

City of Cambridge
College Success Initiative

First-Generation College Graduates Celebration

June 2022



The First-Generation College Graduates Celebration honors and acknowledges the first-generation college graduates supported by the City of Cambridge College Success Initiative. The 2022 event, held in June, celebrated the accomplishments of 20 college graduates.

The annual event is hosted by College Success Initiative in collaboration with Workforce, Enroot, and the Mayor's Office.

Tawanya R. Garrett, Director of the College Success Initiative, gives opening remarks at the First-Generation College Graduates Celebration.



Michael O'Shea (2nd from Right), Early College Program Coordinator at CRLS, and Dr. Victoria Greer (Right), Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools, listen to speakers at the event.



CSI students and family members listen to event speakers.



Maria Kefallinou, Director of the Cambridge Community Learning Center, speaks at the event.



College Success Coach Beth Sullivan speaks at the event.



College Success Coach Zanny Alter speaks at the event.



College Success Coach Asia Price speaks at the event.



Rudy Luders, alumnus of Work Force, speaks at the event.



Dr. Victoria Greer (left), Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools, and Ayesha Wilson (right), School Committee member and Senior Teacher / Counselor at Work Force, attend the event.



Family members of graduates listen to speakers at the event.



Student Speaker Birtukan
Gebregziher gives remarks at
the event.



Student Speaker Chris Bonney
gives remarks at the event.



Student speaker Birtukan Gebregziher poses with family members at the event.



Tawanya R. Garrett (left),
Director of the College Success
Initiative, Student Speaker
Birtukan Gebregziher (center)
and Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui
(right).



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Tawanya R. Garrett (left), Director of the College Success Initiative, Ayesha Wilson (center), School Committee member and Senior Teacher/Counselor at Work Force, and Elka Uchman (right), Senior Teacher Counselor Work Force



All first-generation graduates post with Mayor Siddiqui, CSI staff and staff from partner organizations.