

Meet Victoria Arlen:

Victoria Arlen is an accomplished TV host/reporter, motivational speaker, author, gold-medalist swimmer, CEO and co-founder of Victoria's Victory Foundation Her TV career has spanned more than a decade and started at the age of twenty while still in a wheelchair, Victoria has achieved far more than ever imagined, especially after not being expected to live to 15 years old and facing obstacle after obstacle and achieving the impossible. Her achievements and story of survival have been recognized internationally and nationally, including by the prestigious Forbes 30 Under 30 list.

Her new book *The View is Worth it* will hit stores on May 5th. A gold medalist, TV Host, and motivational speaker who inspired millions with her comeback story is now revealing the silent mental health battle no one saw. Victoria's story shatters the myth that success equals happiness, resilience means you're immune to pain and miracles mean life becomes easy. She proves a powerful truth: Surviving is one thing. Learning how to live is another.

Her message is clear: Even people who inspire the world can be fighting invisible battles, a life many would call a miracle, but the truth behind that miracle was far more complicated. The miracle needed a miracle. Victoria doesn't just share her story, she offers a roadmap for anyone facing their own mountain.

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Meet Grace Cotter Regan:

Grace Cotter Regan is a mission-driven leader dedicated to advancing Jesuit, Catholic education. Since 2017, she has served as the first female President of Boston College High School, a Jesuit institution for boys in grades 7–12. With extensive experience in education, leadership, and philanthropy, Grace leads with a deep commitment to Ignatian values, guiding the school's strategic growth, financial sustainability, academic excellence, and pastoral mission while fostering a community rooted in diversity and belonging. Under her leadership, BC High launched the historic \$150 million Illuminating Excellence Campaign, ensuring the school's mission will thrive for generations to come.

Grace began her career as a Jesuit Volunteer teaching in Belize, an experience that reflects her lifelong commitment to service and the mission of the Society of Jesus. Prior to joining BC High, she served as Head of School at St. Mary's High School in Lynn, Massachusetts, where she strengthened enrollment and led the successful Building Futures capital campaign. She has also held leadership roles in advancement and alumni engagement at Boston College, the College of the Holy Cross, and the New England Jesuit Province.

Beyond her formal roles, Grace remains deeply engaged in the broader educational and Catholic community, always striving to build bridges between people and organizations. She is a true connector in the city of Boston, known for her unique ability to weave together diverse networks to spark meaningful change. Her impact on the city was formally recognized in 2025 when she received the prestigious Pinnacle Award from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, a testament to her excellence in education and her unwavering commitment to the community. Further, she serves on the National Board of the Jesuit Schools Network and on the Boards of Directors for The Valedictorian Project, here in the Boston area, and America Media, a national Jesuit media outlet. Her leadership is defined by a tireless dedication to bringing people together to serve a greater purpose.

Most of all, Grace is a newly minted and immensely proud grandmother to Wyatt Thomas (four months) and Camilla Grace (one month). She and her husband, Bernie, find their greatest joy in watching their sons, Luke and Bartley, and their wives Grace and Alexa, embrace the gift of parenthood.



Meet Dr. Kimberley Williams:

Dr. Kimberley Williams is a BGCD alumni, board member, and parent. She grew up at the club participating in every available program: playing Basketball, swimming, and floor hockey; time in the games room, performances in art, volunteering and leading through the Keystone club. Kimberley accredits much of who she is to her parent's guidance and the caring staff and tremendous opportunities presented to her at BGCD.

She is the newly named CEO of Match charter school a 3-campus, K-12 school serving 1,200 Boston students. Previously she worked for 22 years in Boston Public Schools, where she led the district's Equity and Eliminating the Achievement Gap work, was a Principal and directed the district-wide expansion of Social-Emotional Learning post COVID. She has shaped education policy in her many roles and as a volunteer on the BPS Opportunity Gap Task Force and as the Vice-chair of the Black Educator's Alliance of Massachusetts.

Dr. Williams is committed to ensuring all students receive a high-quality education. She uses her core value of equity to widen the diversity of voice at decision-making tables for students, schools, and communities. She is a life-long Dorchester resident and the proud parent mother of Sakeena (20), Curtis (16), and Frankie (15).

Dr. Williams received her Bachelor's in Human Services from Springfield College; Master's in Public Administration from Baruch C.U.N.Y, through the National Urban Fellows Program, and most recently a Ph.D. in Education, Leadership, and Policy Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Kimberly was the very first presenter at NEWLA in 1993 to Liz Walker and Co-chaired the event in 2017 with her daughter Sakeena.

