



2020 POSEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

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Adam Foss

2020 Austin College
Posey Leadership Award Recipient

A passionate advocate for criminal justice reform, Adam Foss is the recipient of the 2020 Posey Leadership Award.

Adam Foss is founder and executive director of Prosecutor Impact, a non-profit organization dedicated to reframing the role of the prosecutor—the most powerful agent within the criminal justice system. Through systemic change, Foss is working to implement fair and balanced sentences for young people with the goal of ending mass incarceration in the United States.

A former Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office (SCDAO) in Boston, Massachusetts, Foss recognized inherent injustices that affect the nation’s youth. He founded the SCDAO Reading Program to bridge the achievement gap of elementary school students, and helped shape the first juvenile diversion program in Suffolk County to keep young people out of the cradle-to-prison pipeline.

“The staggering inefficiency is what drove me to criminal justice work. The unfairness of it all made me want to be a defender. The power dynamic that I came to understand made me become a prosecutor.”
— Adam Foss

Today, through his work with Prosecutor Impact, Foss provides education, training, and improved access to technology for prosecutors to help them balance public safety, victim well-being, and the betterment of those charged with crimes.

Foss has been honored for his groundbreaking work. In 2013, he was named Prosecutor of the Year by the Massachusetts Bar Association. In 2016, *The Root* added him to the list of 100 Most Influential Black Americans. The NAACP awarded Foss the 2017 Roy Wilkins Next Generation Leader Award; that same year, he was named a Nelson Mandela Changemaker of the Year and, one of the 100 Most Creative People in Business by *Fast Company*.

A 2008 graduate of Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Foss holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Developmental Biology and Embryology from University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Recipients of the Austin College Posey Leadership Award

- 2020 **Adam Foss**
- 2019 **María Teresa Kumar**
- 2018 **Barbara Pierce Bush**
- 2017 **Vikram Patel**
- 2016 **Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn**
- 2015 **Shigeru Ban**
- 2014 **Nathan Wolfe**
- 2013 **Salman Khan**
- 2012 **Marian Wright Edelman**
- 2011 **Zainab Salbi**
- 2010 **Muhammad Yunus**
- 2009 **Greg Mortenson**
- 2008 **Geoffrey Canada**
- 2007 **Paul Farmer**
- 2006 **Wendy Kopp**

Austin College 2020 Posey Leadership Award Partnership Opportunities

	NATIONAL LEADER	STATE LEADER	LOCAL LEADER	AFFILIATE
	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
Admission to Private Reception in Dallas with Adam Foss	10	8	4	2
Premium Seats at Celebration Luncheon	8	8	6	4
Recognition in Event Program	✓	✓	✓	✓
On-Stage Recognition at Award Event	✓	✓		

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