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From the Principal's Desk: Educate and Serve



New Heights Charter School of Brockton (NHCSB) Launches "Free Fresh Market" to Support Friends and Families with Healthy Food Access

Staying true to our mission of preparing all students for college—and recognizing that we are both a school and a community—New Heights Charter School of Brockton launched a new community-based initiative early last month: the New Heights Free Fresh Market. On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the school officially hosted its first Free Fresh Market, distributing fresh produce and pantry staples to more than 175 families. Our supplies were depleted within an hour! This overwhelming turnout underscores the vital need for programs like this, particularly in underserved communities.

At New Heights, community engagement is not just a bonus—it is central to the school's mission. By supporting the well-being of students and their families outside the classroom, the school strengthens the foundation for academic success and builds a stronger, healthier neighborhood.

To continue meeting this urgent need, New Heights has held additional Free Fresh Market events on April 19th, May 3rd, and the final Free Fresh Market was on May 17th. All events are open to New Heights families on a first-come, first-served basis. From the school's main entrance, we have relocated the market to the school cafeteria to better serve our families. We have served over 200 families in each of the last two markets.

As the Principal, I know that when we take care of our families' immediate needs, we also set our students up for success, for I know an empty stomach is an enemy of the learning experience. No child should be left behind because of hunger.

The Free Fresh Market initiative is designed to address food insecurity by providing New Heights families with access to fresh, healthy food at no cost. This initiative reflects the school's deep commitment to serving and uplifting families. I also thank the New Heights community for their support and their dedication to serving our families with love, grace, and dignity.

Best regards,
Dr. Jones

Student and Staff Department Spotlight



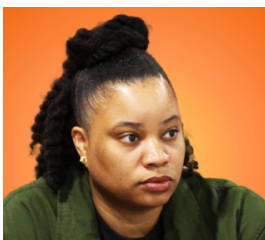
Melissa Jean | Chief of Staff to the Executive Director

Ms. Jean is a founding staff member of the school and has served in numerous roles, including Registrar, Academic Counselor, Chief of Staff to the Principal, and Chief of Staff to the Executive Director.

For many years, Ms. Jean acted as a liaison between staff and families. She not only knew the name of every student in the school but could also recite the names of their parents and share something special about each student and their siblings.

In addition to her role as the ED's Chief of Staff, she also serves as the district's Assessment Coordinator.

Thank you, Ms. Jean, for all you've contributed to advancing New Heights' goal of preparing all students for college.

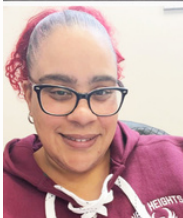


Michalek Dennis | 8thth Grade Teacher

In her two years at New Heights, Ms. Dennis has demonstrated herself to be an outstanding and caring 8th-grade ELA teacher, bringing over 10 years of experience in education to her role. She has built excellent relationships with both colleagues and scholars. Even amidst staffing shifts, her enthusiastic willingness to step in ensures that every scholar's needs are met. Her remarkable dedication and commitment to our students have been truly noticed. Ms. Dennis, we thank you for all you have done to advance New Heights's mission of preparing all students for college.

Department Spotlight—Data & Accountability—Meet The Team:

Jess Geier, Lourdes Pires, Kaitlin Kendrick, Luz-Thomas Ocasio



This year, the NHCSB data management responsibilities were officially separated from the IT department and established as an independent entity.

The new department is tasked with:

- Retrieving data
- Inputting data into the SIS (Student Information System)
- Analyzing data
- Reporting data to all stakeholders

The transition from IT was a significant challenge, but the team executed it successfully.

It is important to highlight the department's essential role in charter renewal and the annual report, ensuring that all accountability measures are met. We deeply value the efforts of the Data and Accountability team to keep our school compliant with data accountability requirements at both the local and state levels. Their dedication to maintaining accurate and up-to-date school data, while ensuring accountability across the board, has been extraordinary.

Thank you for your unwavering efforts in maintaining the highest standards of excellence and ensuring accountability in every aspect. Your contributions have been instrumental in advancing our mission to prepare all students for college success.



Ibrahim Claxton-Henry | 11th Grade Student

Ibrahim is an outstanding scholar who has distinguished himself as a leader both academically and socially. He is dedicated to his studies and is the only student at MCC currently enrolled in a general population honors course. Ibrahim's wisdom and thoughtfulness reflect the growth he has achieved through various life experiences, choosing to remain positive and to pour love back into his peers and surroundings. Most recently, he completed his Eagle Scout project to restripe the basketball court on Ash St. in Brockton, which demonstrates his commitment to community service. Beyond academics, Ibrahim is actively engaged in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including government and politics, religion, and basketball, among others.

Community News

Third Annual New Heights Civics Project Showcase Was A Success

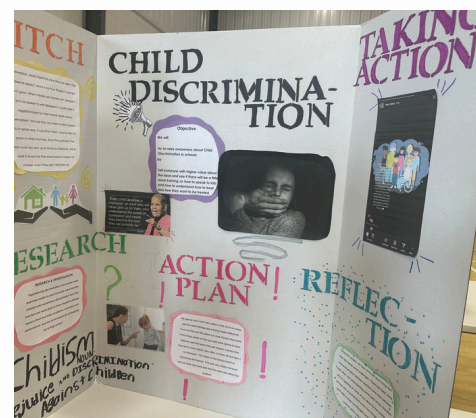
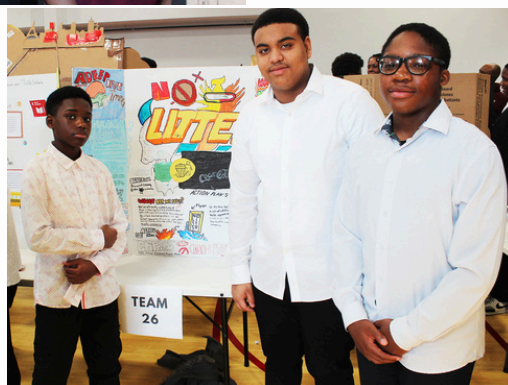


The Third Annual New Heights Charter School Districtwide Civics Showcase was well attended.

Hundreds of students and their parents participated in this annual "science fair for civics." Through their projects, eighth and tenth-grade students addressed and provided solutions to real-world problems such as climate change, poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, gun control, and other pertinent issues that we face as a country and the global village.

It was remarkable to see our students engaged with their peers and other members of the community, who attended the fair, through meaningful and at times sobering discussions around local, national, and global issues.

We thank everyone who joined our Third Annual Civics Showcase Fair. A special shout-out to our excellent teachers and staff for their support in ensuring the fair's success. We look forward to seeing you all next year!



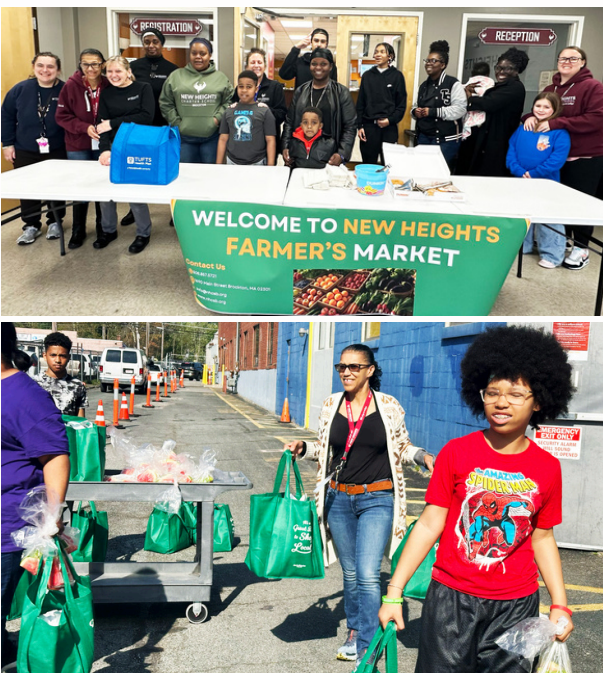
New Heights Free Fresh Market Initiative

New Heights Charter School of Brockton (NHCSB) Launches "Free Fresh Market" to Support Friends and Families with Healthy Food Access

New Heights Charter School is proud to announce the launch of a new community initiative, the Free Fresh Market, a program designed to address food insecurity by providing New Heights' friends and families with access to fresh, healthy food at no cost. This initiative reflects the school's deep commitment to serving and uplifting families.

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To continue meeting this urgent need, New Heights will host additional Free Fresh Market events on the following Saturdays: April 19, May 3, and the last one was on May 17. All events are open to New Heights families. It is a first-come, first-served market.



No Referral Ice Scream Threat: Celebrating Students' Contribution to Our Community Well-Being

Last month, the New Heights community proudly celebrated the contributions of each student to the school community through the "Ice Cream Treat Initiative." This initiative, supported by Dr. Jones and organized by the Culture team, aimed to honor the dedication, effort, love, and passion that our students bring to our school each day through their academic achievements, social connections, and emotional growth.

They embody the vision we strive for at New Heights—a school community built on excellence, kindness, resilience, and accountability. The Ice Cream Treat Initiative was an excellent opportunity for students to savor delicious ice cream and play games with their classmates and teachers.

The initiative also allowed educators to connect with students outside the classroom. It is our way of thanking and encouraging them to keep climbing and reaching new heights.

We believe in our students' potential to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

We thank our Culture team and dedicated staff who made this initiative successful! We look forward to seeing you all next year for another Ice Cream Treat Initiative.



Congratulations to Makayla Petit-Frere!

Congratulations to our own Markayla Petit-Frere on being named the 2024 Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South–Brockton Clubhouse Youth of the Year. Markayla is a junior at New Heights Charter School of Brockton.

She has been a member of the Brockton Clubhouse for seven years. As a Peer Leader in the Brockton Clubhouse Healthy Relationships program, she has inspired everyone with her commitment to youth mental health and education.

Thank you for showing us what your leadership is all about: service and caring for others! We are all proud of you, Markayla!



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Save the Date!
Our 2025 Summer Bridge Programs start on Monday, July 14, and run through Thursday, July 24, 2025.

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