

# **New Bedford High School 2016 College Fair set for Sep 29**

New Bedford High School's 2016 Fall College & Career Readiness Fair will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., hosted by GEAR UP and NBHS.

Students, families and the community are invited to discuss topics including applications, college life, and success in higher education with more than 70 representatives from colleges, universities, technical schools and the armed services.

Several new sections have been added to the 2016 College Fair:

- Financial Aid assistance with representatives from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) and the New England Board of Education, as well as local banks with educational financing information.
- U.S. Service Academies presentation at 5:30 p.m.
- Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission with information for individuals with disabilities.
- Greater New Bedford Career Center with training information for our students' families.
- NBHS staff, including guidance counselors, available for school-related information.

Interpreters will be available for families speaking Portuguese, Spanish and Cape Verdean Creole. The fair is open to New Bedford High students and families, as well as from neighboring communities.

This is an opportunity for students and their families to meet with admission representatives from a wide range of colleges and universities to discuss course offerings, admissions, and financial aid requirements.

“We want to invite students and families from New Bedford and the surrounding area to our annual college fair, featuring more than 70 representatives of colleges, the U.S. military, and providers of financial aid assistance,” said Headmaster Bernadette Coelho. “Our mission at New Bedford High is to prepare all students for successful academic and career experiences after graduation, and we look forward to hosting the greater New Bedford community on September 29 at NBHS.”

This year’s college fair will include a Service Academy component., with representatives from the top U.S. service academies, including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, as well as Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and representatives from all branches of the U.S. military and Massachusetts National Guard. At 5:30 p.m., service academy representatives will give a brief talk about their academies, expectations and physical standards.

The college fair will include representatives from institutions including Amherst College, Boston University, Brown University, the University of Massachusetts’ campuses in Amherst, Dartmouth, Boston and Lowell, the University of New Hampshire, the University of Vermont, and the University of Rhode Island, among dozens of others.

The fair will be held in the New Bedford High School gymnasium, 230 Hathaway Boulevard. For more information, contact Veronica Martinez of GEAR UP at 508-997-4511 Ext. 25154