



## Boston Young Professionals and Alumni event!

Join us for a Beer Tasting at Harpoon Brewery  
Thursday, April 21st, 7-8:30pm  
RSVP at [evkids.org](http://evkids.org).

## Other Upcoming Alumni Events!

Washington, D.C.  
Friday, April 29th, 5:30-8pm

New York City  
Saturday, May 7th, 4-6pm

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**Save the Gala Date!**  
**Sat. November 12, 2016**  
**The Charles Hotel**



EVkid Kasilyn celebrating her 86 in math for the last quarter with her EVcorps tutor for the past three years, Nicola Chapple (BC '16), and Education Advocate Brittany Bachant



EVkid Ta'Janae with her EVcorps tutor Christina Carmi (BC '17)

### Join us in Vermont!

We are still recruiting male camp counselors (college age and up) for EV Camp for the month of July. Details and application at [evkids.org/ev-camp](http://evkids.org/ev-camp).

### Volunteer Opportunity with EV!

Join EV's Gala Committee and help put on a great event. Email [gala@evkids.org](mailto:gala@evkids.org) with your resume to join the fun!

### EV Giving

- **DONATE** securely at [evkids.org](http://evkids.org).
- **Monthly or annual pledges** of any amount are welcome and will help us immensely in our planning. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law (tax id. 04-2702655).
- Send checks to **Earthen Vessels**, P.O. Box 220502, Dorchester MA 02122.
- Contact us at [info@evkids.org](mailto:info@evkids.org)

**EV on the Web** [evkids.org](http://evkids.org).

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# EV News

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"Transforming lives from the university to the inner city"

## EV Alumni Are Proof of Impact!

With your support and a federal AmeriCorps VISTA grant, Elisabeth Harvey has been tracking down former EVkids and their EVcorps tutors as EV's first Alumni Engagement Advocate. Leveraging today's social media, she was excited, for example, to recently find former EVkid Nnamdi Nosike's Facebook page featuring a prominent college graduation picture.

Reaching out to Nnamdi, she confirmed that he graduated last spring from UMassDartmouth with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and is now working as an electrical engineer for SEA CORP in Rhode Island! Congratulations, Nnamdi!!

Nnamdi has fond memories of his time with EV, both at Tutoring and at Camp. He appreciated his tutor's guidance both academically and socially as he transitioned into high school. EV taught him that it was okay to ask questions and to not be ashamed to ask for help. Meanwhile, EV Camp was his first time being away from home in a new environment and trying new things, like sleeping in a tent. Hiking the highest peaks in the Green Mountains also reinforced the importance of perseverance to reach the top.

### Reconnecting 10 years later



Nnamdi graduating from UMassDartmouth, 2015

Nnamdi does not hesitate to credit EV with giving him the skills to graduate high school and earn a college degree. After starting at Regis College in biology, he spent some time in community college getting his grades up and studying civil engineering. He transferred to UMassDartmouth to play football and switched to electrical engineering. Although it did take him six years, Nnamdi persevered and cites his college degree as his greatest accomplishment thus far.

### EV lessons bear fruit

Elisabeth was also able to find Nnamdi's EVcorps tutor of four years, Sam Harris (Harvard '05), on LinkedIn (he is now a University of Chicago Ph.D candidate in Mesopotamian Archaeology). Both Nnamdi and Sam say they got along well with each other and had a lot in common despite coming from very different backgrounds. Sam gave Nnamdi a lot of insight when it came to the struggles of high school, while their relationship helped ground Sam amid all the stresses of college life. Both still reminisce fondly about their times together at EV Tutoring. And after 10 years, the two are now back in touch with each other thanks to Elisabeth! Nnamdi's parting words to Elisabeth were the familiar EV mantra: "To the top!"

### "To the top!"



EVkid Nnamdi (r) at EV camp in 2004



## “One World, Many Stories”

EV’s 18th Annual Community Event gathered **EVkids**, their families, and their **EVcorps** tutors for a fun evening: potluck dinner, **EVkid** performances, and door prizes.

Thanks to you, our **EVkids** **Many Thanks!** look forward to this event every year. They came in on Saturday mornings weeks in advance to prepare their skits, dances, and songs. Proud parents laughed and applauded as their children hammed up their roles in the **EV** play, a quest to find their stories, and cheered them on as they danced.



**EVkids** enjoying a delicious potluck dinner



Many thanks to **EVfamilies** for their homemade dishes!



“Referee” Lauren Ravello with **EVkid** Hector, and Francis Adams (BC ‘16) in “WTC: World Tutoring Championships”



The **EVkids**’ play, “One World, Many Stories,” was a big hit, replete with costumes, scenery, and props

### Special Thanks to Our Community Sponsors!

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 Phillips Candy House  
 St. Christopher Church  
 Wheelock Family Theatre



Tutor Director Heather Angell serves up dessert

### Welcome Aboard!

**EV** welcomes two new members to its Board of Directors. Carla DeSantis, Principal at PricewaterhouseCoopers, was previously an **EVcorps** tutor (Harvard ‘94) for four years. Samantha Smith, Investment Risk Analyst at Wellington Management Company, vetted **EV** for the Wellington Foundation and has since been an active Gala Committee volunteer. Many thanks to them both!



Co-founder Marie-Claude Thompson with former **EVkid** and current **EVparent**, Margarita

## Congratulations Jasmine!

**EVkid** ‘16 Jasmine was admitted to Northeastern University! Jasmine is in her 9th and final year with **EV** and credits **EV**, her past tutors, and her current tutor Brianna Ritacco (Boston College ‘16) for preparing her for a successful college application process.



Brianna Ritacco (Boston College ‘16) and her tutee Jasmine can both be proud!

### Join us for EV’s Moving On Ceremony!

**Saturday, May 14, 2016, 10-11:30am**

Cristo Rey High School, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester

Join us as we celebrate our **EVkid** graduates moving on from middle and high school, along with our graduating **EVcorps** tutors. Refreshments will be served.

Come hear **EVkid** ‘15 alumni speaker Sarah Shelton address our **EVkids** fresh off her first year at UMassDartmouth where her high GPA earned her their Talent Merit Scholarship. Sarah has also been active with **EV**’s new Alumni Council reaching out to other **EV** alumni for support and community.



Former **EVkid** Sarah Shelton at last year’s Moving On Ceremony with Program Director Lauren Ravello