

P.A.C.E. offers FREE college course; Now accepting applications for Clemente Course in Humanities

PACE, the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth are pleased to announce that the Clemente Course in the Humanities is starting to recruit applicants for its' 15th year of operation. Classes will begin Monday, September 9th at the PACE Head Start Center at 32 Madison Street in New Bedford.

The Clemente Course in the Humanities provides tuition free, college-level instruction, for up to 6 college credits, to economically disadvantaged individuals aged 17 and older. Course participants take classes in literature, art history, moral philosophy, American history, writing and public speaking from college professors. Instructors are chosen for their engaging and dynamic presence in the classroom and their commitment to working with non-traditional learners.

Classes will take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8:00pm. The first Semester will begin September 9th, and will end with a graduation ceremony in May. The classes are offered free of charge to qualified participants. PACE will provide on-site childcare for participants and transportation assistance along with paying for all textbooks and supplies. Students will often take trips to art museums, and to see plays and performances.

The Clemente Course grants a certificate of achievement to all students who finish the course and six college credits to those who complete it at a high level of academic performance. The credits come from UMass-Dartmouth, and can be transferred

to any community college or university.

According to Dr. Mark Santow, Academic Director for the Program and Chair of History at UMass- Dartmouth, "the Clemente Course is based on the idea that anyone can acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to enrich and transform his or her life. It is a wonderful, life-changing program. Since we began in the fall of 2005, the New Bedford Clemente Course has graduated over 140 students, and dozens of them have gone on to Bristol Community College and UMass-Dartmouth."

Anyone interested in enrolling in the Clemente Course in the Humanities should call PACE at 508 999-9920 and request an application or pick one up at the PACE main office at 166 William St., New Bedford. People may apply on-line also at <http://chantsdemocratic.blogspot.com/p/apply-for-clemente-course-in-humanities.html>. All applicants will be interviewed by Dr. Mark Santow. For more information, contact Pam Kuechler, Executive Director of PACE at 508 999-9920, or Dr. Santow at msantow@umassd.edu.