

2025 MCSAO CHAMPION



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Celebrating Black History and Our 2025 MCSAO Championship



As Black History Month approaches, we want to remind everyone of the importance of celebrating African Americans' remarkable achievements and contributions to the United States. Black History Month began in 1915, half a century after the 13th Amendment. It was founded by Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland, who established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. This organization is dedicated to researching and promoting the achievements of Black Americans and people of African descent.

New Heights is also celebrating our Phoenix Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball teams' victories at the 2025 Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO). We are incredibly proud of all of you. We also know that you could not have achieved this milestone in your athletic journey without the outstanding athletics team led by Mr. Diggs and his assistant, Mr. Andrade— your parents, your classmates, and cheerleaders, your friends and your amazing teachers.

Mr. Diggs, you have taken on a challenging and critical role. From the beginning, when I asked you to build an authentic athletic program that prioritizes our athletes

as scholars, you have done just that since day one. Before Mr. Andrade joined us, you were the athletic director, coach, trainer, security, and grounds crew all at once. You have successfully led our school and athletic program through two successful seasons. I sincerely thank you and Mr. Andrade for being examples of consistency and integrity for all our scholars and staff.

Lastly, to our exceptional coaches, Mr. Hosea and Mr. Gadry, you could not make us more proud.

Thank you for all you have done to lead our teams to victory.

Dr. Jones

Principal

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Student and Staff & Department Spotlights

Beatrice Varice | School Adjustment Counselor

Ms. Varice (affectionately known as Ms. V) is a devoted licensed social worker (LICSW) in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. Driven by her passion for mental health and her commitment to healing and empowering women of color, she earned an undergraduate degree in Human Services from Fitchburg State University and a Master of Social Work from Salem State University.

With over 15 years of experience, she has worked in various settings, including the Department of Children and Families and Boston Children's Hospital, focusing on mental health, substance use, and addressing systemic inequities and disparities. Ms. V is a strong advocate for the inclusion and support of social-emotional wellness among students, believing it contributes to a safer, more effective, and more powerful educational experience. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, listening to music, trying new foods, dancing, and laughing.

Gilberto Cubero-Diaz | Director of Information Technology

Mr. Cubero-Diaz is a seasoned technology leader with extensive experience in driving enterprise-wide transformations. As a first-generation Puerto Rican, Mr. Cubero-Diaz brings 16 years of deep technical expertise and five years of proven management experience to his role as the Director of the Technology Department. In this position, he is responsible for the strategic direction and robust security of critical data and infrastructure. His dedication to excellence is matched only by his devotion to family, inspiring him to create innovative solutions that empower us all.

His areas of expertise include developing, documenting, and implementing IT system policies and procedures in both project management and network administration.

Jessica Booker | Middle School History Teacher—7th grade

Ms. Booker graduated from Fitchburg State University with a history major and a minor in political science. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Middle School/Secondary Education at UMass Boston. Before joining New Height Charter School of Brockton, Ms. Booker worked as a High School Paraprofessional, where she gained valuable experience supporting students in their learning.

Ms. Booker believes every student's thoughts, feelings, and experiences are important. She is passionate about creating a classroom where students feel seen, heard, and truly understood. To Jessica, every student's voice matters, and their emotions are always valid. She views history as a subject and a powerful tool for students to better understand themselves, their communities, and the world. Jessica is committed to helping her students recognize their strengths, embrace their uniqueness, and confidently advocate for their identity.



Giscard M. Saintil | Adjustment Counselor/Social Worker

Mr. Saintil is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and School Adjustment Counselor based in Massachusetts. He is entering his first year at New Heights Charter School and has over a decade of clinical experience. He has worked with children, adolescents, and families in various settings, including schools, hospitals, residential treatment centers, outpatient services, and home-based services.

Giscard earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and his Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling from Mercy College in New York. He is passionate about supporting students' social and emotional well-being to foster a positive school environment and ensure that all students can succeed.

In addition to providing clinical services, Giscard has been invited to speak at numerous mental health organizations and events.

Department Spotlight: Special Education



- The Special Education team works in the shadows, but the work that they do with scholars with exceptionalities is some of the most important service that any educational institution can provide.
- As teachers, they provide intentional and specialized support to both scholars and general education teachers.
- Led by Ms. Robinson, her knowledge and experience as a Special Educator has allowed her to set standards and expectations that are moving our scholars toward academic success.
- This team includes: Ms. Bea Allen, Ms. Deidre Allen, Ms. Colleen Hall, Ms. Nancy Hayward, Ms. Kara Heo, Mr. Jonathan Muise, Mrs. Kim Mund, Mr. Devante Offutt, Ms. Savina Pires, and Mrs. Christine Tresca.
- These teachers not only service scholars with IEP & 504s, but they serve all scholars who need support.

Community News

Congratulations to Our Phoenix Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball Teams on Their Victories at the 2025 MCSAO Championship!



On behalf of everyone at New Heights, I am thrilled to congratulate our outstanding Phoenix Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball teams for their incredible triumph at the 2025 Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) Championship! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have truly led you to this remarkable achievement.

The Athletics Department's mission states, "As a New Heights athlete, you embody six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship." Throughout the tournament, you have wonderfully embodied these values. Your relentless commitment has not only brought glory to our school but also inspired us all.

We also want to acknowledge that this success could not have been achieved without the unwavering support of your principal, Dr. Jones, your Athletics Director, Mr. Diggs, and his exceptional assistant, Mr. Andrate, along with your dedicated coaches, Mr. Gadry and Mr. Langham. A heartfelt thank you goes out to your parents and friends who have stood by you, cheering you on from the start.

Finally, we salute your incredible teachers, who have passionately supported your academic journey and fostered your success both in the classroom and on the court. Your victory is a testament to the spirit and strength of New Heights!

Congratulations, we are rooting for you to bring home the 2025 MIAA trophies!

Omari Walker
Executive Director
New Heights Charter School of Brockton



Black History Month & Rhythm of Resistance Celebrating the Legacy of Black Resilience and Excellence through Artistic Expression throughout History.





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