

**Step into the legacy.  
Together.**



CLASS OF 2020

# CELEBRATION

**Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 1pm**

EVENT PROGRAM

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

---

Beloved METCO students and families,

You deserve a gala event today. You have earned a stadium packed with cheering crowd, limousines lining up, and photos where we can see your gorgeous smiles. But instead of proms, games, college visits, and cherished time with lifelong friends and mentors, your final semester has been isolated and frightening.

In the midst of all that we mourn, though, today is about pride and hope. Our theme is "Step into the legacy," because you are walking in the footsteps of visionaries and trailblazers. Just as today's marches and rallies proclaim that Black Lives Matter, the streets of Boston were packed in the 1960s with people of all ages and races, carrying signs and shouting demands for equality. Among their many accomplishments, these organizers formed METCO, a coalition that has done what virtually no other region has done in America: voluntarily brought suburban white students and urban students of color together, across district lines, to share classrooms.

For fifty-four years, METCO students have made sacrifices to fulfill that vision, traveling the long bus rides and wide cultural differences. You and thousands of METCO alumni enriched your schools with your minds, your ethnicity, your beauty, your differences and your similarities.

Now you bring your gifts to the wider world. Your experiences in school have equipped you with unique perspectives and skills. Whatever steps you take next, you deserve our cheers and applause, even if you can't hear them in person.

And you deserve today's event: the first virtual celebration of the entire cohort of Boston students who are completing METCO. Dignitaries from across the Commonwealth have eagerly shared their congratulations and best wishes. Your Alumni Keynote, Reading alumna Kim Janey, is breaking down barriers as the first Black woman to be Boston City Council President. The keynote from your classmate, Wayland High School grad Shawn Bernier, will show you how barriers can become journeys into greater acceptance and authenticity.

Now you are all METCO alumni too. Stay connected with each other and with the broader METCO community. We may not be physically together, but even *virtually* together, we are better.

Congratulations!



Milly Arbaje-Thomas, MSW



**Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 1pm**

---

**WELCOME** **Milly Arbaje-Thomas**  
President & CEO, METCO, Inc.

---

**CONGRATULATIONS** **Charlie Baker**  
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Jeffrey C. Riley**  
Commissioner, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Marty Walsh**  
Mayor, City of Boston

---

**THE METCO CAUCUS** **Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz**, METCO Caucus Co-Chair

**Senator Jason Lewis**, Education Committee Chair

**Representative Alice Peisch**, Education Committee Chair

**Representative David Linsky**, METCO Caucus Co-Chair

---

**ALUMNI KEYNOTE** **Kim Janey**  
President, Boston City Council

---

**CLASS OF 2020 KEYNOTE** **Shawn Bernier**  
Wayland High School '20

---

**VIRTUAL PROCESSIONAL** **The METCO Class of 2020**

---

**SPECIAL GUESTS** **Devin McCourty**  
New England Patriots

**Jackie Bradley, Jr.**  
Boston Red Sox

**Dr. Jean McGuire**  
Director of METCO, Inc., 1973-2016

---

**CLOSING** **Patrick Kimble**  
Board Chair, METCO, Inc.

---

CLASS OF  
2020



**ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Phillip Cherrie  
David Lopes  
James Reddick  
Janae Vellere  
Jessica Wu  
Maya Young

**BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

Cristina Delgado  
Sage Hull  
Jonathan Pierre  
Esmeralda Puello  
Aaliya Valentine

**BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL**

Asanti Andrews  
Taysha Baez  
Derrick Brown  
Dotson Monteiro  
Christian Rudder  
Kiara Santos  
Christian Tyrell

**BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL**

Shallen James

**BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL**

Jhaki Bell  
Haley Bos  
Rae Bos  
Nayah Bright-Reason  
Bryce Burke  
Leona Cotton  
Devin Gibson  
Kaitlyn Harris  
Keshawn Harris  
Autumn Johnson  
Briana Johnson  
Jamari Jones  
Nia Jones  
Denali McRae  
Jordan Milton  
Seija Mitchell  
Dayshalis Palacios Benitez  
Isaiah Ramsey  
Destinee Rutherford  
Erika Sanchez  
Kaisa Sazama-Framil  
Chrystal Smith  
Kenneth Sobah  
Ella Whelan

**COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL**

Jenna Cuff Moise  
Jordyn Fonfield  
Sapphire Gibson

**CONCORD-CARLISLE  
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Janesse Asare-Danquah  
James Chase  
Kleney Evora  
Tatyana Frazer  
King Clyde  
Darren Roberts, Jr.  
Micah Scott-Massey  
Nathan Smith  
Xavier Weathers

**DOVER-SHERBORN REGIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Briahn Bruno  
Ary'annah Johnson-Garvin  
Leroy Irvin  
Tahnai Sanders

**FOXBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL**

Yadhirs Beato  
Andrea Gob-Alleyne  
Asia Kelly  
Nevaeh Seney-Breneus  
Richard Tannor  
Jabarri Thomas

**HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL**

Samantha Espinal

**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Nyree Brown  
Taylor Brown  
Jenssey Charles  
Christina Chow  
Takhirah Clark  
Kyra Cooper  
Mariano Cuartas  
Arianna Gaston  
Naiomi Harris  
Justin Siri  
Alea Turner  
La'el Watson

**LINCOLN-SUDBURY  
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Alana Boucher  
Jada Edwards  
Christopher Fulton-Harley  
Ariel Hamilton  
Jaheem Jean-Pierre  
Nateja Kenner-Suneus  
Kares Mack  
Adrianna Marques  
Arianna Marques  
Noel Martinez  
Nayeli Pizarro  
Christopher Presinal  
Jaelynn Rodney  
Nathaniel Rodriguez  
Nigel Smalls  
Jesus Tejada  
Bree Vidal  
Anyla Williams-Araujo  
Courtney Wright

**LYNNFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

Khad Connell  
Allysha Forde  
Anthony Hunt

**MARBLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**

Shakeriah Baxter  
Brianna Leslie  
Keshawne Mercury  
Raymon Rowell-Grace  
Edwin Salado

**MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL**

Christopher Allen  
Mikaela Colso  
Mical Duntin  
Micye Duntin  
Alvin Holder III  
Tesire McClain  
Jovon Meadows  
Steven Milton  
Alssely Pimentel Pena  
Ethan Prospere  
Jazmyn Riley  
Amarea Shepard  
Hamzo Tahlil  
Elijah Yancey

**NATICK HIGH SCHOOL**

Sasha Anes  
Arianna Bethea  
Terrance Cherry, Jr.  
Arleth Lopez-Maldonado  
Paulo Luis  
Kendry Pou Cuevas  
Adesotu (Ade) Woghiren

**NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL**

Angelo Correia-Lopes  
 Brandy Cruz  
 Ashanti Fernandes  
 Auzhane Fernandes  
 Ashyra Grant  
 Jayce Grant  
 Leilani Guthrie  
 Amy Lim  
 Kiara McIntrye  
 Jonathan Neal  
 Jazelyn Nunez  
 Stephanie Ogbemor  
 Chrislord Pierre  
 Maya Vogt  
 Arianna Williams  
 Adonay Woldegiorgis

**NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Soleil Allen  
 Taylor Bailey  
 Shawn Brothers  
 Alijah Burton  
 Ahmani Dardy  
 Destiny Deas  
 Dayla DePina  
 Christina Harris Welsh  
 Alana King  
 Khalil Lofton  
 Laila Lucas  
 Jaden Martin  
 Aaron Moses  
 Aaron Neville  
 Leah Penn  
 Imani Rather  
 Julian Santiago  
 Amar Skelly  
 Amir Skelly  
 Aaliyah Smalls

**NEWTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Tre Andrews  
 Emenike Anigbogun  
 Christina Bartley  
 Maximus Brown  
 Ambar Cassidy  
 Anicia Ellis  
 Oladele Falade  
 Adonis Fernandez-Cabral  
 Jonnai Howard  
 Nijah Howard  
 Demetrius Huff  
 Mason Marion  
 Tailah Martin  
 Brianna Moran  
 Dakira Richardson  
 Adalia Rodriguez  
 Naimah Simpson  
 Jylun Spence  
 Deja Straughter  
 Malisha Thermo  
 Amari Turner  
 Larissa Williams  
 Kelvin Youk-See

**READING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Tatiana Burey  
 Nakeya Carr  
 Nia Goss  
 Victoria Lee-Brewer  
 Adonis Vargas  
 Shanyce Williams

**SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Elijah Gantt  
 Nyjaiah Newton  
 Celinette Perez

**SHARON HIGH SCHOOL**

Lereca Depina Rodrigues  
 Caleb Gayle  
 Duriel Johnson  
 Jada Johnson  
 Tazhon Monteiro  
 Jaida Moreschi-Furtick  
 Tristan Teixeira  
 Jaden Williams-Thomas

**SWAMPSCOTT HIGH SCHOOL**

Naveetaa Davis  
 Zackias Palmer

**WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

Taaj Andrews  
 Kejaun Carney  
 Jaylen Cosme  
 Jonathon Dean  
 Giovanni Teixeira

**WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Sharon Bembery  
 O. MacKenzi Fernandez  
 Raynal Louissaint

**WAYLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

Shawn Bernier  
 Kael Bonds  
 Adiane Cabral  
 Allyson Christian  
 Josephina Davis  
 Joshua Dominguez  
 Amira English  
 Tamira English  
 Kuran Freeman  
 Francisco Gonzalez  
 Michayla Mathis  
 Taliah Nicolas  
 Elissa Perez

**WELLESLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Clarence Bly  
 Nicholas Calway  
 Kendall Clements  
 Elisabeth Fils-Aime  
 Dymari Guillaume  
 Corey Jones  
 Anthony Lumley  
 Shakaria McIntosh  
 Destiny Mitchell  
 Jonathan Nicolas  
 Jahmir Pritchard  
 Keleyia Rochelle  
 Matayah Roderick  
 Skye Sanchez  
 Sierra Sinclair  
 Janelle Turner  
 Lindsay Turnew

**WESTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Anika Blake  
 Elliyah Clark  
 Sydney Freeman  
 Hannah Jordan  
 Jyea Joyner  
 Ashanti Malcolm-Bates  
 Ashley McCoy  
 Nneoma Onwuama  
 Aaliyah Phillips  
 Timothy Simpson  
 Shaniah Steed  
 Tomily Torres III  
 Michael White, Jr.

**WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

Kristina Almeida  
 Dawnesha Dwyer-Young  
 Nahom Haile  
 Shamar Hall  
 Mark James  
 Aristides Leitao Da Graca  
 Jai Mathis  
 Diahni Preval

CLASS OF  
**2020**



# SPECIAL THANKS

---

## **METCO, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Patrick Kimble, Chair  
Mabel Reid Wallace, Vice Chair  
B.J. Cataldo, Secretary  
Cheryl Antoine  
Darnell Billings  
Michelle Crawford  
Jackie Daley  
Dan Gutekanst  
Shelly Hinds  
Betsy Lipson  
Keith McDermott  
Wayne Ogden  
Hiten Patel  
Stephen Pereira  
Jon Sills  
Chuck Walker  
Beth Williams-Breault  
Douglas Wohn

## **METCO HQ STAFF**

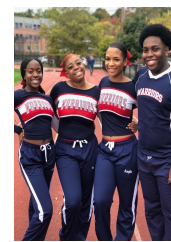
Milly Arbaje-Thomas  
Josie Butler  
Lance Carter  
Kenlyne Exume  
Kristen Fumarola  
Kim Houston  
Ruth James  
Ivette Melendez  
Shirley Porcena  
Colin Stokes  
James Sultan  
Wilmary Tejada  
Deborah Ward  
D. Farai Williams  
Denise Wilson

## **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS**

Pamela Angelakis  
Paul Austin  
Amy Berdos  
Kathleen Bodie  
Marguerite Connolly  
Brad Crozier  
John Doherty  
David Fleishman  
Bridget Gough  
Victoria Greer  
Ron Griffin  
Daniel Gutekanst  
Frank Hackett  
Julie Hackett  
Laurie Hunter  
Andrew Keough  
Ben Lummis  
David Lussier  
Doug Lyons  
Bill McAlduff  
Rebecca McFall  
Anna Nolin  
Emily Parks  
John Phelan  
Jon Sills  
Patrick Sullivan  
Cyndy Taymore  
Jane Tremblay  
Arthur Unobskey  
Bella Wong

## **METCO DIRECTORS**

Joanne Allen-Willoughby  
Curtis Blyden  
Jasmine Boyd-Perry  
Jesenia Castro  
Rasheedah Clayton  
Michelle Crawford  
Margaret Credle-Thomas  
Lisa Gilbert-Smith  
Aleisa Gittens-Carle  
Barbara Hamilton  
Marika Hamilton  
Grant Hightower  
Shelly Hinds  
Rosa Inniss  
Amy Jackson  
Claire Jones  
Tony Laing  
Keith Lezama  
Monique Marshall-Veale  
Akil Mondesir  
Andrew Nyamekye  
Latoya Ogunbona  
Carols Perez  
La Toya Rivers  
Lateefah Robinson-Franck  
Cynthia Russell  
Glavia Smith  
Sandra Walters  
Justin Wilson





# SPECIAL THANKS

---

Governor Charlie Baker  
Shawn Bernier  
Joyce Ferriabough Bolling  
Jackie Bradley, Jr.,  
Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz  
Cliff Chuang  
Zachary Crowley  
Thomas Dalton  
Shay Edmond  
Councilor Kim Janey  
Pam Kenn  
Patrick Kimble  
Susan Kooperstein  
Madison LaCure  
Jasmine Lestrade  
Senator Jason Lewis  
Rep. David Linsky  
Terry McCormack  
Devin McCourty  
Dr. Jean McGuire  
Shellee Mendes  
Rep. Alice Peisch  
Mabel Reid-Wallace  
Commissioner Jeffrey Riley  
Elizabeth Roche  
Tinea Rochelle  
Aaron Shadwell  
Lena Shapiro  
Corey Testa  
Mayor Marty Walsh

*...and all the METCO families, past and present*



# LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

J. Rosamond Johnson / James Johnson

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring;  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies;  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won!

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet, with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come, over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
'Til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast!

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way,  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light:  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land!

[www.metcoinc.org](http://www.metcoinc.org)



@MetcoIncHQ



metcoinchq



Metco, Inc. HQ



METCO