



2021's Most Valuable Players



Massachusetts Voter Table



**We asked our partners to
nominate leaders, volunteers
and members that did
exceptional work this year.
Here are their responses...**



Ada He

Chinese Culture Connection



Ada is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Ada was a great person to work with this year! I'm very grateful for her kindness and leadership. As someone new to the Voter Table, she learned very quickly and helped CCC to have hundreds of conversations with voters."



Adlai Williams & Jeny Gonzalez

United Interfaith Action



Adlai and Jeny are MVPs of 2021 because...

"Adlai and Jeny helped anchor the UIA Fall River Voter Engagement Team. Adlai helped lead all the community outreach events, collected pledge cards from his congregation, and talked to people in his neighborhood about voter engagement. Jeny, too, was present for community outreach and helped UIA canvass in Fall River. She also supported our bi-lingual voter engagement among Hispanic Communities. Both enthusiastically led our campaign to increase voter registration and turnout in Fall River."

Amy Quiñones

La Colaborativa



**La
Colaborativa**

Amy is an MVP of 2021 because...

"She is a youth member who worked really hard with us this summer door-knocking. She did an outstanding job getting the word out to vote and was able to help train other youth members using VAN."

Angel Howell

New England United 4 Justice



Angel is an MVP of 2021 for...

"Leading NEU4J organizing and civic team. Building the bridge between NEU4J and RTCB groups and holding down 2 field programs moving Question 1 and Question 3. For being a voice that is centered in the base building, supporting new leadership within our organizations and building a strong field program, tied to issue organizing! "



Bess Coughlin

Coalition for Social Justice



Bess is an MVP of 2021 because...

"She joined us in canvassing, and made more than 560 volunteer recruitment calls in 2021! She's taken leadership at meetings, encourages others to join in the work, and she is always a pleasure to work with!" -

Coalition for Social Justice Staff

Beth Posner-Waldron

Mass Communities Action Network



Beth is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Beth eagerly joined phone banks, went door knocking in the rain, and brought other members from her church with her. She had great conversations with voters and also worked to bring more volunteers into our voter engagement efforts, strengthening our team and deepening relationships for the long haul of electoral justice."



Brandon Delgado

Coalition for Social Justice



Brandon is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Brandon took ownership of our New Bedford and Taunton outreach. Brandon alone had 1,124 conversations between phone calls and canvassing."



Carmen Feliciano

New England United 4 Justice



Carmen is an MVP of 2021 because...

"She came in as a new civic team member and has mastered our phone banking program as the top organizer in our phone bank program.

She led her community in food justice and food access throughout this year, while balancing civic engagement and voter empowerment in the neighborhoods."



Claudia Cen

Revere Youth in Action



Claudia is an MVP of 2021 for...
"making the most calls to our
Spanish speaking Revere
residents."



Corissa Shular

Pioneer Valley Project



Corissa is an MVP of 2021 because...

"She canvassed the most people individually!! AMAZING."



Dax Crocker

Coalition for Social Justice



Dax is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Dax went above and beyond to educate and organize the BIPOC community to support two new state rep districts; a minority influenced district and majority minority district in New Bedford. He also worked hard to raise the issue of uniting the Southcoast under one congressional district. It became the most notable fight in the legislature and the media." - Deb Fastino



Eny Lovo

Neighbors United for a Better East Boston



Eny is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Eny led the civic engagement team while also balancing the new transition and leadership of the organization."

"Enilda is MVP because not only is she has a huge heart she took a huge leap this year stepping into NUBE lead coordinator role taking the org. mission, theory and leadership development programming to its next stage. While she was learning new civic engagement work particularly with redistricting, ballot questions, and special election voter mobilization she does it with such dedication, joy and passion that she gives to all that is important to her. She never forgets that the voices of the community need to be at the forefront in our work, particularly those that are often left behind and often are not eligible to vote. I know that our community is forever grateful for her courage, love for social justice and all the admirable qualities that makes her "nuestra Eny"."

Felicia Richard

Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance



Felicia is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Felicia Richard is a Dedicated Mother, Grandmother, Voter, Phonebanker, Community Leader who wants the best not only for her family, but for others as well. And she demonstrates this in all she does in her personal life and volunteerism as a MAHA member. She was one of our top phonebankers in the number of calls she dialed and conversations with voters. She was a MAHA team leader that Chaired our Mayoral candidates in this year's Preliminary Election. Felicia also participated in our Mayoral candidates General Election event: Asked a question pertaining to affordable homeownership to both candidates and Felicia also shared her personal story about her housing experience in securing an affordable apartment in Boston- Not necessarily an easy task; as we all know. " - Cortina Vann

Felicita Sepulveda

Coalition for Social Justice



Felicita is an MVP of 2021 because...

"She took ownership of our Brockton outreach. Felicita worked tirelessly with volunteers, organized them and submitted their work on Mini Van. Felicita alone had 322 conversations and produced another 150 conversations by her team."



Gio Miranda

Neighbors United for a Better East Boston



Gio is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Gio registered few new voters, filled a ton of mail-in applications, and created meaningful relationships with neighbors in East Boston and Charlestown. Gio led the expansion of NUBE in Charlestown to inform the community there about the process of redistricting and getting voters out to vote. "



Javier Gutierrez

Madison Park Development Corporation



Javier is an MVP of 2021 because...

Javier worked really hard this year to make sure that phone banking was accessible to his team through phone lists, and by diligently doing data entry on a regular basis. With Javier's great leadership, MPDC was able to surpass their goal.

Thank you, Javier!"



Jesse Newman

United Interfaith Action



Jesse is an MVP of 2021 because...

Jesse was UIA's Voter Engagement Intern. He came into the process as it was already ongoing and progressed quickly to organize institutional in-reach and community outreach to help UIA surpass our voter contact goal by 10%! He organized UIA's phone banks, community events with collaborating organizations, and canvassing. Jesse also entered most of our data into VAN and helped us utilize the tech tools to maximize our voter engagement. We could not have done it without Jesse!"

Julian Howell

New England United 4 Justice



Julian is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Julian is a new civic team member who came in and learned the power of the field. He is learning to master the skills of connecting field to issue organizing. He built relationships with residents and connected families to our wellness to organizing efforts."



Kathy Henriquez

Neighbors United for a Better East Boston



Kathy is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Kathy developed many strong relationships with neighbors while canvassing. She also took lead into many of the GOTV activities and E-day."



Leimary Llopiz

YWCA - New Bedford



Leimary is an MVP of 2021 because...
"She had the most language IDs of
any named volunteer account!"



Luciano Paskevicius

Latinx Community Center for Empowerment



Luciano is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Great efforts with the Lowell Votes Coalition to support capacity building for Spanish education and voter engagement across the City. It was his first time phone banking with Lowell Votes/LCCE and Luciano made over 1,000 calls!"



Mallerly Guevara

La Comunidad, Inc.



Mallerly is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Mallerly did an amazing job leading LCI's youth civic engagement team this year. She worked tirelessly as a reliable coordinator. She is a strong leader and I was very grateful for her collaboration this year! I can't wait to see what Mallerly does next!" - Freddie Swindal

Maria de Jesus

Coalition for a Better Acre



Maria is an MVP of 2021 because...

"She was always the first to volunteer to go door knocking and do phone banking. Maria help out of her love for her community as she was not paid to canvass with us. She came rain or shine, and was always smiling and sharing whatever she knew with everyone. Maria's passion was contagious, and people wanted to vote after talking to her. We couldn't have done this without her, and we want her to be recognized for her passion and dedication to her community." - Cecilia Gutierrez Yapur

Mary Tauras Lowell Votes



Mary is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Mary coordinates LowellVotes and writes grants--all on a part-time schedule. Her quiet strength and deep love for Lowell has inspired many volunteers and organizations to step up their voter engagement, which will have a long term impact on the daily lives of Lowellians." -

Betsy Englander

Mary Tauras, continued Lowell Votes



Mary is an MVP of 2021 because...

"without Mary, we simply would not have been able to accomplish the amount of grassroots organizing, community partnerships, and residents reached as we did with her guidance and leadership. It would be far too difficult to narrow down just one reason why Mary is one of Lowell's most valuable players, so here is a list of just a few:

1. Mary led Lowell Votes' first ever candidate training program, which successfully trained over twenty predominately BIPOC candidates and aides, two of which were newly elected to serve on the City Council and School Committee.
2. Mary collaborated with countless non-profits, businesses, organizers, volunteers, candidates, community leaders, and city officials to reach over 2,700 Lowell voters.
3. Mary is a true grassroots organizer. While it's certainly easier to stick to collaborating with the same organizations we work with every day, Mary always searches for new communities to reach and residents who would otherwise not be thought of. When making decisions on where to distribute voter guides to the community Mary pushed us to think of places that would have a real impact "What about the laundromats? Let's not forget about the churches!" She was a constant reminder to not leave behind the very people who needed voting information the most.
4. Mary understands her community and has put in the time to recognize her place in it. She recognizes her privilege and the power she holds leading community engagement work, and is actively working on putting power back into the hands of Lowell's BIPOC residents.
5. Mary is a team player, through and through. She truly cares about the well-being of everyone she works with. In this fast-paced work, it is easy to forget that we are all people with complicated lives outside of work. I myself am certainly guilty of this, whenever I called Mary to troubleshoot the most recent fire, the first thing she would always ask was "how are you doing?" Over the past several months she has reminded me to slow down and understand that for the work to continue we must take care of ourselves and each other.

Nick Gerasev

Revere Youth in Action



Nick is an MVP of 2021 for...
"delivering high energy to our Zoom sessions at every phone bank session."

Osmene Lubin

Black Boston COVID Coalition



Osmene is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Osmene is the fearless leader of a big crew of Haitian volunteers, who talked to many voters in Haitian Creole and English. She empowered immigrants, who are too often denied power and voice in our political system, to take action at the local level." - Beth Huang

Pam Andrews

Lowell Alliance & Coalition for a Better Acre



Pam is an MVP of 2021 because...

"They worked with both organizations to help expand the Lowell Votes Coalition's reach for public education and GOTV across multiple communities/neighborhoods." - Mary Tauras

Reina Reyes

Neighbors United for a Better East Boston



Reina is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Reina killed the virtual phone banking and the connection with the community."

Renee Ledbetter

United Interfaith Action



Renee is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Renee dedicated herself to collecting over 100 voter contacts among her friends, family, and co-workers, gathering 25% of our organizational voter contact goals. She was the organizing Chair of two, successful National Night Out Events in New Bedford, in which we reached community members for voter registration and voter pledging. On Election Day, Renee drove people to the polls and made calls to ensure her contacts were getting out to vote."

Sabrina Davis & Sandra Agostinho

Coalition for Social Justice



Sabrina and Sandra are MVPs of 2021 because...
"Sabrina and Sandra took ownership of our Fall River outreach from beginning to end."



Sandra Teixeira & Troy Meade

New England United 4 Justice



Sandra and Troy are MVPs of 2021 because...

"These are seasoned and experienced leaders within our organization. They have been an important part of building a new team, sharing their experiences and connecting civic engagement to our campaign development this year. Their leadership helped others see the connection between our elections work and issue organizing and the power of being a membership based organization."

Sarah Atamian

Massachusetts Communities Action Network



Sarah is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Sarah took the most beautiful photos from Knock Across Brockton. The action shots tell the story of new relationships, shared passion for civic engagement, and the community building that we have been able to rekindle (albeit very carefully) in 2021." - Beth Huang

Sibelle Grise Lowell Votes



Sibelle is an MVP of 2021 because...

"They worked with us for the first time and made over 1,000 calls/canvassed visits."



Sharon Matzek

Coalition for Social Justice



Sharon is an MVP of 2021 because...

"She made more than 1000 phone calls to recruit volunteers to events and trainings this year! She also volunteered at events, hosted meetings, facilitated discussions, made calls to elected officials, and attended coalition meetings on CSJ's behalf! We are thankful to all the work she has done and continues to do for social justice!" - Coalition for Social Justice Staff



Sineca Howell

New England United 4 Justice



Sineca is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Sineca is a new civic team member who came in and learned the power of the field, skills of data management and how to connect issue organizing to base building. He didnt want to learn field at first and then stepped into his power not only learning the power of the field but supporting the training of others in the program."

Sr. Marianna Sylvester

United Interfaith Action



Sr. Marianna is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Sr. Marianna organized the most voter contacts among all of UIA's member congregations. She faithfully invited members of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in New Bedford to register to vote and pledge to vote, sending in dozens of pledge cards on a regular basis. Sr. Marianna also supported UIA's phone banking and community events, often seen at our voter registration and pledge tables in the Summer and Fall."

Tara Hong

Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association



Tara is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Recognizing Tara's efforts for taking over from his previous position as an intern into Civics Coordinator at the organization, while also still a full time student in UMass Lowell's Political Science department. Tara build and coordinated the organizations team of interns and volunteers, ran events and helped the organization ensure Khmer language resources got out to the community. Great work Tara!" - Mary Tauras

"Tara work hard/smart to improve CMAA Civic Engagement services."- Kirirath Saing

Tatiana Ramos

New England United 4 Justice



Tatiana is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Tatiana is a returning civic team member who came in and learned the power of the field. She not only came back to continuing to develop her skills in field but she also managed a field team this year supporting the development of others. Connecting residents to wellness and organizing opportunities to build the leadership work of others this year. "

Terry Yin

Asian Community Development Corporation



Terry is an MVP of 2021 because...

"GMAACC has collaborated with ACDC, Terry Yin specifically for over 4 years on various civic engagement activities in Malden--GOTV, candidates forum, citizen education. All our events have been very successful (with favorable comments) due in large part to Terry's efforts. He is a hard worker and a team player. While not from Malden, he has worked hard to get to know the City and its residents. The citizen engagement workshops were his idea. They brought important topics such as affordable housing and redistricting to a level all can understand. His work on phone banking speaks for itself.

Terry has absorbed all aspects of VAN, recruited highly motivated volunteers, and taught others how to effectively use this app. Above all, Terry is kind and generous. It is a pleasure to work with him. I look forward to working again with Terry on other civic engagement activities. Thank you."

Tiffany Pietri

Revere Youth in Action



Tiffany is an MVP of 2021 for...
"making the most calls overall [for Revere Youth in Action]."

Tito Garcia

New England United 4 Justice



Tito is an MVP of 2021 because...

"Tito is a returning civic team member who has been mastering the skills in the power of the field. He built relationships with residents and connected families to our wellness to organizing efforts and digs deep into the political issues we move and care about."

THANK YOU to all our partners:



THANK YOU to all our partners:



THANK YOU to all our partners:



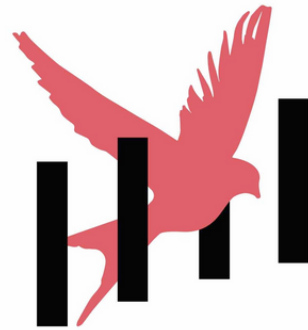


Asian Community
Development Corporation
亞美社區發展協會

Building Homes. Empowering Families. Strengthening Communities.



United Interfaith Action
of Southeastern Massachusetts



I HAVE A **FUTURE**

**LCWELL
VOTES**



WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY
LATINO EDUCATION INSTITUTE

**Prophetic
Resistance
Boston**