

Creating Pathways to Higher Education



ENRICHING ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Through a variety of programs and partnerships, Northeastern University is strengthening pathways to academic achievement for Boston's middle and high school students, removing barriers to education, heightening college readiness, empowering young learners to achieve their goals, and positioning them to move up the economic ladder.

Summer Math and Science Honors (SMASH) Academy.

SMASH, a three-year, tuition-free college preparatory academy eliminates obstacles faced by Boston's high school students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. With philanthropic support, SMASH will continue to cultivate a talent pipeline diverse in race, gender, socioeconomic background, and thought.

Accelerate Scholarships. In this pre-college program, juniors and seniors from across the country experience Northeastern by participating in bootcamp-style workshops, masterclasses, and credit-bearing courses throughout the academic year hosted online, at the Boston campus, and at our regional locations. With philanthropic funding, Northeastern will provide scholarships to more students from diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds with financial need—and give them the chance to pursue a college career.

Balfour Academy. A free-of-charge program that enrolls seventh graders from Roxbury and surrounding neighborhoods and follows them through high school, Balfour teaches basic skills, leadership, and more, while providing mentoring and tutoring support. With generous backing from donors, the academy will serve even more youth as they strive to surmount obstacles, discover college pathways, and embark on lives of lifelong learning.

Foundation Year. Foundation Year gives recent Boston high school graduates and GED completers the opportunity to successfully transition to college and earn a full year of college credit at Northeastern—supported by advising, tutoring, mentoring, and career exploration services—and then matriculate into a degree program. Through philanthropy, donors can give these young people the chance to pursue a college career and help them acclimate to campus life and develop as active, engaged citizens.



Massachusetts Promise Fellowships. Each year, the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship program trains a racially and socioeconomically diverse cohort of 40 Promise Fellows, who commit to one year of delivering mentoring, college and career advice, and academic enrichment to at-risk youth. Northeastern is mindfully encouraging and inspiring them to not only grow as leaders, but also to serve and nurture the neighborhoods they represent. Donors can help Promise Fellows provide hope, support, and opportunity to other young people, and elevate them as models of service within their communities.