

New Bedford Fire Department awarded \$189,547 to enhance skills, knowledge, safety

“Fire Chief Scott Kruger and Deputy Fire Chief Brian Medeiros are pleased to announce the New Bedford Fire Department has been awarded \$189,547 in funding through FEMA’s FY23 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.

The funding will be used to facilitate NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1521 Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer training for all Department fire officers and members of the command staff.

The NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Course is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of fire officers. The role of a company officer includes responsibilities such as incident scene strategy and tactics, supervisor and leader, teacher, fire prevention officer, and public fire educator. The company officer’s role also includes understanding and working within the framework of an Incident Command System.

NFPA 1521 Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer contains the minimum requirements for the assignment, duties and responsibilities of a health and safety officer and an incident safety officer for fire departments.

Over the past few years, many senior fire officers and District Fire Chiefs have retired creating a large number of newly promoted fire officers and District Fire Chiefs. These training classes will provide them and all of our supervisors an excellent opportunity for professional development.

Fire Chief Kruger and Deputy Fire Chief Medeiros thank #L841newbedfordfirefighters for their support in successfully obtaining this funding.”-City of New Bedford Fire Department

photo.

City of New Bedford performs 33 clean-ups of blighted properties

“When landlords allow their properties to fall into disrepair and become blight on the neighborhood, the City may come in after necessary notice and clean the property, and then place a lien on it. In Fiscal 2024, the City performed 33 of these clean-ups and placed \$31,763.34 worth of tax liens against the owners.

In June, for instance, the City performed clean-ups at four properties across the City, placing a combined \$3,575.39 in tax liens against the property owners. The cleanups were located at:

- South Side Scott Street Parcel 20 268 – \$1,074.40 liened to owner Ali Murad in Buffalo
- 13 Durfee St. Parcel 77 375 – \$1,106 liened to SUMDRU Inc., President Anthony Cristaldi
- 1227 Ashley Blvd. – \$519.44 liened to Daniel and Tracy Schrier of Schrier Living Trust in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
- 558 Mt. Pleasant St. – \$875.55 liened to Leisure Industries C/O Mike Rocha in Fairhaven

While the vast majority of landlords in New Bedford maintain and care for their properties, the City will continue to hold irresponsible absentee landlords accountable for letting their

properties turn into neighborhood blight.”-City of New Bedford.

All photos by the City of New Bedford:



Did you know that Massachusetts has moose? Stay a respectful distance away to enjoy them!

Did you know that we have moose in Massachusetts? Moose are surprisingly elusive, especially considering their large size. They can stand up to 6 feet tall at the shoulder, with females weighting 500-700 pounds and a male weighing 600-1,000 pounds.

Historically, moose roamed the forests of Massachusetts. However, by the early 1700s, unregulated hunting and extensive

forest clearing for pastures and farming by early settlers led to their disappearance. Moose began to appear again in greater numbers in Massachusetts starting around the 1980s, expanding south from neighboring states. Moose populations grew in northern New England from a combination of forest cutting practices and protection from unregulated hunting. Moose can now be found in most of western and central Massachusetts, with occasional sightings in eastern Massachusetts.

Moose are an important natural resource in Massachusetts and their recent return is a testament to the state's high quality wildlife habitat and management. Moose hunting is prohibited in Massachusetts.

Find tips on viewing moose and preventing conflicts with moose [here](#).

Description

Moose are the largest members of the deer family in North America. In the fall, an adult cow (female) moose can weigh from 500 to 700 pounds and a bull (male) moose can weigh from 600 to over 1,000 pounds. They can stand up to 6 feet tall at the shoulder and have long legs 3–4 feet in length, which allow them to walk in deep snow. Only bulls grow antlers, which begin growing in March to early April and are fully grown by August when the velvet is shed. Antlers are shed beginning in December, though some young bulls retain their antlers until late winter. Moose have large, almost horse-like heads, with a flap of skin that hangs beneath their chin called a bell, which is more pronounced in adult bulls than in cows or immature bulls. Moose vary in color from light brown to almost black, with the face generally dark brown or black on bulls, and light brown on cows.

Life history

Cow moose breed at 2 or 3 years of age. In mid-May they give birth to 1 to 2 calves weighing 20–25 pounds. By fall, the calves will weigh almost 300 pounds! Unlike deer, moose

offspring stay close to their mother after birth and she will actively protect her calf against predators. Moose are most active at dawn and dusk. The breeding season (rut) for moose runs from September to October. This is a time when rutting moose are seen more often because they are actively seeking a mate. Increased moose activity also occurs in April and May when the adult cow drives off her young of the past year before she calves.

Because of their large size and strength, adult moose have very few natural predators, which explains their general lack of fear of humans and bold behavior. However, young, sick or injured moose can succumb to predation by black bears or coyotes. In Massachusetts, most moose die from vehicle collisions, accidents in the wild (drowning, falls, etc.), disease, starvation, and old age. In recent years, climate change, winter tick, Brainworm (a tiny parasite carried by white-tailed deer), liver flukes, and a combination of stressors have become significant factors for moose populations.

Food, habits, and habitat

Moose, like deer, lack upper incisors; they strip off browse (twigs and other plants) and bark rather than snipping it neatly. Moose eat large amounts of leaves, twigs, and buds, as well as sodium-rich aquatic vegetation in the summer. Willows, aspens, maples, oaks, fir, and viburnums are their preferred foods. Land areas recently logged or disturbed by fire, wind events, or beavers provide excellent moose habitat as these sites contain new plant growth. In the summer, moose tend to seek food and relief from flies and mosquitoes by spending time in wetlands. Winter food mostly consists of buds and twigs, needle bearing trees, and hardwood bark. A healthy adult moose can eat 40–60 pounds of browse daily.

View or download the Living with moose PDF fact sheet.

Dangerous heat, humidity coming to Massachusetts with heat indexes as high as 105°F

“Dangerous heat and humidity is on tap Mon through Wed and there will be the risk for some afternoon and evening showers & t-storms. A cold front brings relief from the heat and humidity Thu, Fri and Sat.

Our attention turns to the return of dangerous heat and humidity to start the work week. Heat peaks Tuesday, with potential for heat index values to exceed 105°F!

Now is the best time to ensure cooling devices are in working order and you have a plan to beat the heat!

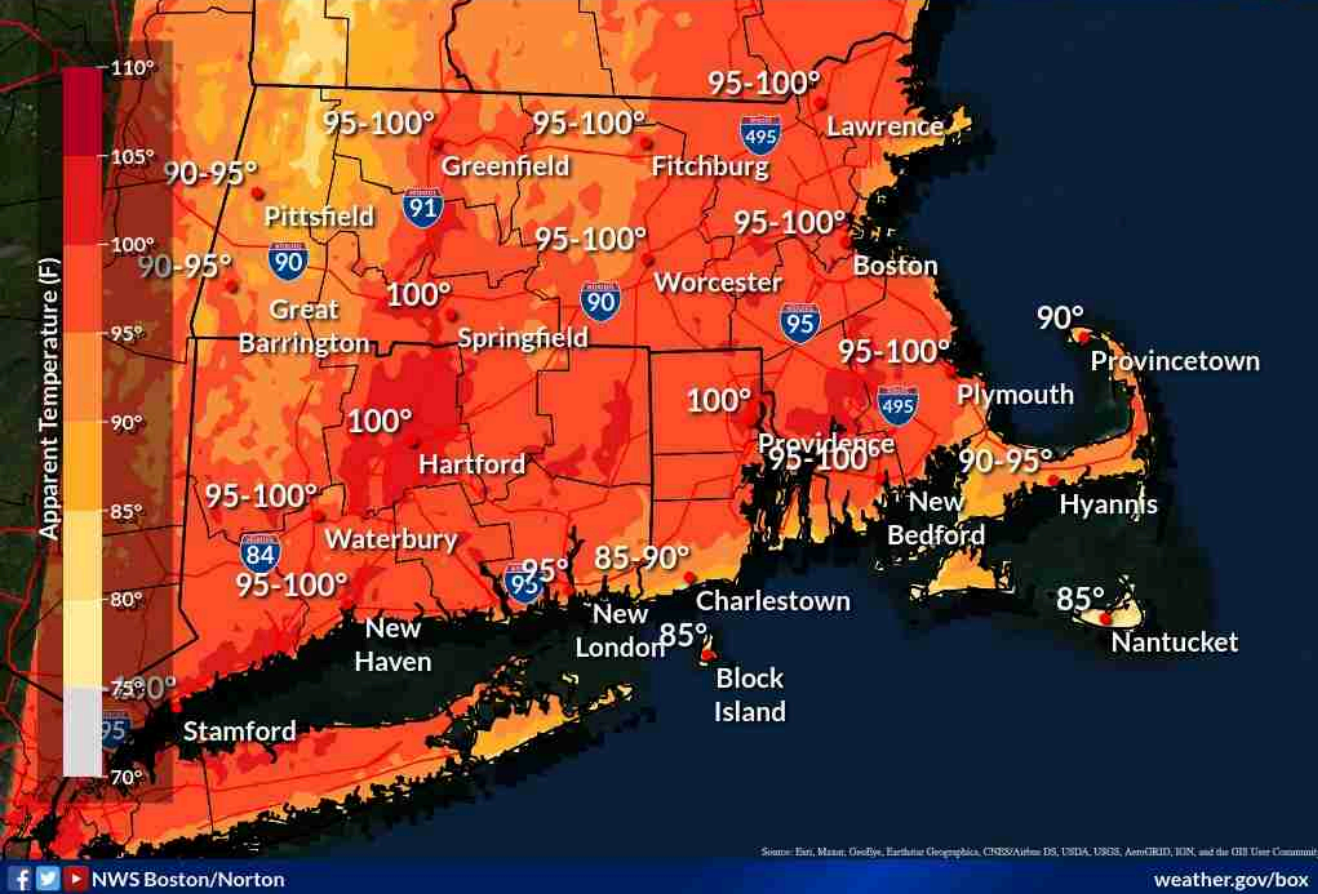
Hot and Humid Monday

Weather Forecast Office
Boston/Norton, MA



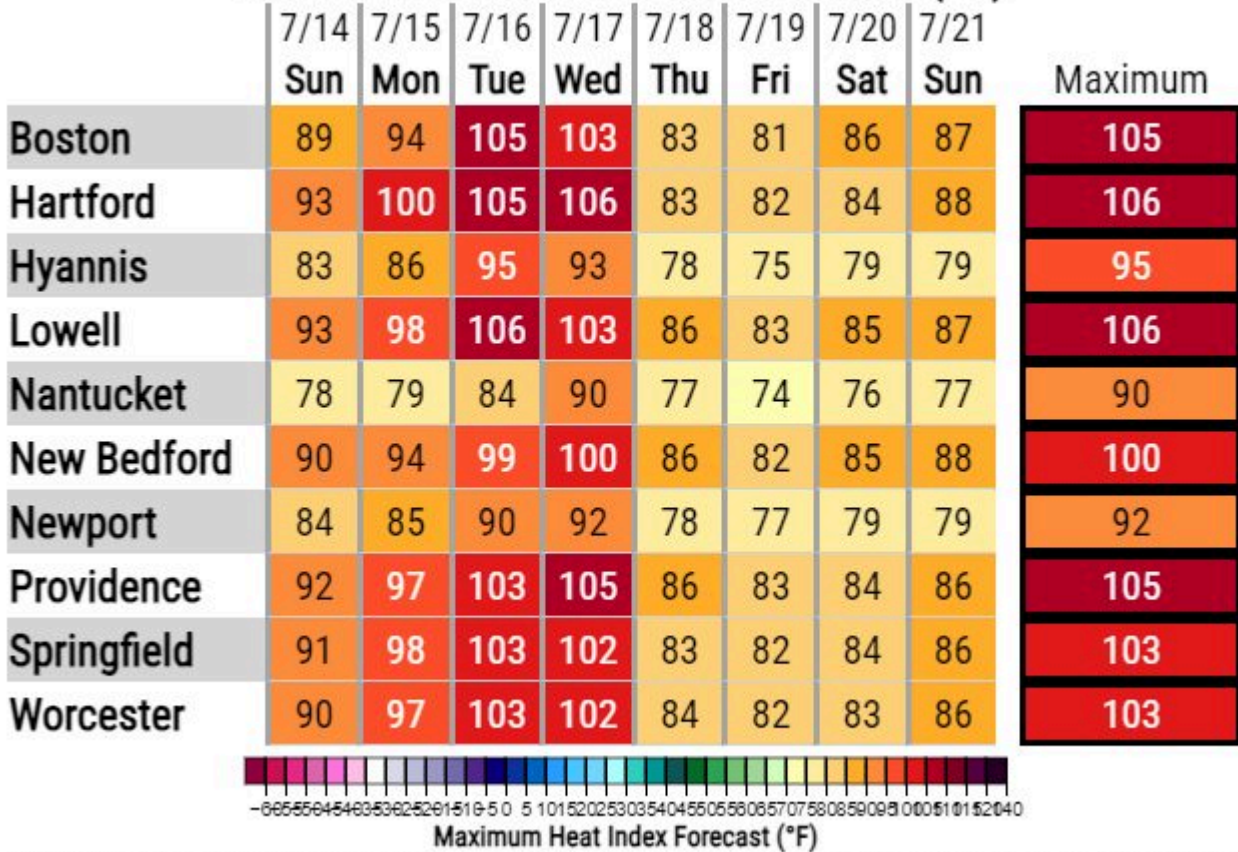
Heat Index Values Climb towards 100F Monday Afternoon

Issued Jul 13, 2024 3:35 PM EDT



Monday's "Hot Peaks" and heat indexes. U.S. Weather Service Boston photo.

Maximum Heat Index Forecast (°F)



Created: 4 am EDT Sun 7/14/2024 | Values are maximums over the period beginning at the time shown.

U.S. Weather Service Boston photo.

Wareham DNR announces passing of French bulldog “Puppy Doe” after surgery

“It is with a heavy heart that we write this post to update everyone that has shown support for the French bulldog puppy that was found, affectionately called Puppy Doe.

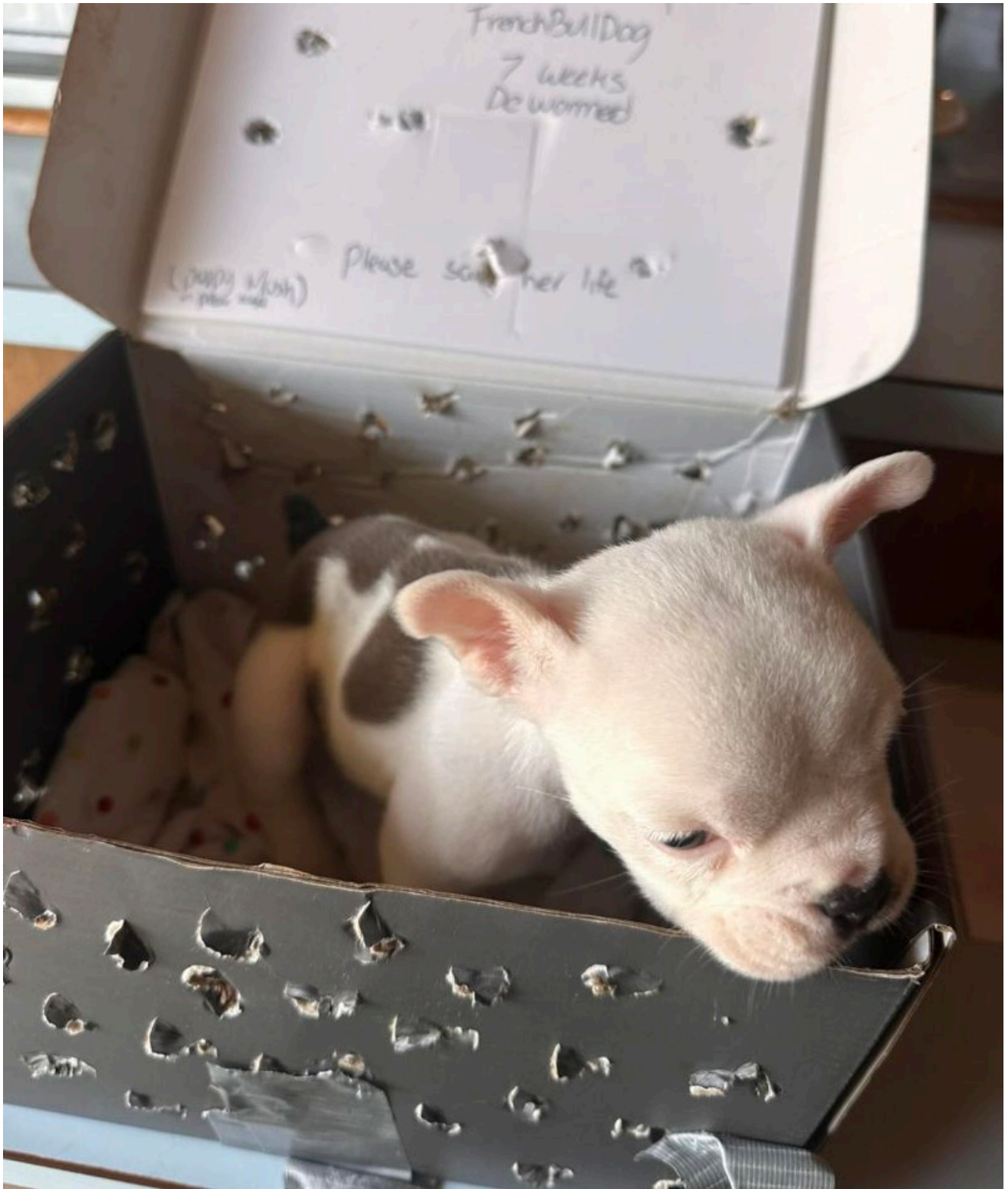
With the generous help of the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast, she went in for what we had hoped to be life saving surgery. Puppy Doe was already at a significantly higher risk due to her age, breed, and condition. Although she

made it through the surgery, she very quickly declined and had to be humanely euthanized due to emergency circumstances.

We want to take a moment to thank everyone involved with her care, treatment, and ultimately her end of life care.

We hope that everyone who showed interest in her adoption will find it in their hearts to adopt one of the hundreds of shelter pets that are patiently waiting for their forever home. Puppy Doe's story caught the heart of so many, but there are many animals with similar stories that have not received the same attention.

Please reach out to your local animal shelter to see what you can do to assist with the care of so many animals just like Puppy Doe. □"-Wareham Department of Natural Resources.



Wareham Fire Department photo.

With “Feels Like” temps as high as 98° South Coast cooling centers opening, including New Bedford

“New Bedford, MA – YMCA Southcoast branches are opening their doors to the public during the heat wave to keep community members cool and safe.

All are welcome at the following 4 branches July 15th-17th, from the hours of 12:30-5pm.

You do not need to be a YMCA member to stop by and keep cool in the Welcome Center. All that we ask is for you to check in at the Welcome Center desk when you arrive.

New Bedford YMCA

25 South Water St.

New Bedford

MA 02740

508-997-0734

Fall River YMCA

199 North Main St.

Fall River, MA 02720

508-675-7841

Gleason Family YMCA

33 Charge Pond Road

Wareham, MA 02571

508-295-9622

Stoico/FIRSTFED YMCA

271 Sharps Lot Road

Swansea, MA 02777

508-678-9622." -YMCA.

Operation Clean Sweep seeks volunteers for New Bedford's Clasky Common Park, downtown area

WHEN: July 20th from 9am – 12pm

WHERE: SERVPRO 1476 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA

You can pre-register online by going [here](#).

- Free t-shirts to all volunteers
- Gloves and tools provided
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Review the safety notes
- Walkins Welcome
- Free pizza from Dominos!
- Coffee & Donuts provided by BASK



CLASKY COMMON PARK/ DOWNTOWN AREA CLEANUP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Cleaning. Restoration. Construction.
Dartmouth/New Bedford
508-999-2380

SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 17
SEPTEMBER 14

SAFETY TIPS

- Wear closed-toed shoes
- If you find a needle, syringe, or sharps, DO NOT TOUCH

9:00AM to 12:00PM

located at SERVPRO
1476 Purchase Street, New Bedford



Coffee and donuts
provided courtesy of



PIZZA provided by

Preregistering at OperationCleanSweep.net helps us to plan our event.

FREE T-Shirts to All Participants | Gloves and tools provided | WALK-INS WELCOME



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Operation Clean Sweep Anti-Litter Campaign is working to improve the quality of life in New Bedford through organized cleanups, education, and advocacy.



Operation Clean Sweep photo.

2024 Piping Plover nesting season a success: birth of two chicks on New Bedford's East Beach

"The New Bedford Conservation Commission is pleased to announce that the 2024 Piping Plover Nesting Season was successful in fledging two chicks on East Beach!

These two chicks are only the second and third chicks to be born in New Bedford in modern times. This success is due to the diligent work of City staff and our partners, as well as the exceptional cooperation and consideration of the general public and beachgoers for giving the protected nesting area and breeding plover pair the space needed to raise their young. These birds will soon begin migrating back south after summering on our coastline.

Thanks again to everyone for being conscientious of the natural world we share around us! If you have any questions, comments, photos, or stories related to the plovers (or any other nature experiences), contact Environmental Stewardship at (508) 991-6188."-City of New Bedford.

Southcoast Health awards 28 scholarships to graduates

from Greater New Bedford and Fall River

“At the end of the school year, local students and their families joined the Southcoast Health Ambassadors, leaders, and donors at Southcoast Health’s annual scholarship luncheon.

This year, 28 scholarships were awarded to high school seniors across the region who demonstrated academic excellence and have decided to pursue higher education working towards future careers in the medical field.

“This program is truly special as it reflects Southcoast Health’s commitment to the community. I want to thank the Southcoast Ambassadors for their longstanding dedication to our region’s students, and our wonderful donors for their ongoing generosity. By supporting those who pursue careers in healthcare and medicine, we are ensuring there will be skilled caregivers to serve our region for generations to come,” said David O. McCready, President and CEO at Southcoast Health during the event.

The scholarships, totaling \$42,000, were awarded on behalf of all three Southcoast Health hospitals and each student received \$1,500 towards their education. This was the highest amount awarded since the program’s inception in 1941 and was made possible by a \$1,000 individual contribution from donors, and a \$500 match made by the Ambassadors.



Southcoast Health photo.

“Reviewing the scholarship applications this year was an honor. The stories students shared about why they wanted to pursue careers in healthcare were varied and profound,” said Meg Rogers, Chair of the Charlton Memorial Scholarship Committee. “Our committee hopes that the scholarship winners stay in touch and consider coming back to Southcoast Health to work once they’ve completed their courses of study.”

The committee received a total of 141 scholarship applications this year. Recipients were selected based on their cumulative GPA or class rank, written essays, guidance letters and their volunteer or professional work experience.

“This year’s applicants were all worthy of recognition, making our final decision a very difficult one. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, we wish all of these students success as they begin their journey toward a medical career, and we want to congratulate our scholarship recipients on this achievement,” said Janice Sharp, Chair of the St. Luke’s Scholarship Committee.

“The Southcoast Health Ambassadors’ Scholarship Program is one that is vital to our mission. We are proud that each year the number of scholarships awarded to high school graduates through this program continues to grow,” added Elena Coffey, Chair of the Tobey Hospital Scholarship Committee. “Providing

a scholarship is one way for the Southcoast Health Ambassadors to assist a future healthcare provider reach their goal and realize their dream.”

Congratulations once again to each of the scholarship recipients!

To learn more about the Southcoast Health Ambassadors and to help to serve our local community, please contact Jennifer Szabo at 508-973-5752 or SzaboJ@southcoast.org or Kimberley Coon at 508-973-5006 or CoonK@southcoast.org.

To see the complete list of scholarship recipients go [here](#).

About Southcoast Health

Founded in 1996, Southcoast Health serves communities across southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island as the largest provider of primary and specialty care in the region. The not-for-profit, charitable system includes three acute care hospitals – Charlton Memorial in Fall River, St. Luke’s in New Bedford (a Level II Trauma Center), and Tobey in Wareham, Massachusetts with a physician network of more than 675 providers.

The system has established more than 55 service locations across the South Coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including six urgent care locations, a Visiting Nurse Association, the Southcoast Health Cancer Center, the region’s only Level II Adult Trauma Center and numerous ancillary facilities.

Southcoast Health has been recognized consecutively for six years in a row as a Newsweek’s World’s Best Hospital from 2019-2024 and named a Maternity Care Access Hospital for 2023-2024 by U.S. News & World Report. The organization was recognized as the best place to work for the sixth consecutive

year by Southcoast Media Group's community choice awards.

With upward of 7,500 employees, Southcoast Health is the largest employer in southeastern Massachusetts, and one of the largest employers in the Commonwealth, according to the Boston Business Journal. More information is available online at www.southcoast.org."

UPDATE: New Bedford mother seeks public's help locating teenage son missing since May

Updated on Wednesday, July 10 at 5:47pm: Bruno is now home safe and sound.

"Hi I need help to find my son! He's been missing since May 31 and I'm so worried.

I already made missing child report and gave his picture to 'Missing and Exploited Children.' Can you help me by sharing?

His name is Bruno Darosa and he is 15-years-old. We are from the north end of New Bedford and he hangs around New Bedford. He's about 5'2" inches and about 135 pounds. The last time he was seen was Brooklawn Park."-Aldina Melo.