



Each year the Diverse Charter Schools Coalition (DCSC) selects a member school or school network to receive Member of the Year Award. This year's recipient will be selected by votes from DCSC members. Only staff at DCSC member schools are eligible to vote as part of their registration for the 2022 Annual Convening. Before casting a vote, please review the information from this member's self nomination below:



One of BCCS's 5th grade science teachers hopes students recognize their ability to argue, question, analyze, and solve problems as both scientists and responsible citizens. (@BCCStoCollege)

Boston Collegiate Charter School

- Boston, MA
- Founded in 1998
- Grades 5-12
- 2 schools, 700 students
- DCSC member since 2014



Why were they nominated?

We cultivate the curiosity, empathy, and unique talents of each student. Our two core values of Responsibility and Belonging inspire us to apply for Member of the Year. Our commitment to Responsibility means we view ourselves as agents of change with a duty to share lessons learned and best practices. The value of Belonging and our commitment to celebrating diversity mean that we strive to be not merely a diverse school, but an integrated one. We welcome the chance to partner with peer schools across the nation to discuss our journeys and deepen our impact.

What could members learn from their success?

In 2019, students walked out to protest inequities at Boston Collegiate. In response, we not only deepened our DEI work, we increased transparency and brought students into the work more intentionally. We shared data on student/staff demographics, student discipline, student/staff surveys, and more. Ensuring that student voices are centered in our DEI work has been an integral part of our accountability and has helped us progress toward meaningful goals.

Vote for DCSC's 2022 Member of the Year!

- Votes are submitted as part of registration for the 2022 Annual Convening (one can only vote if 'Member' is selected during registration)
- Votes from all DCSC member schools and networks will be weighted so that each member organization has one vote

Deadline to vote:
Jan 13, 2022, 12am EST

Measures of Success

In alignment with their strategic equity goals, Boston Collegiate provided internally tracked data on staff demographics, student surveys, discipline, and 2019 state assessment performance.

Between 2016 and 2021, BCCS staff identifying as people of color increased from 33% to 49%. Achievement gaps have narrowed between white students and students of color, with **more than 75% of 10th graders in both groups achieving "Meeting" or "Exceeding Expectations" on the ELA MCAS in 2019.** Over the past two school years, BCCS transitioned to a restorative justice model and **cut student suspensions by more than half.**