

December 14, 2020 marks the tenth anniversary of the launch of Amani Public Charter School and it is a very special occasion. Amani is a diamond. Forged under pressure and time, it has become something spectacular. This Charter Day celebration is the kickoff to a year-long opportunity to reflect on the enduring qualities in the development of excellence and leadership amongst our students and staff.

On this day ten years ago the New York Board of Regents voted that “a charter is granted to Amani Public Charter School to operate a charter school pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law and in accordance with the charter agreement.” From there, the school set out on its mission to provide Mount Vernon, New York students in the 5th through 8th grade with the academic skills necessary to succeed in competitive high school programs, college and the career of their choice.

Charter Day is a celebration of the Amani family. Amani is a story of liberation, self-determination and opportunity that is ours to tell. This anniversary year is *our* chance to tell the world about the Amani journey. As we kick off this year of celebration we are going to tell the story of how Amani Public Charter School changed the narrative, created opportunities, and changed lives..

During this year, we will tell the story. We start with Amani’s Day One-ers. We will celebrate the story of the individuals who were here from opening day, or earlier, as teachers, administrators, and founders. We will continue the celebration through our podcast to include Amani stories, videos as well as in our newsletter to highlight other Day One-ers including board members, scholars, and families.

We hope that you will join us on this journey as we explore the impact of this incredible school that began as a kitchen table startup concept has grown into a successful educational institution with a burgeoning legacy of success.