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## PRESS RELEASE

## New Bedford High School to Hold 2014 Spring College Fair

**New Bedford, Massachusetts**- The New Bedford High School 2014 Spring College Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the gymnasium. All area parents and students are encouraged to attend.

This is an excellent opportunity for students and their families to meet with admission reps from a wide range of colleges and to discuss course offerings, admissions, and financial aid requirements. Over 100 college and university representatives as well as representatives from career and technical institutions and the armed services will be in attendance. In addition, there will also be a panel of local college students available to answer any questions that high school students may have about college life and the steps that it takes to get there.

Last year, New Bedford High School students from the class of 2013 were accepted to 127 private and state colleges and universities including; Brown, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, John Hopkins, Tufts, Bentley, Boston College, Northeastern, Bridgewater State, University of Massachusetts, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and many more.

The College Fair is sponsored by the New Bedford High School College and Career Readiness Family Engagement Center and its coalition members.

The mission of the NBHS College and Career Readiness Family Engagement Center is to create a welcoming and culturally responsive environment where all NBHS families can engage in college and career planning activities.

The coalition is comprised of community partners with established capacity to outreach to students and families. Members include:

- New Bedford Public Schools Title 1 Office
- New Bedford Public Schools Education and Industry Council Coordinator
- City of New Bedford's Department of Community Services
- The Immigrants Assistance Center



New Bedford High School College and Career Readiness Family Engagement Center

- Child and Family Services of New Bedford
- New Bedford Community Connections Coalition
- North Star Learning Centers
- Bristol Community College
- GEAR UP Program
- Educational Talent Search
- College Access Challenge Grant
- UMass Dartmouth, SouthCoast Education Compact

For more information on the NBHS College Fair please contact, Lynne LaBerge, NBHS College and Career Readiness Family Engagement Center Coordinator at 508-997-4511 x 2361.

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