

MASSACHUSETTS EARLY COLLEGE

Statewide Early College Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Enrollment Numbers

- due **Wednesday, December 23rd**
- (Enrollment trackers sent via email to program leads)

Communication Survey

- due **Monday, January 11**
- Link to survey available [here](#)

January ECJC Meeting

- **Wednesday, January 13, 3:00pm-5:00pm (virtual)**
- To attend this public meeting, please email Rebekah.Barr@mass.gov

Early College Video

Submissions

- due **Friday, March 5th**
- Submit your video [here](#)

Save the Date: Spring

Convening

- **Wednesday, April 12th**

Happy Holidays

The MA Early College Staff wish you health and joy this holiday season. We hope that you all are able to take a small break from the stresses facing you at work to spend time with your family and rejuvenate for the new year. While this year has certainly presented challenges for so many, we wanted to take a moment to take stock of what we were able to accomplish at the state level to support the important work our Early College programs continue to do.

- 6 new Early College programs were approved for Designation and launched their programs this Fall.
- NS4ED was hired to provide statewide technical assistance, professional development opportunities and an online resource site.
- A statewide virtual convening was held in October for our EC community of practice.
- The first iteration of EC program data dashboards was launched, and aggregate Early College statewide data was shared out in a variety of venues.
- An application for a Federal EIR Mid-Phase grant, with an emphasis on racial equity, was submitted on behalf of DESE and DHE. This grant would provide \$8 million of funding over 5 years to replicate new EC programs (still waiting to hear whether we were successful).
- Secured a full-time staff member (Rebekah Barr) and a new LEE Fellow (as well as retained our Strategic Data Program Fellow) to administer agency work related to Early College.
- Formulated statewide enrollment trackers to assist in dispersing EC funds.

We hope that these developments aided you in your Early College work and we look forward to continuing our work together.

Be well and be safe,

Kristin Hunt, Director of Massachusetts Early College Programs

Rebekah Barr, Early College Program Specialist

Yaw Asante-Bio, LEE Fellow

Pierre Lucien, SDP Fellow

Spring Enrollment Trackers

Programs recently received emails containing the Spring enrollment trackers. These Excel documents allow you to manually enter Spring 2021 student enrollments and college credits. We need one completed document per designated Early College district.

If you have any questions, please email Kristin at Kristin.E.Hunt@Mass.gov.

These trackers are due December 23rd so that we can initiate the spring process of awarding tuition credits.

Student Voices Early College Video Project

In an effort to capture student voices, we are launching an Early College video project. Programs are encouraged to submit videos in which Early College students and staff to share their reflections on this unprecedented school year. Through group or individual interviews, students will be able to share impactful experiences, reasons why they chose to do Early College, and challenges and successes along the way.

Programs will be recognized for participating and a compilation of the projects will be shared on our resource site and with the EC community of practice. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

Video submissions are due Friday, March 5th.



Feedback from the Early College Virtual Convening

Thank you to all who attended our virtual Early College Convening on October 27th. In case you were not able to attend, all resources from the convening are available [here](#) (password: MAECP).

Take-aways from the post-convening survey included:

- Participants enjoyed attending sessions led by colleagues and other leaders in the field, the ELL and MEFA Pathways sessions, interacting with others, Hasan Davis' testimony in the Welcome Session, and that the convening was held virtually.
- Participants suggested that sessions should be shorter, or that the schedule should include longer breaks, more information prior to the convening, a more streamlined system for accessing the sessions, and more time built in to interact with colleagues.

We appreciate your input and will use this feedback when developing our Spring Convening. If you would still like to provide feedback, please feel free to contact us or our technical assistance provider, NS4Ed.

Save the Date! Our Spring Convening will be held Wednesday, April 14th 2021



How Are We Doing?

End of Year Communication Survey

We hope you can take a moment to complete a survey on the communication and support of our staff, as well as our technical assistance provider, NS4Ed. Please submit your response by **Monday, January 11**. Your input is very important to us!

Please click on the survey [here](#).



Early College Students are College Bound!

2019 EC Graduates Enrolled in College at Higher Rates:

