic and creative leader in Boston's non-profit educational community in a variety of leadership roles. In previous positions, she has focused on organizational growth, system change, partnership management, fundraising and Board development. Sara has overseen daily youth programs operating during in-school and out-of-school time, as well as, summer programs. Sara most recently worked as Program Director for Boston Partners in Education where she managed a program of 350 volunteers mentoring over 1,000 Boston Public School students.

Before Boston Partners in Education, Sara was the Executive Director of the after-school program at the Rafael Hernandez School where she led a team of 40 staff and 26 partnerships serving approximately 165 Boston Public School students daily. 3Point leadership and staff had the opportunity to get to know Sara well having worked with her directly for

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#### Sara Kilroy To Join 3Point...

several years when 3Point was a Hernández partner. Neil Jacobs, 3Point's founder and president, observed: "Sara is an incredible leader with outstanding personal qualities, as well as remarkable management strengths. She successfully navigated a number of organizations challenges demonstrating remarkable skill. Her devotion to the after-school program and its students was impressive. 3Point is extremely fortunate to have Sara as its first Executive Director. I am confident that Sara will take 3Point to the next level." Neil will step down as president when Sara joins 3Point and take on the position of Executive Chair of 3Point's Board. Neil will be assisting in 3Point's leadership transition in that role. Sara reflecting on her own ex-

perience noted, "As someone who grew up playing sports, I can personally attest to the power for them to engage us, bond us with one another and bring us hope. I am inspired by 3Point's ability to change lives and it is with extreme gratitude that I say I thank you for welcoming me to the team."

### THE COURAGE OF CHILDREN



Director of Academics, Dr. Joan Arches with John Martinez, his mother and sister.

This year the MaxCourage Program was open for the first time to out-of-school programs in Boston, like 3Point. MaxCourage is a national organization named after Max Warburg who demonstrated

exceptional courage as a child when dying from a terminal illness. In his memory, MaxCourage encourages middle school students to write essays about the ways they have personally shown courage. Of the hundreds of essays submitted, three of 3Point's students had winning essays selected and published in the inaugural volume of essays from middle schools in Boston. We extend congratulations and celebrate the work of 3Point students: Carlos Roa Geraldino from the BCLA-Mc-Cormack School; Rawand Omar from the Denver School: and John Martinez from TechBoston Academy. We also want to recognize the outstanding support provided to these students by their teacher Jeffrey Mestre. We were impressed by all of the essays, but were particularly moved by John Martinez's description of 3Point's

role in his development of courage. John wrote about playing basketball: The feeling of being scared overpowered my desire to be better, so I was destined to fail every time I tried. I am blessed enough that I got to meet amazing people at 3point this year and last. They taught me how to have courage and confidence in myself. Sometimes when I would play with my teammates, it felt as if I were dragging them down. I was lucky to be around a great group who only encouraged me to keep going and to not care what anyone else said... I know this essay focused on basketball, but the courage I have gained can be applied in many different parts of my life. Once again, I am really thankful for the program. I have improved at basketball and feel better about the person I am becoming.

### PREPARING FOR SUMMER: ADDRESSING THE OPPORTUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENT GAP



three Summer Learning Academies as part of the Boston Public Schools summer learning programs sponsored by Boston After School and Beyond. In addition to continuing programming at the Fessenden School in West Newton, 3point will be running a learning Academy on the campus of its new partner Catholic Memorial and the new Martin J. Walsh Summer Learning Academy on the University of Massachusetts Boston campus. 3Point has increased its commitment to summer learning by adding

This summer 3Point will be operating

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two new summer academies because almost two-thirds of the achievement gap is attributable to summer learning loss. Research shows that students who do not participate in summer learning lose on average 2.6 months of math and 2 months of english language skills. The cumulative effect of summer learning loss has profound negative impacts on education and employment outcomes.

3Point's Summer Academies not only prevent learning loss, but promote significant learning gains Annual independent evaluations show significant gains for our students in (1.) the attainment of critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration skills; (2 self-awareness, social awareness, self-management and disciplined decision making; and (3.) the fostering of resiliency and perseverance.

This summer our educational program will challenge students to research, debate and suggest solutions to a wide range of social justice issues in the context of sports Students will be engaged in trying to solve real world problems and exposed to real world challenges.

In addition to collaborating in the classroom, our students will participate in an array of sports programs, field trips and other activities that will make the learning experience fun.

Save the Date

**3Point Annual** 



NOVEMBER 17, 2023 Fairmont Copley









### **3POINT ANNUAL GALA**

On November 22, 3Point held its 10th anniversary celebration of partnership with Boston Public Schools to provide high quality, impactful, educational programming to underserved, economically disadvantaged youth in Boston's neighborhoods.

Held at the Fairmont Copley Hotel in Boston, the event honored four individuals who have provided significant support to 3Point and have made a profoundly positive impact on the community: U.S. Labor Secretary and former Boston Mayor Marty Walsh; Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation CEO Peter Palandjian; Boston Police Superintendent Nora Baston, and Charlie Cofield of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters.

Over 350 supporters and friends attended our event and generously supported our mission to close the opportunity and achievement gap in education resulting from socio-economic inequities.

### **CLOSING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP WITH A NEW PROGRAM AT NEW MISSION**



From the day schools closed in Boston, local researchers, policymakers, and educators have been concerned about the impact that the pandemic would have on student learning loss, particularly for under-served economically disadvantaged children. As expected, remote learning exacerbated the learning loss for under-served youth from low-income families in Boston While the data remains incomplete, all indications are that there has been an additional 12-16 month learning loss in math and ELA for Black and Latinx students in the demographic served by 3Point. This is double the learning loss experienced by more affluent students.

There has been general agreement that the best method to close this increased learning gap is through individual or small group tutoring. As a result, 3Point and the Administration at New Mission High School have started small group subject mastery tutoring after-school for 20 seventh graders who meet twice weekly for one hour sessions. Small group subject

### **IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS**

3Point recently received an independent analysis using validated measurement tools of 3Point's impact on its students. 3Point continued to score substantially higher than its peers demonstrating the impact and transformative nature of its programs.



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mastery tutoring in math and english starts with a computerized assessment tool that precisely identifies the student's knowledge level in math and English using the common core standards required by Massachusetts and adopted by the Boston Public Schools. Students are then grouped by comparable learning levels into tutoring cohorts of no more than five students. The small cohorts work on-line with professional tutors supplied by 3Point, and the classroom is staffed by two teachers from New Mission. The students have made impressive progress during the first half of the program, and we are looking forward to continued great results.

### ADDING A NEW HIGH SCHOOL PARTNER FOR SAT PREPARATION

In December, 3Point and the Administration from Another Course to College (ACC) agreed to collaborate on an SAT/ Act Test Preparation Program for 10th graders. Another Course to College is a full inclusion pilot high school within the Boston Public Schools. Its progressive curriculum is provided to meet the needs of all learners including those students currently being serviced with an Individualized Education Plan. ACC is a college preparatory high school, serving students from diverse backgrounds and neighborhoods. It is dedicated to providing rigorous academics for students in a supportive environment.















### **SCHOOL YEAR UPDATES**

#### **Growing Staff**

We hired a basketball supervisor Bill Raynor along with additional classroom instructors/ coaches Deondre Starling, Charlie Phan, Samuel Nova and Joseph Mauceri.

### Former Celtics and Massachusetts Native Noah Vonleh visits BCLA/McCormack School

On December 15, 2022 former Celtics power forward Noah Vonleh visited our BCLA/ McCormack 3Point classroom. 3Point students worked all week on preparing posters and powerpoints of his highlights from his college and professional career. Our students also asked thought provoking questions on what it takes to be successful and how to be passionate about careers in which they might be interested. Noah spoke to all students in the school about what it takes to become your best self.

#### Adding New Programs and Curriculum

While we continued our project-based learning supplemented by basketball, we deepened our programming to meet the needs of our students and schools. The Massachusetts' Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("DESE") has developed a framework on career and college readiness to enhance student success. Responding to our school partners' requests, we integrated the DESE framework into existing after-school programs and developed and delivered new in-school programs that incorporated the DESE learning objectives for college and career readiness.

### Adding to Our Summer Learning Academies

In 2022, we held 2 summer learning academies for nearly 80 students at the Dewitt Center in Roxbury and Fessenden School in West Newton. This summer, in addition to continuing at Fessenden School, we will be opening 2 new summer learning academies. The Martin J. Walsh Summer Academy at University of Massachusetts Boston and a new academy at Catholic Memorial, West Roxbury. The goal is to serve 120 students this summer.

#### Strengthening Our Relationship with UMass Boston

We made tremendous strides in further institutionalizing our relationship with UMass Boston. During 2022, we became an important part of UMass Boston's "Programming For The Peninsula" by providing after-school programs at The McCormack and The Dever Schools. We have also developed paid internships with the Sports Leadership and Administration Department (SLA) and received support from the SLA Student Association.

#### **3Point Showcase**

On December 15, 2022, 3PointFoundation hosted our annual student showcase at the Carpenters Union Hall, in Dorchester. Close to 100 families, community members, students, school administrators, 3Point staff, and university students attended. The successful program included music, food, a raffle, and highlighted streaming videos of the projects students prepared this term about courage. Hip hop dancers from the Sarah Greenwood school and TechBoston Academy, performed solo and group dances. It was a great kick-off to the holiday season!





### **SCHOOL YEAR UPDATES** (continued)

#### Sunday League at Emmanuel

We are excited to announce that this year we resumed 3Point's middle school Sunday Basketball League. Emmanuel College generously donated the use of classroom space and the Yosinoff gym. Our league featured teams from all six schools at which 3Point provides programming. Between thirty and sixty students played 32 games spanning 16 weekends. The league furthered our goal of encouraging a commitment to fitness and wellness and provided another venue for social-emotional learning. Our students were thrilled to be playing on the varsity courts at Emmanuel College. Our sincere thanks goes out to Coach Andy Yosinoff and Tom McCarthy for their leadership roles in the program. We also appreciate the enormous support for the League from students, families and partners.

#### **UMB Black College Coaches Classic**

On Saturday, November 26, 2022 3Point supported the University of Massachusetts Boston's Second Annual Black Coaches Classic in the Clark Athletic Center Gymnasium. This special one-day tournament featured four of the just seven NCAA Division III Men's basketball programs in Massachusetts coached by black head coaches. Participating in the tournament was UMass Boston, Tufts University, Lesley University, and Framingham State University.

## OUR WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!

We are thrilled to present the newly redesigned and improved 3Point website! Our team has worked hard to give it a fresh look and make substantial improvements.

See our new look at www.go3point.org

### **WHO WE ARE SERVING**



3Point served over 450 students this past year from 6 public schools located in the Roxbury, Dorchester, and Hyde Park neighborhoods.

▶► MAP OF THE SCHOOLS WE SERVE

The in-school programs are 52% girls and 48% boys and our after-school programs are 40% Girls and 60% boys. Our students are 42% Black, 47% Latinx and 11% mixed race or other.



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