



EVkids Staff come together for learning & connection at our St. Teresa Site

WELCOME NEW EVKIDS STAFF: ABOBOMI, TONYSHA & ROSE!

EVkids Staff help create a safe, inclusive space where students feel valued, respected, and encouraged to achieve their potential. We're thrilled to welcome the newest members of the EVkids family!

Abobomi "Bomi" Docanto is our new Site Director at the Dewitt Center! Bomi has served as a tutor, teacher, mentor, and advisor for the past 11 years, working with students in Boston's inner city, particularly in the same communities in which he grew up. Bomi earned a BA in Political Science and Public and Community Services from Providence College.

Tonysha Taylor is our new Site Director at Mother Caroline Academy! Tonysha leads from an equity lens and is a passionate diversity, equity and inclusion professional. She has 15+ years of cross-sector experience amplifying the voices and experiences of marginalized communities. She's a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Barnard College, a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and she also studied at the University of West Indies Mona Campus in Kingston, Jamaica, where she earned a certificate in Gender and Development studies.

Rose Percy is our new Tutor Chaplain! Rose weaves together faith, justice, and identity through a deep commitment to spiritual care. She holds both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology from B.U. School of Theology, with certifications in Spirituality Studies and Religion and Conflict Transformation.

BUILDING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

Adam (grade 7) and **Chloe (4th year at Northeastern)** are in their 2nd year together. They have a great relationship and work really well together. Adam has a great work ethic and is always ready to jump in, so it doesn't require much for Chloe to use her natural kindness and humor to encourage him.

Adam recently took the STAR, which is a grade-normed assessment used bi-annually at EVkids. Adam did really well and celebrated his growth saying, "I did even better than last year!" Chloe is excited to continue their work together and for Adam to have her support now that he goes to an exam school and has an even greater workload.



Adam (R) with his tutor, Chloe

CREATING COMMUNITY

Kareem (grade 7) and **Ethan (grade 7)** both attended Camp for the first time this past summer and bonded through their shared experiences being challenged to hike, swim, prepare healthy meals & live in community.

On the first day of Tutoring, they recognized each other and were excited to see a familiar face and friend. It wasn't planned for them to attend the same day so they were surprised to see each other there. Their parents say they both grew more confident and open to new experiences from their time at Camp, and that many amazing memories were made.



Kareem & Ethan learn about the animals at an EVkids Camp farm visit.

NURTURING MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

Zarin (grade 12) and **Ceci (Harvard '25)** have been matched for 4 years. Although Ceci graduated from Harvard last year, she wanted to see Zarin through *her* senior year, so Ceci has continued to mentor her this year.

They have stuck it out through busy schedules, personal ups and downs & a stressful college application process. So it was a really rewarding moment when they reunited after the break and Zarin shared with Ceci the list of colleges she'd been accepted to! Her joy was palpable.



Zahra' Bey (college senior) & Zarin (high school senior) meet Celtic Coaches

BROADENING EXPERIENCES

Janet (grade 12) is a Camp veteran with leadership skills who was asked to be an EVkids Camp CIT last summer. She is also an EVkids College Success student! With the help of her EVkids College Success Advisor, Dede Evans, Janet received an all-expenses-paid trip to Denison University in Ohio.

The fully-funded program, called "Dialogues with Denison," invites rising high school seniors of all backgrounds to stay overnight on campus to learn more about the Denison community and academic experience, and immerse themselves in college life. Janet has now accepted admission to Denison for the fall!



EVkids Camp Counselors in Training Makkie and Janet ('26) share ice cream at the Ben & Jerry's factory in VT

EVKIDS COLLEGE SENIORS



ERWIN JIMENEZ

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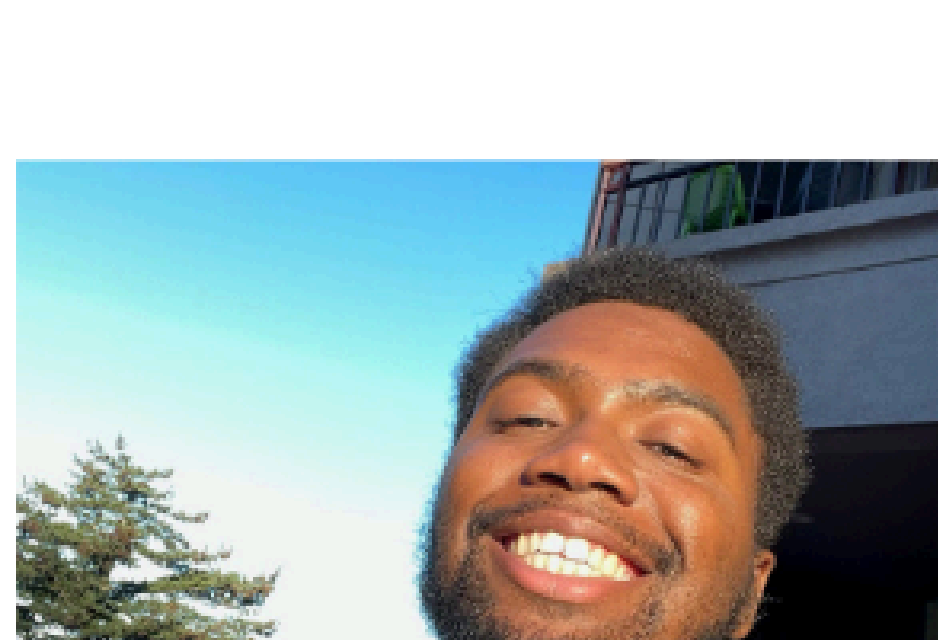
EVkids Student: 10 years
Major: Political Science & Economics
Future goal: To attend law school



DERYA BALATA

UMass Boston

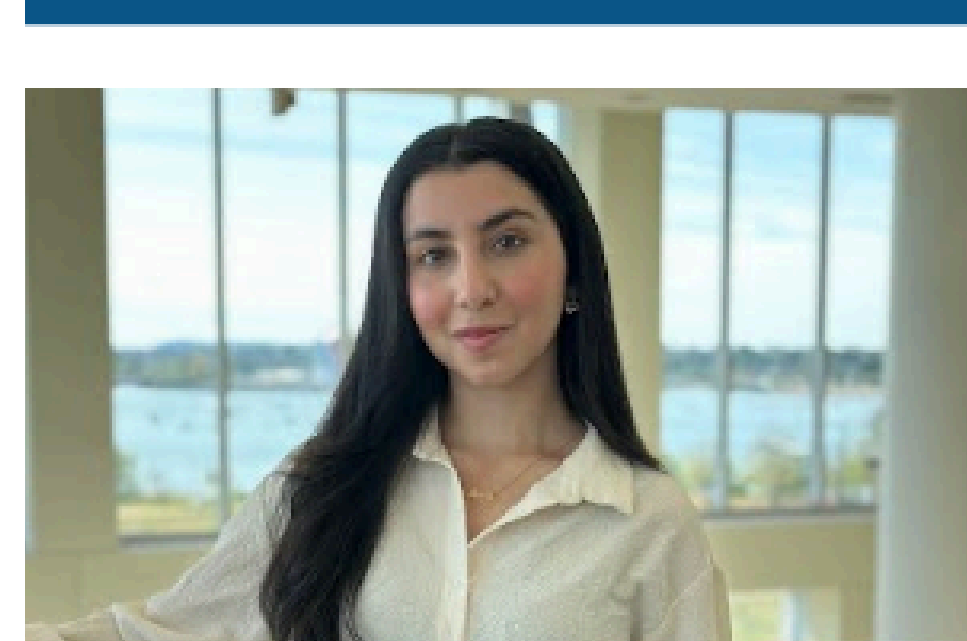
EVkids Student 9 years
Major: Biology
Future goal: A career in the biotech or health sciences field, helping to improve human health



LASCELLE MOSES

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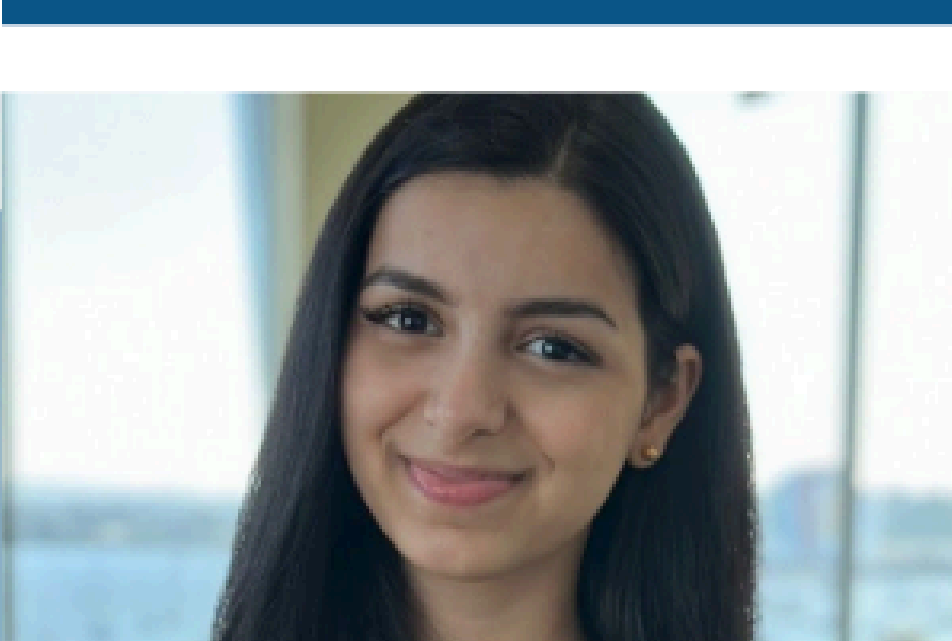
EVkids Student 14 years
Major: Sociology
Future goal: To become a great chef



DILNAZ MOHAMED

UMass Boston

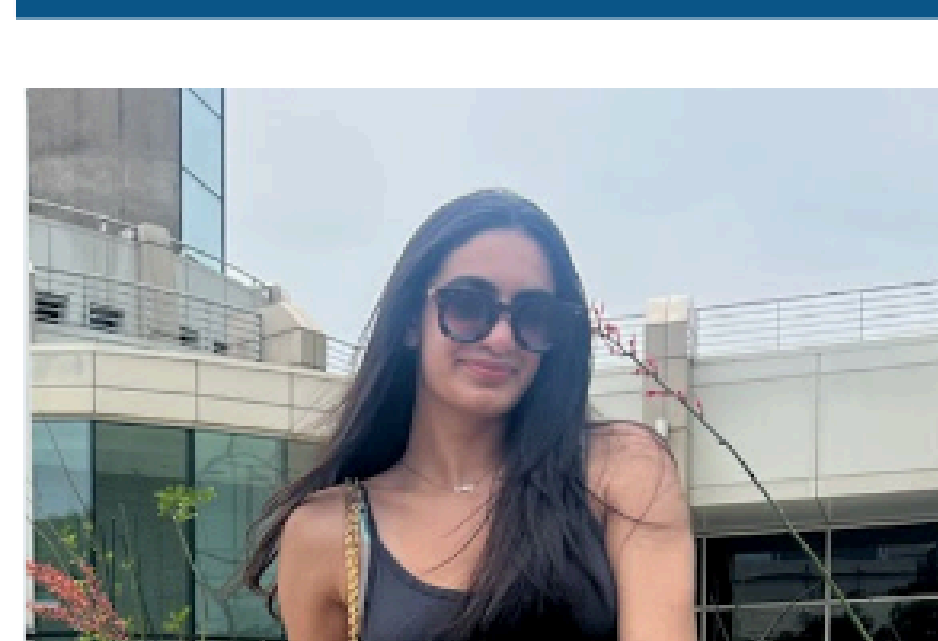
EVkids Student: 9 years
Major: Biology
Future goal: To work at a biotech company where I can develop solutions that improve human health and the environment



DHOHA HUSSEIN

UMass Boston

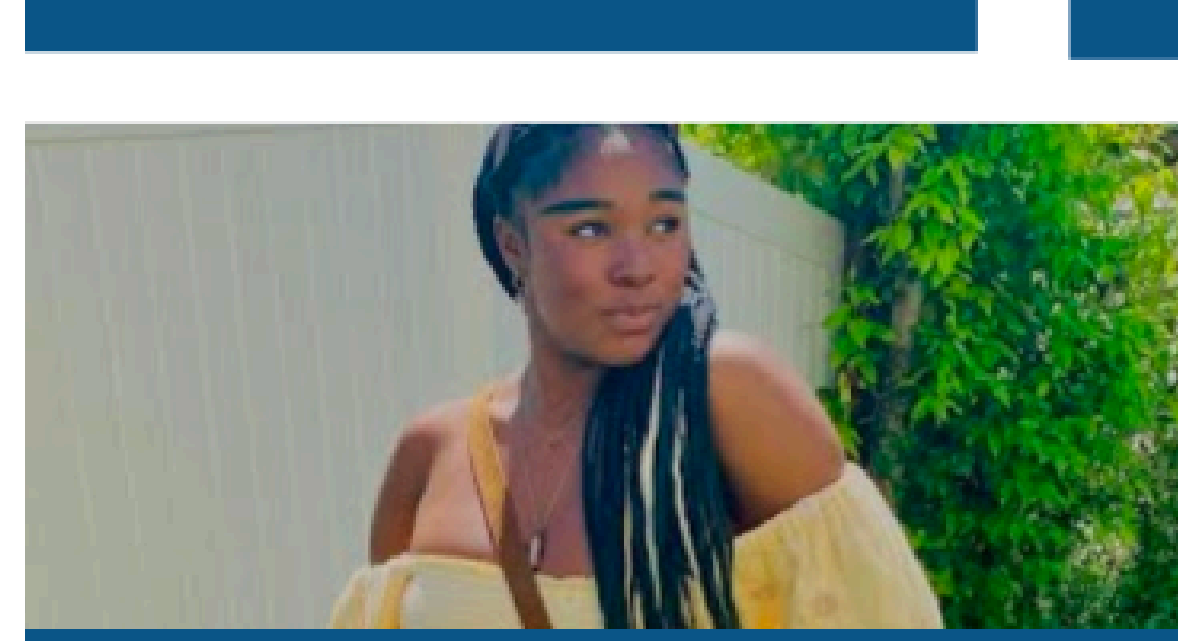
EVkids Student 9 years
Major: Exercise & Health Sciences
Future goal: To pursue my education even further into the dental field



ROSHNA OMAR

Salve Regina University

EVkids Student: 10 years
Major: Biology
Future goal: To go to medical school!



ZAHRA'BEY DACOSTA

Emmanuel College

EVkids Student: 5 years
Major: Developmental Psychology with a Minor in Biology
Future goal: To have my own counseling practice and have a bright & loving impact on those who need help and guidance

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 2ND AT OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026!

EVKIDS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

ALEXA SANTANA
Fontbonne Academy
EVkids Site: Mother Caroline Academy
EVkids Student: 8 years
Future plans: Attend a 4 year BA program, then attend Grad School

MARIAMA BANGOURA
Melrose High School
EVkids Site: The Dewitt Center
EVkids Student: 4 years
Future plans: Going to college and eventually working in business

ANTHONY MORALES
Snowden International
EVkids Site: Ruth Batson Academy
EVkids Student: 9 years
Future plans: To open my own restaurant

SELENES RIVERA
Norwood High School
EVkids Site: EVkids Online
EVkids Student: 10 years
Future plans: Going to a 4 year college and studying psychology

LEIYA SILVERIA
Boston Arts Academy
EVkids Site: The Dewitt Center
EVkids Student: 2 years
Future plans: Going to a 4 yr college to study Marine Biology, then working with marine animals and ecosystems

CELEBRATING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026!

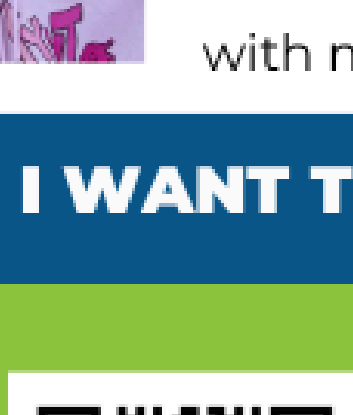
BLAKE DACOSTA
Belmont Hill School
EVkids Site: EVkids Online
EVkids Student: 5 years
Future plans: Attending Merrimack College for my BA and playing soccer

ZARIN GASASU
Beaver Country Day School
EVkids Site: EVkids Online
EVkids Student: 5 years
Future plans: Going to a 4 year college and studying neuroscience

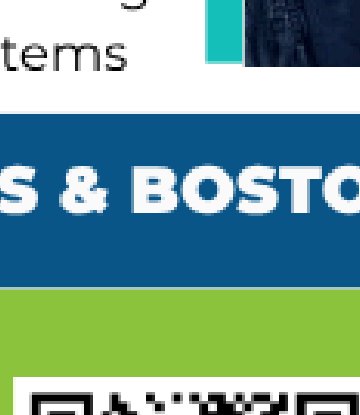
JAYLA ROSS
Marlborough High School
EVkids Site: EVkids Online
EVkids Student: 6 years
Future plans: Becoming a veterinary assistant and working with animals

JANET KIBURI
Westminster School
CIT & College Success Student
EVkids Student: 2 years
Future plans: Attending Denison University & majoring in psychology

I WANT TO SUPPORT EVKIDS & BOSTON YOUTH'S EDUCATION BY...



Becoming a Monthly Sustainer!



Contributing from my DAF Account



Supporting the Rodman Ride for EVkids

"Whenever I'm feeling uncertain about my future, I always know that EVkids is here as a foundation. They guide me, they provide me with resources, and they move me forward."

– **Lascelle Moses** (EVkids College Success student, UMass Boston)