

NEW HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

WE ALL GO TO COLLEGE. PERIOD.

August 2024



Meet Dr. Nichole Jones | New Heights Principal | njones@nhcsb.org

Dr. Jones is honored to embark upon a full year as principal of New Heights Charter School of Brockton for the academic year 2024–2025. She is a self-proclaimed "Education Missionary." She has been an educator for over 28 years and has served nationwide. From teaching to leadership, her Servant Leadership has spanned from kindergarten to college as a classroom teacher, school leader, and college professor.

This mission of education has allowed her to collaborate with a diverse group of people who are aligned with New Heights's purpose and belief in the students we serve. Dr. Jones believes that our students can reach as high and go as far as any other group of students when high expectations and standards are set for them. She wrote, "That is what I am here to do at New Heights: set high expectations and standards."

With a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, education was not Dr. Jones's first choice as a career. However, she said, "When service calls, you answer." She is a former Division I basketball player and basketball, volleyball, and softball coach. While coaching basketball, the opportunity to expand her "teaching" from the court to the classroom was presented, and she took it. Dr. Jones has been serving students and families since.

In addition to her B.A. in Journalism, Dr. Jones has a Master's of Arts in Publications Design and a doctorate in Educational Leadership focusing on Urban Education.

Dr. Jones is an avid sports fan and enjoys all genres of music. If she is not working, you can find her at an outdoor festival, sporting event, or taking a road trip.

Staff Spotlight: Meet Our Newest Members



Welcome Wadner Pierre | Marketing Coordinator | wpierre@nhcsb.org

Mr. Pierre is a passionate and enthusiastic educator and an experienced communications strategist with over 15 years of experience. He is a native of Haiti and a trilingual award-winning photojournalist. Mr. Pierre has worked for public and private educational institutions worldwide. He has experience working with nonprofit and for-profit organizations. Mr. Pierre is a graduate of Curry College (M.Ed Elementary Education), University of Aberdeen, Scotland (MS, International Relations), and Loyola University New Orleans School of Mass Communications (BA, Journalism). Before joining the NHCSB family, he worked as a 4th-grade Humanities instructor.



Meet Amanda Roché | Associate Principal of STEM | aroche@nhcsb.org

Ms. Roché is a native of New Orleans. She has three beautiful children (two boys and one girl). She has been working in the education field for the past 17 years. During those years, she served in several capacities: as director of ELA and social studies, assistant principal, and director of curriculum and instruction for grades 6-8 (All subjects). Ms. Roché obtained her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from Delgado Community College, her Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education from Southern University in New Orleans, and her Master's in Educational Leadership from Louisiana State University- Shreveport. She is also certified in education (Level 3) and as an educational leader.



Welcome Terrell Diggs | Athletic Director & Associate Principal of Dual Enrollment | tdiggs@nhcsb.org

Mr. Diggs is a native of Boston who has worked in education for the past 12 years. He attended Stonehill College, just a town over from Brockton. Mr. Diggs is passionate about sports and the overall development of youth. He received his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Boston College. Throughout his career as an educator, Mr. Diggs has worn many hats, such as classroom instructor, coach, and other administrative roles at various educational institutions, ranging from grades 4-12. Before joining the NHCSB family, he worked as an Enrollment Management Director. You should know that Mr. Diggs is a music lover.



Meet Lauren Robinson | Director of Special Education | lrobinson@nhcsb.org

Ms. Robinson is a seasoned educator with over two decades of experience in school environments, including 16 years dedicated to Special Education. She is a dual licensed and a licensed social worker (LSW). Ms. Robinson's journey has provided her with a deep insight into special education processes and perspectives stemming from her roles as a teacher, administrator, advocate, and parent to children with diverse needs. She is committed to fostering inclusive practices and breaking down educational barriers. Ms. Robinson embraces a holistic approach to supporting and empowering the school community.



Meet Alexandra Harvey | Dean of Students | aharvey@nhcsb.org

Ms. Harvey is a native of Albany and has recently relocated to Boston. Since she was a child, she dreamed of being a teacher. As a young girl, she lined up her stuffed animals for "class" in her grandmother's basement almost daily. That dream has led her down various paths over the last seven years, including managing an afterschool program for middle schoolers, teaching high school Spanish, coaching ELA/ Spanish teachers, and deaning at the high school level. Ms. Harvey is a graduate of the University of Albany. In her free time, she loves cooking, binge-watching reality TV, and playing with her cat, Blu. She also enjoys exploring new restaurants. So, if you have one, please reach out to her.



Welcome Katrina McCraney | Dean of Students | kmccraney@nhcsb.org

Ms. McCraney is a native of New Orleans and a dedicated educator. She has worked with scholars for the past 13 years, combining her passion for education and the artistry of makeup. As a makeup artist, she often helps the dance and cheerleading teams with their makeup. Ms. McCraney is a graduate of Southern University of New Orleans. Before joining NHCSB, she was the Dean of Students at her previous school. Ms. McCraney loves combining her love of service to students and families with her love of artistry.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 14-15
New Teacher
Orientation

August 19-23 & 26-29
Full Staff PD

August 24
School Uniform Sale

August 28
Back To School Night
Family Meet & Greet