Young Changemakers: Why and How Miriam Ortiz of Just A Start Is Helping To Change Our World

"The mission of training someone, and providing access to people, to relationships, to resources, is something that really spoke to me. When I took the role of director of the department, it was important to me to recognize that the core of what drives our work is that our students are immensely talented and come to the table with already valuable skills and experiences that are highly valuable to employers." Read the full piece HERE.

January Happenings

Director of Youth Programs, Nate Bae Kupel, is Reappointed to the Massachusetts Asian American & Pacific Islanders Commission

Nate was sworn in for his second, three year term as Commissioner and Vice Chair of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American & Pacific Islanders Commission, appointed by Attorney General Maura Healey. In his role, he will continue to advocate on behalf of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
Employer Spotlight: Addgene

Addgene, a nonprofit plasmid repository located in Watertown, has been a long-standing partner in hiring Just A Start's Career Connect program graduates and has received a Boston Globe 2021 Top Places to Work Award.

Paula, a Just A Start 2018 Biomedical graduate, and now a Lab Assistant I at Addgene, describes her experience: "The word that best describes my experience is nurturing. It’s a place that honestly cares for us not only as employees, but also as human beings."

Latifa, a Just A Start 2017 Biomedical graduate, and now a High Yield Prep Coordinator at Addgene, shares: "Addgene is a friendly, inclusive and diverse environment, where every Addgenie is valued for their ideas and contributions to the company mission."

We Are Grateful - January Funders

Commonwealth Corporation
Life Science Cares
Pentecostal Tabernacle (Cambridge, MA)

Life Science Cares announced $1.5M in grants awarded to 28 nonprofits working to fight poverty across Greater Boston, and Just A Start is a proud 2022 recipient. The grant will support our Workforce Development program expansion and support economic mobility for all program graduates. Thank you, Life Science Cares!

Welcoming New Staff to Just A Start

Amerline Oceean
Biology Instructor

Angela Chan O'Donnell
Philanthropy Manager

Milagros De Pasquale
STEM Teacher and Academic Support Specialist
Just A Start is Hiring!
Join the Just A Start team to make a difference every day in the lives of our residents, students, program participants, and the broader community.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Our mission is to promote equity by creating access to stable housing and building pathways to economic opportunity.

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