

# **New Bedford Seafood Industry Scholarship Fund Announces Recipients**

Downtown New Bedford, Inc. congratulates the recipients of the 2016 NB Seafood Industry Scholarship Award. The winners this year are: Bay Ann Bode, a graduate of N.Kingston High School. Erika will be attending the University of South Carolina. Her father is employed at Pier Fish Co; Miranda Poliquin, a graduate of Apponequet Regional High School. Her father is employed at Kyler's Catch Seafood; and Quintin Viera, a graduate of Fairhaven High School, His father is employed at M.F. Foley Inc.

The Seafood Industry Scholarship Fund was created by Pier Fish Company, through their sponsorship of the Taste of SouthCoast Festival. The TOSC Festival and the Scholarship Fund are both organized and maintained by Downtown New Bedford, Inc. DNB, Inc. is a membership based, non-profit organization. Our goal is to continue to make Downtown a better place to live, work and visit. This year's sponsors of the Scholarship fund Pier Fish Company and Finicky Pet Food, Inc.

DNB's Executive Director, Diane Arsenault, states "the reasons we organize two big food events, the Taste of SouthCoast and the New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival, are two-fold: they bring thousands of visitors to New Bedford's downtown and waterfront to discover or re-discover what a gem we have here, and showcase the wide variety and quality of restaurants we have to offer in the Southcoast. The highlight of both the Taste of SouthCoast, (held annually in May), and the New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival (scheduled for September 25) is the seafood, but many people comment on the international flavor and diversity of the food offerings. No one leaves these events hungry!"