



Dear CityStep Friends and Family,

Happy Holidays from CityStep! We hope this letter finds you happy and thriving in whatever new endeavors this year has brought you.

For 30 years, CityStep has brought dance education to Cambridge public middle school classrooms to teach creativity, confidence and leadership. CityStep has a special niche in Cambridge, uniting students in diverse schools under one pair of red shoes to give them a unique bond when entering Cambridge's one high school—Cambridge Rindge and Latin. Harvard students are given the opportunity to grow, problem solve in a team, and get involved in arts and education through a fun, interactive classroom experience. **Our company is a family:** through retreats, weekly meetings, and a team structure that endows each member with a strong support system, we are proud to say that CityStep means a lot to each member's undergraduate experience. This year CityStep Harvard is **servicing over 100 students** from the Amigos School, Graham and Parks School, Cambridge Street Upper School, King Open, Putnam Avenue Upper School and Vassal Lane Upper School. Teachers and students were busy this fall creating original choreography and expressing themselves in different styles of dance in preparation to create an original piece for this spring's show. Some classroom highlights from the semester included your expansion into Graham and Parks and Vassal Lane and amazing performances from our 3YP (3rd year program) at Harvard's annual Expressions, TAPS, and Mainly Jazz shows.

CityStep Harvard celebrated an amazing landmark this year: **30 years** in Cambridge public schools! To mark the occasion, our company had the privilege to take a special trip to New York City on October 18th to celebrate with our peers at CityStep Penn—serving Philadelphia public schools for 10 years—and the recently inaugurated CityStep Princeton. Our graduate board and our founder, Sabrina Peck, organized an amazing day with dance and teaching workshops at the National Dance Institute, a career panel led by CityStep alumni, and an evening gala with music, food, drinks, and of course, lots of dancing! The gala was a fundraiser for our graduate board who is working toward establishing Friends of CityStep, a 501(c)3 non-profit with the goal of supporting all CityStep programs by funding both operating costs and future opportunities for teacher and leadership development.

On November 14th we held and expanded our second annual fundraiser, **Dizzy Dancing**. During Dizzy Dancing, CityStep teachers taught attendees popular dances such as Beyoncé's Single Ladies and Michael Jackson's Thriller. Our producer board worked tirelessly to recruit donations of food and beverages for the event as well as amazing prizes for a raffle including gift cards, lunch with popular Harvard professors, and CityStep apparel. Dizzy Dancing was a success and got Harvard's campus to get to know CityStep a little better.

We cannot wait for the spring semester to begin so that we can focus in on our final show. This year our show theme is **CityStep Goes Global**. We would like to invite you to our 2015 production of the annual CityStep show on April 10th at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and April 11th at Lowell Lecture Hall on Harvard's campus.

We value the time and energy our members have put into this company and are working hard to make sure the experience is as great as it can be for the next 30 years of CityStep undergrads. Thank you for being on this journey with us!

Sincerely (and, in CityStep tradition, OOH AAH!),
Heather Buffo '15 and Erik Olsen '15, Executive Producers
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