

# CELEBRATING OUR SENIOR



## COLLEGE APPLICATION



## SUBMISSION



## So Much To Be Thankful For This Holiday Season: From the Principal's Desk



November is appropriately recognized as the month when we gather with family and friends to give thanks and express our gratitude for all things. As a community, we are sincerely grateful to families who trust us to provide an authentic, Early College education with the goal of giving scholars a "head start" when they graduate from high school by offering them the opportunity to gain an Associate's degree or as many as 60+ college credits. We do not take this responsibility lightly. That is why our academic and behavior expectations are high and will remain high. But is it not enough that we express our gratitude in words, but as John F. Kennedy once said, "...we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

At New Heights Charter School of Brockton, we sincerely thank you for the privilege of serving scholars, families, and the community. It is our hope that we can continue to work together to uphold all standards and expectations that will allow us to continue to be the most successful Early College school in the state.

*Peace and blessings,*

*Dr. Nichole Jones*

## College Application Day: A Success To Celebrate



**Celebrating our Seniors College Application Successful Submission**

Navigating the college application process can be challenging, even for students with family members who have attended college. At New Heights, we are committed to supporting seniors who may feel anxious about completing and submitting their college applications.

We are proud of our seniors who submitted their college applications on Massachusetts College Application Celebration Day (MCAC Day). Sixty percent of the Class of 2025 participated in the MCAC event, and 80% successfully submitted their applications. We are excited to announce that 43 seniors who attended MCAC Day were accepted into several colleges and universities, including Fisher College, Anna Maria College, Lasell University, Framingham State University, Curry College, and Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). We extend our gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff for their unwavering support of our seniors throughout this process. We also thank our families for trusting us to play a role in their children's academic journeys. We are fully committed to preparing all students and ensuring they have the opportunity to attend college.

For the fifth consecutive year, we have partnered with GEAR-UP to host the Massachusetts College Application Celebration (MCAC). This event is designed to guide and support seniors during the application process. Students receive personalized assistance from New Heights staff, alumni, college admissions representatives, and community-based organizations. Our goal is to ensure that 100% of the graduating class submits at least one application by the end of the event.

This year's MCAC event was a great success, thanks to the support of college representatives from Boston University, Merrimack College, Curry College, Southern New Hampshire University, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Boston, Framingham State University, Lasell University, Fisher College, and our official partners, Nichols College and Anna Maria College. We also thank the New Heights staff who helped make this event possible, with a special acknowledgment to GEAR-UP for providing incentives for our participants. We believe in our students' potential at New Heights: We ALL go to college. Period.

**Paula Fontes, M.Ed**

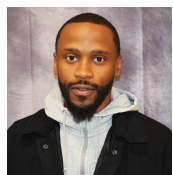
*College Transition and Alumni Relations Coordinator*

## Staff, Teacher and Student Spotlights



**Eugene Smith | 8th Grade Math MS Instructor**

Mr. Smith has over a decade of experience in education and is very passionate about his work. He received his undergraduate degree from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. Throughout his teaching career, he has taught History, Science, ESL, and Math. Additionally, he is a Fitness Instructor, conducting fitness classes across New England and competing in bodybuilding. Mr. Smith has served as the Athletic Director and Assistant Director for the Boys and Girls Club in Providence, RI, where he implemented numerous school programs for students and staff. His passion drives him to improve himself and those around him. Before transitioning to education, he was the House Manager at The Providence Black Repertory Theater.



**Casey Clarkson | 8th Grade Ms Instructor**

Mr. Casey Clarkson is one of our newest teachers at New Heights and is entering his second year in the education system. He earned an Associate in Arts from Sandhills Community College in 2019 and a Bachelor's in Science from Dean College in 2022. Throughout his collegiate career, Mr. Clarkson played college basketball. Following this, he pursued a career in coaching to give back to the upcoming generation. He enjoys working out, coaching basketball, and engaging with children in the community.



**Sophia Mohammed | 10th Grader**

Sophia Mohammad has been an open-mic poet, sharing her passionate and engaging poetry at the **Brockton Public Library's Everyone Has a Voice Series**. This month, she was invited to be the featured student alongside published poets. Her themes include teen rage, navigating peer pressure, and familial love. Her presentation was incredibly confident, honest, and enlightening, leaving the audience wanting more. This talented young writer's confidence, passion, and skill are impressive for her age. If you missed her live performance, it will be available online at BCATV.org.

## Staff, Teacher, Student and Department Spotlights continued...



**Nichelle Sangaster-Baker | 7th Grade Math & Nicole Tamarisk | 10th Grade ELA**

Mrs. Sangster-Baker and Mrs. Tamarisk played a crucial role in our transition to a college-oriented community by renaming our Advisories to reflect various colleges and universities. These two teachers went above and beyond to create an environment where students took pride in their chosen institutions, Louisiana State University (LSU) for Mrs. Baker's Advisory and the University of Miami for Mrs. Tamarisk's Advisory. The students in both Advisories engaged in activities where they walked and talked about their universities, which ultimately led to both groups winning first place in the Community Day Step Show Competition.



**Renee Lewis | Chief Academic Officer & Amanda Roche | Assistant**

Mrs. Lewis and Ms. Roché as the Chief Academic Officer and Assistant have stepped in to teach 8th grade Math and Dual Enrollment Science. They have taken ownership of the students and their learning by delivering high-quality instruction to teachers the type of teaching required in an early college setting. They have taken on responsibilities as school leaders!

Both have owned the students and their learning by teaching the college-level content and the type of instruction required in an early college school. They are both excellent examples of a school leader!

## Department Spotlight



**Academic Counseling Team of Linda Edmonds, Ashley Furze-White, and Allyson Norton-Graffum**

Our Academic Counseling Team goes beyond individual roles, collectively supporting our academic community in various ways.

While Mrs. Edmond was on maternity leave, Mrs. Furze-White did everything, even as a new staff member at New Heights.

Mrs. Norton-Graffum, who joined in October, immediately immersed herself in her role, providing academic counseling, social-emotional student support, and facilitating the Whole

Child Study Team. Her dedication is truly commendable.

Upon Mrs. Edmond's return, the team seamlessly collaborated to plan and implement support for our early college and seniors, demonstrating the power of teamwork and inspiring us all.

## Community News

### New Heights Choir Performed the National Anthem at the 111th Annual Meeting of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce



The New Heights Choir was honored to perform the National Anthem at the 111th Annual Meeting of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. We congratulate our singers and Choir Director, Ketsia Faustin, for their outstanding performance. We also commend the Chamber leaders for their remarkable efforts in bringing together business leaders across Massachusetts' Metro South region. Congratulations to all Metro South members and the award recipients! We look forward to joining at the Chamber next for their 112th Annual Meeting.

*Congratulations*



# Sharing The Holiday Joy With Our Community



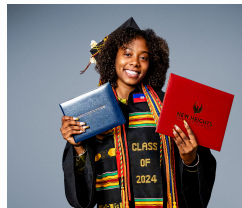
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# NEW HEIGHTS SPACE

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10 Parent University: Dangers of Vaping	10-12 BSU Cultural Exchange Field Trip Last Day of MCC Classes	11-17 MCC Finals	15-19 BSU Finals	19 Homecoming Sneaker Ball HIGH SCHOOL ONLY	20 Blackout Day	20-January 1 College Winter Break	23-January 1 Christmas Break No School	2 School Resume	