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High school students tour Poyant Signs in New Bedford to learn about sign design and manufacturing

You Make It Possible!

It's been a year of accomplishments for our students, and we thank YOU for supporting our efforts to create a unique educational environment where we prepare New Bedford's young people for a multi-cultural and technology-rich world. With your support, GLCPS is able to continue to focus on its mission and prepare students for success. Thanks to your assistance:

- Students asked for and received an instrumental music program that now includes a school-wide band, a student jazz combo and guitar instruction.
- Students are taking advantage of expanded after-school tutoring in mathematics and English-language-arts with free transportation.
- Incoming 5th grade students will get a head start on the school year with four weeks of summer academics and enrichment, transportation included.



Jazz Combo performing at the 2014 Global Gala

- In the computer lab, students now have the wiring and technology for computer programming and engineering classes.
- More families than ever before are choosing GLCPS for their students' high school experience.

These are just some of the ways that your involvement with GLCPS has allowed New Bedford students (and their families) to realize a bright future with a strong foundation of academic excellence, global citizenship, technology literacy, public speaking and art appreciation. Together, we are creating a better community. Let's continue to be partners in this important mission!

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Recently, US News and World Report released a report ranking public high schools, including charter schools, across the nation. We could not have been more pleased and excited to learn that the GLCPS high school was awarded a silver medal, ranked among the top 3 percent of high schools nationally (576 of 19,400 schools evaluated) and 31st among public high schools in Massachusetts.

The high ranking in a national publication underscores our goal of providing quality education to the students of New Bedford and validates GLCPS's mission. Raising the bar and steadily holding it high is certainly a challenge for many reasons not least of which is shrinking public funding. That is why we place such high value on the resources you share with our community of learners.

This year, we have seen the largest number of applicants to GLCPS in the history of the school and we fully expect the trend of larger high school classes to continue.

Recognizing the importance our families place on education for their children, we're upping the game. For example, while

GLCPS has always had Summer Academy for incoming 5th grade students, this year we're offering a full four weeks of academic orientation. We have also expanded after-school tutoring for all grade levels and are now offering free transportation for families so that every student can participate.

With your support, we hope to continue improving and expanding the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Center for Education and Innovation. Located in downtown New Bedford, it has allowed our high school students to get a true feel for both their history and their future, thanks to strong relationships with art and cultural institutions, businesses, and UMass Dartmouth and Bristol Community College.

None of this would be possible without you and we thank you for all that you have done. We are glad to have you as our partner as we celebrate student success, and look to ensure a brighter future for all New Bedford students and families who deserve a quality education at GLCPS.

Emily Westgate, GLCPS Class of 2012, spoke earlier this year at the Global Gala scholarship fundraiser. Here is an excerpt from her speech, which underscores the importance of your partnership with us:

"Thank you for your continued support of GLCPS and especially for supporting this year's members of the senior class as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives. Without your support, affording college for many of us would be much, much harder.

I am currently in my sophomore year at Brown University where I am enrolled in a five year Masters of Public Health program. I attended GLCPS for eight years and was the first student to attend for grades 5 through 12. Although I did not know it at the time, GLCPS gave me the opportunity to realize my dream of attending Brown and helped me to achieve it.

The summer prior to my senior year, GLCPS sponsored my attendance at Summer@Brown Leadership Institute where I was exposed to the academic field of Public

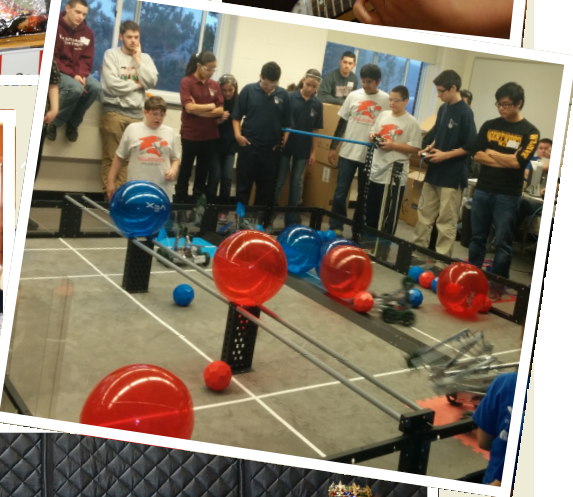


Health. That program not only inspired me to apply to Brown, but also helped me realize that a student from GLCPS could stand shoulder to shoulder with students from elite private schools. Now, with the financial contributions of Brown, GLCPS and you, every summer three students attend this prestigious program through the partnership I developed as a result of my own experience at Brown.

GLCPS has provided me with a model for community engagement, which has influenced my involvement in community based extracurricular activities at the MET Family Literacy Program at Brown, and several other local organizations in Providence. Academically, teachers at GLCPS create an environment that nurtures learning and lays a foundation for academic achievement through innovative and creative curriculums. Most importantly, GLCPS teachers and staff consistently go above and beyond for their students, by assisting them even beyond graduation.

Throughout my time at Brown so far, I have come to know what a difference it makes that I have an entire community behind me. I hold the spirit of GLCPS and the community of New Bedford with me each day on campus. I ask you to consider how far your contributions can take a GLCPS student and remember that for me, it has taken me to Brown, so just imagine where it will take our students in the future. I believe in GLCPS and I believe in the power of you."

Snapshots from 2013-2014



MISSION

Global Learning Charter Public School's mission is to ensure that all students achieve academic excellence, are ready for the rigors of higher education and master the essential skills that prepare them for the economic, social and civic challenges of a 21st century, global society. Our central mission is to teach and inspire the mind, body and spirit of all students so that they can succeed in any cultural or academic setting.

THANK YOU! We are grateful to those of you who made a financial contribution last year and helped us reach our annual fund raising goal. We would also like to thank those who purchased tickets and supported our Global Gala 2014, at which we raised just shy of \$30,000 for the GLCPS College Scholarship Fund.

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