

# New Bedford High School's Top Ten Students to Attend Top Colleges and Universities



*Congratulations to  
the top ten!*

New Bedford High School's Top Ten students will attend some of the nation's top colleges and universities and among them have the distinction of being accepted into some of the most selective schools in the country:

## 1. Emma York



Emma will attend Williams College in the fall after being accepted to Harvard, Brown, Oberlin College and Haverford College. She plans to study social sciences and work in education policy and reform to give back to her community, and

credits NBHS with offering her lasting friendships she has made at school.

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## 2. Lisa Chan



Lisa will attend Northeastern University in the fall after being accepted to New York University and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She plans to study computer science at Northeastern and credits New Bedford High's vibrant community with helping her to learn a lot and build new friendships.

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## 3. Dayva Briand



Dayva will attend Boston University in the fall after being accepted to Boston College, the University of Massachusetts

Amherst, the University of Vermont, Stonehill College and Simmons College. She plans to study political science with the plan of attending law school, and credits NBHS with offering her a wide array of extracurricular activities that she could participate in with her friends.

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#### 4. Rachel Neves



Rachel will attend Suffolk University in the fall after being accepted to Bryant University, Simmons College, Emmanuel College, the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. She plans to study business and credits New Bedford High with providing her with excellent teachers, learning experiences, and fun at Mr. Whaler.

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#### 5. Kathleen Le



Kathleen will attend Northeastern University in the fall after being accepted to Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She plans to study chemistry and work in the pharmacy field, and credits New Bedford High with her meeting many new people and offering her

the opportunity to run cross country and track.

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## 6. Chenyu Chen



Chenyu will attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall to study mathematics. She credits New Bedford High School with giving her the opportunity to make friends, take AP classes, and participate in activities including the debate and tennis teams, National Honor Society, International Club, Mayor's Youth Council and Student Advisory Council.

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## 7. Raekwon Grace



Raekwon will attend Brown University after being accepted to Boston College, Emmanuel College, the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Stonehill College. He plans to study legal studies and attend law school to become an attorney, and credits New Bedford High with offering him the opportunity to participate in activities including the track and cross country teams, the National Honor Society and the debate team.

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## 8. Joseph Carreiro



Joseph will attend Tufts University in the fall after also being accepted to the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He plans to study molecular biology/neuroscience with the goal of becoming a college professor, and credits NBHS with offering him many athletic and extracurricular activities and the

opportunity to meet many friends.

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## 9. Sydney Fournier



Sydney will attend Springfield College in the fall after being accepted to Ithaca College, Simmons College, the University of New Hampshire, the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Worcester State University. She plans to study physical therapy at Springfield with the goal of becoming a traveling physical therapist, and credits New Bedford High with offering her the ability to participate in numerous extracurricular and athletic activities including as chairman of the National Honor Society and captain of the volleyball team.

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## 10. Hannah Greany



Hannah will attend the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth after being accepted into Salve Regina University, Simmons College, the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the University of Massachusetts Boston and Curry College. She plans to study nursing and to work as a nurse anesthetist, and credits NBHS with the opportunity to make many friends and participate in sports including softball and volleyball.

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# Root canal performed on Ursula the black bear at Buttonwood Park Zoo



Ursula the brown bear getting a root canal at the New Bedford Buttonwood Park Zoo. Photo by Josh Souza.

The American black bear is the smallest of the three bears species found in North America, and are found only in North America. Three black bears call the Buttonwood Park Zoo home – Ursula, Amy and Toby. Black bears are omnivorous eating plants, fruits, nuts, insects, honey, salmon and small mammals. Occasionally, black bears, as with all animals, will experience tooth problems. The black bears at the Buttonwood Park Zoo are fortunate enough to have their own veterinary team at hand to assist them with their dental needs.

A couple of months back, it was determined that Ursula, one of the zoo's black bears, was in need of a root canal. Ursula was born in January, 1999. She was found as an orphan on March 22, 1999 by the Virginia Fisheries and Wildlife. Ursula was hand-reared for 100 days and then sent to the Bear Rehabilitation

Center near Knoxville, TN. After determining that Ursula was non-releasable due to human imprinting, she arrived at the Buttonwood Park Zoo on October 27, 1999. She has resided her for almost 16 years.

The Buttonwood Park Zoo's veterinarian, Dr. Elizabeth Arnett-Chinn, called upon a specialist to assist with Ursula's dental care. Dr. Schor received his veterinary medical degree from Oklahoma State University in 1984. He is the owner of the Acoaxet Veterinary Clinic in Wesport, MA, a six doctor practice, where he has been accepting referrals for oral surgery and dentistry for the past 25 years. Since all animals have teeth and experience the same problems that we humans do with our teeth, Dr. Schor enjoys bringing relief to all animals including Ursula, the zoo's black bear.



It was determined that Ursula also needed a tooth extraction.

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# Faces Of New Bedford – #03: Marcus Cusick

Meet Marcus Cusick, a recent graduate from the Fine Arts program at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.



Here he is pictured preparing for the Seaport Artwalk, where he had several sculptures installed and a large mural of a lobster claw. When asked what it was about New Bedford that inspired him and his art his reply was the culture. “I mean, look at downtown, there’s a Mexican place down the street from a Portuguese place, down the street from a Thai place, next to a Dominican place.”

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# Gomes Elementary School Awarded Expanded Learning Time Grant



*This is the first ever Expanded Learning Time grant for a New Bedford Public School.*

Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School has been awarded the first Expanded Learning Time (ELT) grant for a public school in New Bedford.

Gomes teachers ratified the proposal to apply for the \$267,500 per year grant in April. ELT will provide more time on teaching and learning for the students at Gomes as well as additional professional development and common planning time for teachers at the school. The grant will add eight additional days to the school year at Gomes and alter school

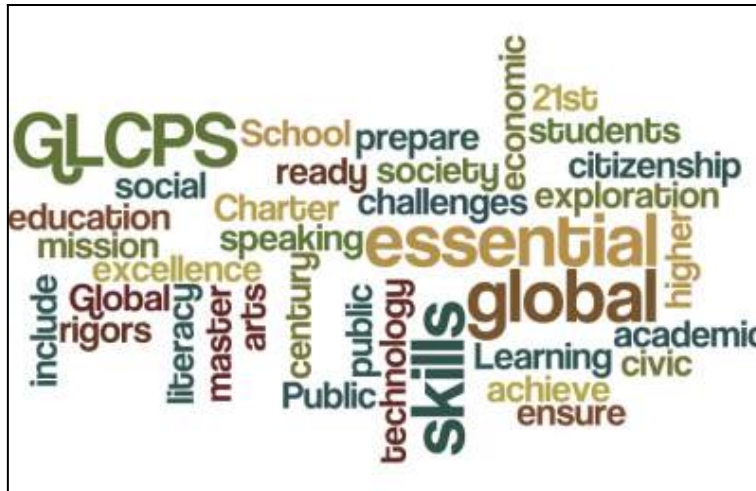
hours to 7:55 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, adding 322 hours to the school year.

“Additional time on teaching and learning for our Gomes students will give both teachers and students the tools that they need to be successful,” said Superintendent Pia Durkin. “The teachers at Gomes are passionate about building an excellent school for every student and those kids could not be more fortunate. With this grant, nearly 22 percent of New Bedford’s elementary students will now have a full week of school including a full day on Friday. This must be a universal requirement so that every student in the city has that same opportunity for more instructional time, including art, music, physical education and technology every week, in order for the district to reach the heights that every New Bedford child deserves.”

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## **GLCPS Makes US News & World Report Best High School List for 2nd Straight Year**



*GLCPS also made it on the Washington Post's List of Most Challenging US High Schools.*

Global Learning Charter Public School (GLCPS) has received recognition from two prestigious publications as being among the best and the most challenging high schools in the country. For the 2nd consecutive year, US News & World Report ranks GLCPS as among the best of the best. For 2015, GLCPS is one of the top 50 public high schools in Massachusetts and in the top 5 percent of high schools nationwide. Meanwhile, the Washington Post's ranking of the nation's 'Most Challenging High Schools' lists GLCPS among the top high schools in the nation and in the top 50 schools in Massachusetts.

GLCPS is the only area school to be recognized on either list.

"These national rankings demonstrate the dedication and commitment of GLCPS as a 5-12 school," said Stephen Furtado, Sr, executive director of the school. "It begins when students arrive in 5th grade and continues throughout their years until they graduate from high school."

The US News & World Report recognizes GLCPS as a silver medalist in the nationwide ranking of high schools. GLCPS is ranked nationally at 1,306th which is in the top five percent of public high schools included in the report. The first 500 schools listed in the report were classified as 'gold' medal

schools. Schools ranked 501 through 2,027 were classified as 'silver' medal schools. An additional 3,990 schools were awarded bronze medals.

According to the report's rating system, GLCPS is 47th in the ranking of high schools in Massachusetts. The rating system also ranked GLCPS as the 9th highest ranked charter high school in Massachusetts. Using data from the 2012-13 school year, the magazine based its annual ranking on three criteria:

- Whether student performance on standardized reading and math tests (MCAS) was statistically better than the average statewide scores

- Whether the school's least-advantaged students – black, Hispanic and low-income – were performing better than average for similar students in the state

- Which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students

You can find out more about the report and its findings by visiting the following website:

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>

The Washington Post recognizes GLCPS on its list of Most Challenging High Schools. The list, which first appeared in 1998, is based on different criteria than that used by US News & World Report. According to The Washington Post it uses the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year and divides it by the number of seniors who graduate in May or June.

You can learn more about the Washington Post research by visiting the following website:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/many-us-schools-still-resist-challenging-all-their->

students/2015/04/15/e063d446-e304-11e4-905f-cc896d379a32\_story.html

“I attribute our successes to the culture of Global Learning,” said Dr. Furtado, the school’s executive director. “ We all know every student’s name. We know their families and their families know us. Everybody connected to the school is part of the GLCPS family. We all support one another.”

GLCPS is a tuition-free public charter school that serves students in grades 5-12 throughout the city of New Bedford. GLCPS offers a personalized, challenging, college preparatory learning environment in which students are encouraged to realize their full potential, both academically and personally. For more information, visit: [www.glcps.org](http://www.glcps.org) and the Global Learning Charter Public School Facebook page.

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## **Music Performance by the Afro-Semitic Experience**



*The Afro-Semitic Experience is redefining the jazz concert.*

The City of New Bedford Department of Community Services is pleased to announce an upcoming musical performance by The Afro-Semitic Experience, on Thursday, July 9th at 6 p.m. at the Greater New Bedford Vocational-Technical High School Auditorium.

With their unique instrumentation, solid grooves, and their ability to get an audience on its feet, The Afro-Semitic Experience is redefining the jazz concert. Their music is an intricate tapestry of spiritual, world-beat, funk, jazz, cantorial, gospel, salsa, swing . . . soul-driven music. Co-founded by African-American jazz pianist Warren Byrd, and Jewish-American jazz bassist David Chevan in 1998, The Afro-Semitic Experience is a band that combines an eclectic array of styles, sophisticated musicianship, good songwriting, deep grooves, and years of friendship with a simple message: Unity in the Community.

This program is presented by the City's Invest-in-Kids and No Place for Hate programs, and is supported in part by a grant from the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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## **HDC Plans For Port Director Transition**



At a meeting of the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission (HDC) on Thursday, June 11, Port Director Jeffrey Stieb announced his decision to step down from the post, and the seven-member board voted to appoint Deputy Port Director Edward Anthes-Washburn as Acting Port Director on a transition date to be decided.

Stieb, a former Massport executive and U.S. Coastguard officer who has overseen the port of New Bedford since September 2012, cited the challenges of a long-distance commute from his home in Weymouth, MA as reason for his decision.

In a letter to the HDC board, Stieb noted the successes of the port over the past three years, including the organization's advocacy for the fishing industry, improvements in fiscal and operational management, the securing of \$72 million in state bond authorizations working in close coordination with the local legislative delegation, and the successful hosting of the whaleship Charles W. Morgan that drew tens of thousands to the waterfront in 2014.

Stieb also expressed confidence in the strength of the existing leadership team, including current Deputy Director Washburn who has served capably as Acting Port Director for an extended period in the past, and Harbormaster David Condon who recently assumed the post after the position was held open for several years (while a legislative reform awaited passage).

Mayor Jon Mitchell reflected on the status of the port and

thanked Stieb for his contributions: “Our strategy for growing the port and creating and sustaining maritime jobs is succeeding. We are fighting hard for the fishing industry. We are seeing increases in cargo activity and in recreational boating interest. And we are set up long-term to capture the potential of the offshore wind energy industry. Jeff has been a key contributor in all those efforts, so he leaves his position with our appreciation and thanks.”

HDC Commissioner Richard Canastra echoed the Mayor’s comments, “Overseeing a very active harbor that operates around the clock every day of the year is a demanding responsibility that never stops, so I have nothing but respect for Jeff and his decision.”

The Harbor Development Commission plans to revisit the selection and appointment process for the Director position at the conclusion of the boating season in the fall.

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## **Paskamansett Concert Series in Dartmouth set to launch this July**





## *The Spindle Rock River Rats.*

The new Paskamansett Concert Series is set to launch on Saturday, July 11th, with a 7:30 pm performance by the Spindle Rock River Rats at the historic Dartmouth Grange Hall in the Russells Mills Village Historic District of South Dartmouth, MA.

The monthly concerts are being organized by Russ Smith, founder of the popular Sandywoods Music Series in Tiverton, RI and its director until April of this year.

The Paskamansett concerts will be held in the Dartmouth Grange Hall on the 2nd Saturday of the month, except for the 3rd Saturday in September. All shows start at 7:30 pm. Tickets to all concerts are \$15, \$12 for children under 18, seniors 60 and over, and college students, and there is also a \$35 family admission price. Guests are invited to bring along food and non-alcoholic beverages if they wish.

The Summer/Fall 2015 lineup includes the Spindle Rock River Rats on July 11th, Seamus Galligan & Michael Laureanno on August 8th, Four Bridges on September 19th, Joanne Doherty & Barbara Phaneuf on October 10th, and Grace Morrison on November 14th. Smith has already booked Bill Harley, Fourteen Strings, Danielle Miraglia, and Matt Borrello for some early 2016 dates.

According to Smith, the goal of the Paskamansett Concert Series is to offer affordable, family-friendly, monthly concerts in an intimate setting, featuring great local, regional, and national acts performing Americana, folk, roots, singer-songwriter, Celtic, blues, and bluegrass music.

Tickets may be purchased with cash or check on concert nights (doors open 7 pm), or in advance at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). There are no surcharges or extra fees for an online advance purchase.



*The historic  
Dartmouth Grange.*

The historic Dartmouth Grange Patrons Hall is an intimate listening room with seating for 85 guests. The classic Greek Revival building was constructed in 1837 as a two-room schoolhouse. A stage and kitchen were added in 1929. The hall has remained essentially unchanged since then. The street address is 1133 Fisher Road in Dartmouth. For more info, email [paskamansettconcertseries@gmail.com](mailto:paskamansettconcertseries@gmail.com), call 401-241-3793, or visit <http://paskamansettconcertseries.weebly.com>.

The Spindle Rock River Rats play an eclectic blend of bluegrass, old-time, folk, popular, western and fiddle tunes. The Rats include Woody Underwood on fiddle, Polly Gardner on bass, Steve Brauch on mandolin, Borden Snow on five-string banjo, Ransom Griffin on guitar, Maury May on guitar, Brad Jenkins on tenor banjo, and Juergen Hallemeier on accordion, with everyone helping out on vocals!

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## **Homicide Investigation Underway in New Bedford**

New Bedford Police, Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to this office and Homicide Unit prosecutors are actively investigating a homicide which occurred in New

Bedford late Thursday night.

New Bedford Police received 911 calls regarding gunshots in the area of Liberty and Court Street around 11:30 pm. Upon arrival at the scene, police found a 19-year-old male victim in Harrington Park suffering from gunshot wounds. EMT's responded though the victim was pronounced dead shortly after their arrival.

The investigation is being coordinated by Assistant District Attorney Dan Walsh.

If anyone has information about this incident or was in the area of Liberty and Court streets last night between 11:00 and 12:00PM, they are urged to call the New Bedford Police Department's Detectives Division at 508-991-6300. If individuals wish to remain anonymous, they can call New Bedford Police's anonymous tip line at 508-961-4584, or utilize the district attorney's anonymous text-a-tip program by either logging on to [tipsubmit.com](http://tipsubmit.com) or by texting the phrase "CALL50" to the phone number 274637 (which spells CRIMES).

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**Keith Truehart, suspect on  
Massachusetts State Police  
'most wanted' list, arrested  
in Belchertown**



*Truehart was wanted on warrants issued in connection with the alleged beating of his girlfriend's daughter, reported on Nov. 15, 2014.*

A Belchertown man on the Massachusetts State Police "most wanted" list for an alleged November assault that left a 9-month-old girl with broken ribs was taken into custody Wednesday morning. Police found him hiding under a sink in a North Main Street apartment.

Keith Truehart, 30, was arrested at 5 a.m. by members of the State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section and Belchertown police officers, according to a statement issued by state police. Officers found Truehart in a "makeshift hideout" built from wood and sheetrock, police said.

Truehart was wanted on warrants issued in connection with the alleged beating of his girlfriend's daughter, reported on Nov. 15, 2014.

Mary Carey, spokeswoman for the Northwestern district attorney's office, said that at his arraignment Wednesday in Eastern Hampshire District Court Truehart was ordered held without bail pending a June 16 dangerousness hearing. He is charged with two counts of assault and battery on a child causing substantial injury and one count of witness intimidation.

Each of the assault charges carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in state prison, Carey said.

The witness intimidation charge was filed because Truehart allegedly misled police about the origin of the child's injuries, Carey said.

"The defendant was not immediately arrested because the police were still investigating the matter," Carey said in a statement. "It is alleged by the Commonwealth that after a criminal complaint was issued against the defendant, he fled."

According to previous statements issued by state police, the investigation into the alleged beating began when Belchertown police responded to a call about a baby who was injured in a fall. Investigators later determined that Truehart had been alone with the child at the time, according to police.

Police said first responders observed injuries that were inconsistent with a fall, including bruising on the girl's forehead and around her eyes. Paramedics treated the girl at the scene, and hospital staff later found the girl had two rib fractures that were "in the healing stages."

"They further determined that the current injuries suffered were not accidental but were inflicted upon the child," police said.

Last week, state police added Truehart to the agency's list of Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

“Police recently developed information suggesting that Truehart had returned to his girlfriend’s apartment,” state police said Wednesday. “He was located there this morning.”

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