



News for Steppingstone Placement Schools

MAY 2012

The Steppingstone Academy Placement Schools

Beaver Country Day School
Belmont Day School
Belmont Hill School
Boston College High School
Boston Latin Academy
Boston Latin School
Boston Trinity Academy
Boston University Academy
Brimmer and May School
Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
Cambridge School of Weston
Commonwealth School
Concord Academy
Dana Hall School
Dedham Country Day School
Deerfield Academy
Derby Academy
The Dexter School
Fay School
The Fessenden School
The Governor's Academy
Holderness School
The Meadowbrook School of Weston
Milton Academy
Newton Country Day School
Noble and Greenough School
John D. O'Bryant School
The Park School
Phillips Academy
Phillips Exeter Academy
The Rivers School
The Roxbury Latin School
St. Mark's School
St. Paul's School
St. Sebastian's School
Shady Hill School
The Southfield School
Thayer Academy
The Winsor School
Xaverian Brothers High School

Visit The Steppingstone Academy in the Summer

Did you know?

- The Steppingstone curriculum is based on the work Scholars will see at placement schools.
- Scholars can tour more than a dozen colleges a year with us.
- We offer summer opportunity funding for Scholars, which provides students with experiences or academic skills encouraging them to grow outside of the classroom.

You are invited to The Steppingstone Academy Summer Open House on *Thursday, July 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Milton Academy.*

Come learn more about what services Steppingstone offers Scholars once they set foot on your school's campus. All placement school faculty and staff are invited to observe classes; meet Steppingstone Alumni, faculty, and staff; and learn more about how Steppingstone supports Scholars every step of the way through your schools, from admission and placement guidance, to academic and socio-emotional support, to college counseling.

This year's faculty includes three Scholar Alumni as well as teachers from Thayer Academy, Newton Country Day, and Milton Academy.

RSVP to Matt Kessler by July 1 at mkessler@tsf.org.

Scholar Profile

Hury Michael '05 is a senior from Boston's Fenway neighborhood and one of 16 Steppingstone Scholars attending **Boston College High School**. After completing Steppingstone's 14-month academic component, he entered The Fessenden School in sixth grade, and later BC High in 10th grade. "I think of the



Scholar Hury Michael '05 from BC High (right) tutors fellow Scholar Steve Nguyen '11 (left), a seventh grader at Thayer Academy.

Steppingstone program like a rocket and launching pad – once you decide you are ready to take the time and effort to commit to academics, the program gives you lift-off," he said. Hury continues to study Latin, a favorite subject from his days in the Steppingstone classroom. "Steppingstone taught me to pursue subjects I'm interested in and to enjoy the learning process," he said.

He has spent a significant part of his middle and high school years serving others and preparing for the next step - college. During the summer of 2010, Hury worked as a Teaching Assistant at The Steppingstone Academy, and each year at BC High he tutored students in area schools and programs. Last summer, he participated in Upward Bound, a college preparatory program at Wheelock College. Hury is also a four-year Honor Roll student, winner of multiple leadership awards, including The Marguerite Thomson Award for Leadership and Openness to Growth, and has received numerous distinctions for excellence in classics and mathematics.

With college on the horizon, Hury plans to attend Colgate University in the fall and to study neuroscience. He is also on track to become the first in his family to graduate from college. "I'm excited and ready to move on but am enjoying living in the moment in my senior year."

Scholar Highlights

Bassil Bacare '08 (Roxbury Latin, 10) and **Tevin Barros '07 (Roxbury Latin, 10)** will both attend "The Roxbury Latin 2012 Immersion Program" in Burgos, Spain this summer.

Ava Brignol '08 (Noble and Greenough, 10) was recently featured in her school's production of *Hairspray*.

Boma Dikibo '07 (BC High, 11) received the Houseman Scholarship through Boston Architectural College to participate in its summer 2012 high school program.

Laryssa Dussuau '11 (Thayer Academy, 6) received a Certificate of Accomplishment for Academic Achievement Honors for the second trimester of the school year.

Gabriella Gilbert '06 (Boston Latin School, 12) was inducted into the National Honor Society this year and will attend Columbia University in the fall.

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College Admissions Decisions

College acceptance letters have been pouring in for 12th-grade Scholars, who are preparing to enroll at the following schools (at print): Bates, Boston University, Bucknell, Clark University, Colgate, Columbia, Hobart William Smith, Lehigh, MIT, Union, and University of Pennsylvania.

Ropes & Gray Partnership

The Steppingstone Foundation is pleased to announce a new partnership with Ropes & Gray, a premier global law firm with a strong Boston presence, dedicated to pro bono work and community service involvement. This partnership allows us to offer pro bono legal services on immigration status to Steppingstone Scholars and families. All meetings are confidential and are held at the Steppingstone office. While these services will only benefit a limited group of Scholars, they are already making a significant impact on removing college financial aid barriers.

Academy Nine Change

Beginning in the spring of 2013, Steppingstone will no longer admit students into Academy Nine, which accepts sixth-grade students for ninth-grade placement at independent and exam schools, due to lower demand in that grade by families. We look forward to continuing to work with current Academy Nine Scholars in the academic preparation component, and later when they enter the support and college services component. Steppingstone continues to accept fourth- and fifth-grade students into Academy Six and Academy Seven, respectively.



Margaret Singer Photography

Alumni Highlights

Ngozi Anidi '98 (Milton Academy '04, Columbia University '08) is currently working on her law degree at Columbia. While in law school, Ngozi served as a summer associate for the law firm Skadden Arps, completed a judicial internship for the Southern District of New York, and will be a Teaching Assistant in Columbia's Mediation Clinic this fall.

David Medina '99 (Nobles '05, Holy Cross '09) is currently a history and social sciences teacher at Nobles, a member of the Diversity Initiatives team, and a three-sport coach. He also recently spoke at a Steppingstone event, detailing his positive experiences with the program, and ran the Boston Marathon in April in his spare time.

Danielle Bynoe '04 (Beaver Country Day School '10, Colgate '14) is a member of the Benton Scholars Program, a global leadership initiative, and a recipient of the S-STEM research scholarship. She will participate in the Yale Summer Medical and Dental Education program this summer.

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David Medina '99

More than 100 Scholars to Join 21 Placement schools in Fall 2012

The class of Scholars graduating from Steppingstone in August is set to join 21 competitive Boston-area schools in the fall. Scholars not initially placed this year are eligible for Steppingstone's support and college services all the way through college graduation.

A total of 61 Scholars will enroll at the Boston public exam schools: Boston Latin School (22), Boston Latin Academy (29), and John D. O'Bryant School (10).

Thirty-eight Scholars will join 18 different independent school communities in September, with three or more Scholars beginning at Belmont Hill, Boston College High, Buckingham Browne & Nichols, Derby Academy, Fenn School, Newton Country Day, Thayer Academy, and Meadowbrook.