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NBHS College & Career Readiness Fair expands horizons

60+ institutions registered for networking event at New Bedford High School, Sept. 26

With the official arrival of autumn this week comes another colorful fall event – New Bedford High School's Annual College and Career Readiness Fair, Thursday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Beardsworth-Gonsalves Gymnasium, 230 Hathaway Blvd. More than 60 institutions are registered to attend. The event is open to all students, their families, and surrounding communities.

The fair is a big part of New Bedford High School's focus on providing students hands-on experience interacting with college reps and career prospects, noted Headmaster Bernadette Coelho. "It's a great opportunity for our students to network with dozens of recruiters who want to talk with them about their future plans. You'd have to travel thousands of miles to meet all these institutions at their respective locations. Middle school students and their families are also invited; seventh and eighth grade is an optimal time to begin thinking about post-secondary paths and New Bedford High School is here to help," she said.

Representatives from more than 60 universities and colleges (both public and private), technical institutions, USA military academies and branches of the U.S. Armed Forces will be available to discuss courses, financials, housing and career options with students and their families.

Attending institutions will include: Bank of America, Bay State University, Bridgewater State University, Bristol Community College, Carpenters Local Union 330, Curry College, Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Educational Talent Search Program, Emmanuel College, Fisher College, Framingham State University, GEAR UP Program, Greater New Bedford Career Center/MASSHIRE, Guilford College, Husson University, Leduc Center for Civic Engagement-UMD, Lasell University, Massachusetts Air National Guard, Massachusetts Army National Guard, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Massasoit Community College, MCPHS University, MEFA-Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, M.O.L.I.F.E, MTTI, New Bedford Public Library, New Bedford High School Guidance Dept., New England Institute of Technology, Nichols College, Northeast Maritime Institute, Rhode Island College, Sacred Heart University, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Stonehill College, Suffolk University, University of Rhode Island, University of Vermont, University of Connecticut, Upward Bound, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine

Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, UMASS Amherst, UMASS Boston, UMASS Dartmouth, UMASS Dartmouth/Nursing Scholars Program, UMASS Lowell, United States Army/Army Reserves, United States Coast Guard, Universal Technical Institute, University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine at Orono, University of Southern Maine, University of Vermont, and Westfield State University.

The event will also include: Financial aid and college application process information available from the Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority (MEFA); Bank of America will talk about other financial aid options; MASSHIRE will offer info on employment opportunities; and Carpenters Local Union 330 will present info on commercial carpentry careers.

Language support is available at the fair in Creole, Spanish and Portuguese. Guidance and GEAR UP councilors will also be available in Room B-211. For more information about the fair, contact: Veronica Martinez, GEAR UP Community & Parent Outreach Coordinator, 508-997-4511 ext. 25154

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