



Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

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Abby Kelley Announces Four Seal of Biliteracy Recipients in Class of 2022

Worcester – Abby Kelley is pleased to announce four members of the Class of 2022 will receive the Seal of Biliteracy at their Graduation Ceremony on June 1, 2022.

The students receiving this award are

- Dominic J. Denert (Webster) for English and Polish (with Distinction)
- Adam N. Jacher (Worcester) for English and Spanish
- Jailimar Montanez (Worcester) for English and Spanish
- Yadalisse Norford (Worcester) for English and Spanish

The State Seal of Biliteracy is an award provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to state approved districts which recognizes high school graduates who attain high functional and academic levels of proficiency in English and another world language. The Seal is in recognition of their studying and attaining full reading, writing, speaking and comprehension proficiency in two or more languages before high school graduation.

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a seal which appears on the transcript or diploma of the graduating senior and is a statement of accomplishment for future employers and for college admissions.

Speaking of his interest in obtaining the Seal of Biliteracy Mr. Denart said “Growing up, my parents were both immigrants from Poland and therefore I was influenced quite a lot by Polish culture. I chose to pursue the Seal of Biliteracy because it presented an opportunity for me to make use of what I had already learned growing up.”

For Ms. Montenez, it is her aspiration to pursue a career in medicine which motivated her. “During an internship I had with Saint Vincent’s Hospital I had an interaction with a patient whose primary language was Spanish. I was able to communicate with her in her language and it

was immediately clear how much more at ease she was with me, knowing she was able to talk to me about her needs. I want to be able to help patients in this way.”

This is the second year at AKFCS that the Seal of Biliteracy has been awarded.

About Abby Kelley Foster Charter School

Located in Worcester, Massachusetts and founded in 1998, Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School is named in honor of Abby Kelley Foster, a 19th century Worcester resident who was a leader in the abolitionist and women’s rights movements. Charter schools are independent public schools that operate under five-year charters granted by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and governed by a Board of Directors/Trustees. Abby Kelley has had its Charter renewed consistently, without conditions, since 2003. Currently, the school is in the third year of its most recent five-year Charter term.

Our student body is reflective of the minority populations in Worcester and 93% of our students are Worcester residents. Our community comprises 53% of students identifying as African American, 21% identifying as Hispanic, 20% identifying as White, and 6% identifying as other races. Abby Kelley has a K-12 student enrollment of 1,426 and more than 200 faculty and staff. The school’s campus includes four buildings and athletic fields.

Currently, in our ninth year of offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) for our High School students, the IB Programme develops inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect. The Programme encourages students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners. Students also participate in extracurricular activities, team sports, clubs, and musical activities ranging from electives to full orchestra

Abby Kelley’s graduation rate is consistently at or above 96% and since 2019 the High School has consistently ranked among the top 10% in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

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