

January 2018

Massachusetts Bay

Made up of the Cape Cod, Greater Providence, Metro West, North Shore, and Southeast districts

Hi all hope you are doing well!

We have really jumped right into the new year this January. In summation, this past month we have pulled off a bunch of speaking and tabling events, mid-stay and pre-departure orientations, interview events for our local CBYX, NSLI-Y, YES candidates *and* our students going on core programs, an Area Team meeting, a host family orientation, and a smattering of support cases just to keep us on our toes.

In some ways it is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year for our currently hosted students – and even harder to believe that we have entered a new hosting season! Read on to find out how you can support our current students and families, and help us prepare for next fall's participants!

--Noelle

Hosting Benchmarks

Our first hosting benchmark is coming up for this Wednesday. We are shooting to have three students placed out of our total

NH 2018	% Placed	# Of Students
January 31st	5%	3
February 28th	18%	10
March 30th	35%	20
April 30th	48%	28
May 15th	60%	35
May 31st	68%	39
June 15th	75%	44
June 29th	85%	49
July 18th	100%	58

of 58 students for next year. Here are our benchmarks for the rest of this hosting season, for all of Mass Bay – as you can see we are starting earlier with higher benchmarks, and will finish early as well!



Passing Peace Forward in the Capital!

Liaisons

Monthly Contact Report:

Type	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Fam	98%	98%	96%	88%	54%
Stu	100%	100%	96%	88%	57%

Sometimes monthly contacts slip a little in December and January as people are busy with the holidays and are sometimes snowed in – but this is not something we should be complacent in. Please reach out to your support coordinator if you need some help making contacts one month. We know liaisons do a lot to support their students and families, and if you need a boost we can certainly help to support you.

If you have not already done so, please **log your contacts**. Logging your contacts helps us to support our students and families.

If you have not already done so, please reach out to your student and/or their family today to **make a contact for January!**

Hosting, cont'd

And here are our hosting goals broken down by district:

Mass Bay Districts	Hosting Goal	Students Placed	Remaining
Cape Cod	6	0	6
Greater Providence	13	0	13
Metro West	13	0	13
North Shore	13	0	13
Southeast	13	0	13
Total	58	0	58

Ah, a blank slate! :) Keep your eyes open for information on a hosting training coming up in the next two months. A few details are still up in the air but I know for a fact it will be fun, informative, a good chance to meet other volunteers, and it will help to get our students placed!

In the meantime please feel free to share the student bio flyer attached to this email, or perhaps this [Parade article](#), or this article about one of the [best host family-hosted student reunions](#) I have heard about with those in your circle who may be interested in hosting themselves!

Happy Birthday!! 😊

- ★ Lily Christenson, MW
- ★ Maurice Clifton, NS
- ★ Ellen Fields, SE
- ★ Pear Ivanenko, MW
- ★ Karla Lucchesi, CC
- ★ Kelly Ochoa, SE
- ★ Carla O'Leary, SE
- ★ Coco Yang, MW

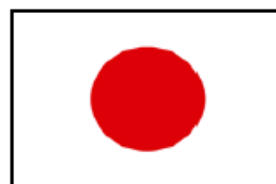


Meet Tiyana-Madlen from Bulgaria

Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 16 years
Program length: Year

Meet Tiyana-Madlen, a creative and highly motivated student from Bulgaria. She is passionate about art and has participated in several International Art Competitions. Tiyana-Madlen also enjoys playing basketball and is part of her school's Basketball team. She is easy going and is well respected by both her classmates and teachers. During her time abroad, she hopes to become part of a photography club to learn about photography. As for her future career plans, Tiyana-Madlen would like to study architecture and become a successful architect. She is excited to see the US and meet new people!

Service Ref : 18-00002



Meet Miyu from Japan

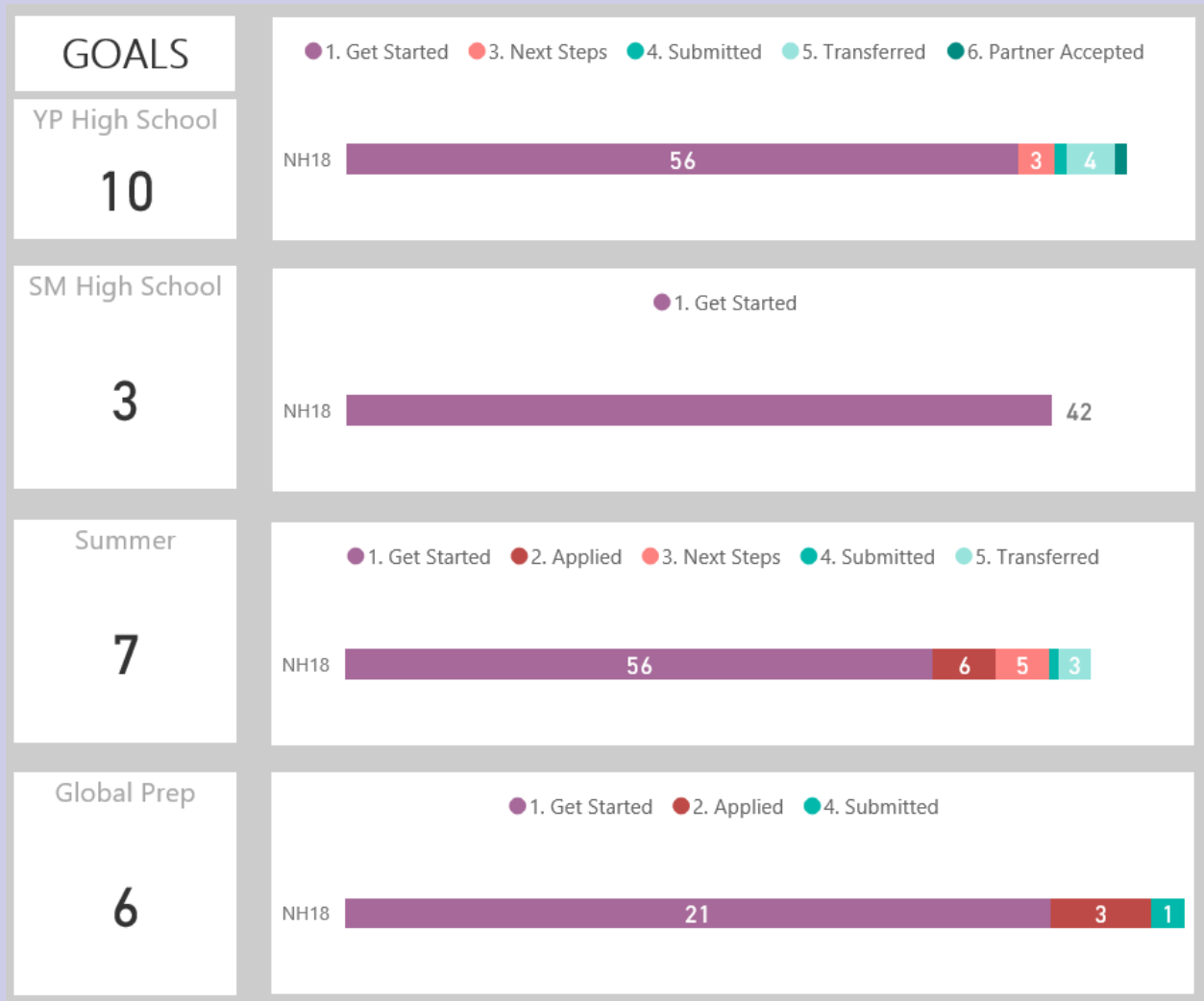
Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 15 years
Program length: Year

With a love for dogs and biology, Miyu hopes to turn her passion into a career later in life and become a vet! Her brother and mother both took part on an exchange to the U.S. and now she can't wait to come herself! She is friendly, cheerful, and always smiling! She loves all sports, such as swimming, badminton, soccer and classic ballet. She hopes to find a new sport in the U.S. to play. She also likes playing the piano and practicing Japanese calligraphy. Miyu hopes to cook Japanese dishes for her host family. She can't wait to meet you and her new community!

Service Ref : 17-04305

Sending

Here is the [overview](#) on our sending goals. These goals are for Core programs only and do not include any Sponsored Programs students (CBYX, NSLI-Y, YES). YP - Year Program, SM - Semester.



Get Started Students in “Get Started” have begun their application and started working on the basics, the host family letter, photos, some biographical information, etc.

Next Steps After finishing the Get Started steps, students will speak with our Study Abroad Specialist, Arista Ely, to review their interest and eligibility and pay an application fee. Then they will move on to Next Steps which requires students to submit verification documents, like parent statements, health certificates, letters of rec, copies of the passport, etc. This is also the stage where a volunteer will meet with the student and family for the sending interview.

Submitted When students have completed Next Steps and submitted them, their application will be in review. Once it is accepted students will pay a deposit fee, their application will be **transferred** to our partner country for **acceptance**, and for them to begin distributing to potential host families.

Some Sweet Pics



Some of our illustrious CBYX interviewers!



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Metro West kids and volunteers at their Mid-stay Orientation!

In closing:

