

Anchors Away

The first vessel in the Anchor Academy fleet, *Anchor 1*, was launched on May 23, 2017. Since January 2017, Anchor Academy students were guided by the New Bedford Community Boating Center to construct a Bevin Skiff Row Boat. The student contractors, JRI administration, and local political and community leaders celebrated the launch on the docks at the New Bedford Community Boating Center. The supporters cheered on the students around their first maiden voyage in the New Bedford Port. The event culminated with a reception that allowed students and guests to discuss the hard work and commitment that made the whole project possible. *Anchor 1* will serve as Anchor Academy's flag ship vessel for years to come!

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2017 Commencement Ceremony

Anchor Academy held its Commencement Ceremony and End of the Year Celebration for three members of the class of 2017. The commencement address reflected on the student's emotional and academic progress and achieved goals in addition to well wishes for their future endeavors. Anchor Academy was honored to award one of the graduates with a Victor Scholarship. This merit-based scholarship was available to qualifying graduates who completed a rigorous application process involving a transcript review, letters of recommendation, an essay, and an interview with the Scholarship Committee. As part of the End of the Year Celebration, Anchor Academy students received a superlative award and words of recognition from their teachers. The celebration continued with four students earning awards for High Academic Honors and seven students earning awards for Academic Honors. The Anchor Academy Amplifi music class choreographed an end of the year music video that was streamed at the event. The ceremony was capped off with a festive luncheon, yearbook signing, and activities to celebrate the successful school year!



VOCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT: Stuart Morgan Marion Park

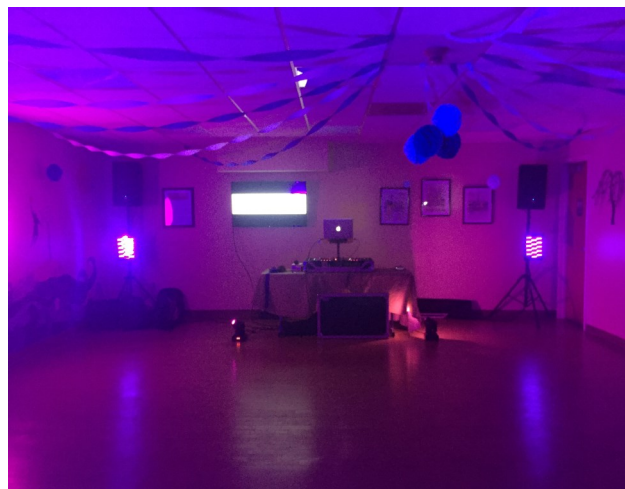
Anchor Academy volunteered with the Middleboro Parks Commission to help maintain the public park. Anchor Academy students worked to restore the Stuart Morgan Marion Park to reflect its natural beauty that attracts locals and tourists. Students worked to maintain the walking trails, cleaned up any litter, and recovered the wonderful stone walls that have been overgrown by time. The hard work the students invested aligned with their vocational goals, highlighted the importance of exercise and wellness, and taught the importance of community services and relationship building.

Weight Distribution, Climate and Earth Science...OH MY!

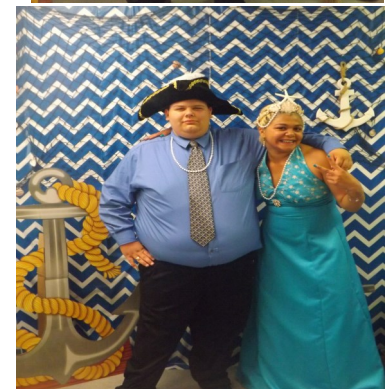


Anchor Academy focuses on experiential education for our student's continued academic success. This Spring, the Museum of Science in Boston was one of the several educational field trips explored by Anchor Academy students and employees. With hundreds of exhibits designed to deliver the Science core curriculum, the students were able to experience key domains such as scale and proportion, weather and climate, and earth science. Students and Anchor Academy employees daringly laid out across a bed of nails learning the concept of weight distribution and surface area. Anchor Academy prides itself on providing hands-on learning experiences that correlates with classroom material.

A Nautical Night to Remember 2017



Anchor Academy's Prom, 'A Nautical Night to Remember', was a memorable way to celebrate the school year. The students danced the night away, captured pictures in the photo booth, and socialized with their friends. Anchor Academy's Culinary class prepared appetizers and desserts to keep the energy alive on the dance floor. Anchor Academy's very own DJ Borges laid the tracks down and the night was topped off with our very own Prom King and Prom Queen!



CPR Certification

In supporting our mission and vision, Anchor Academy offered Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED to all students interested in becoming certified through the American Heart Association. The students who successfully completed this rigorous certification now have an attractive addition to their resumes and more importantly, they encompass the skills necessary to possibly save someone's life out in the community!



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Anchor Academy Mission Statement

Anchor Academy exists to provide challenging academics in a safe and supportive therapeutic rich environment. Through a strength-based approach, we offer a transformational learning experience that fosters resiliency and prepares students to become skilled, informed and responsible citizens. We design our program around anchoring our students with the supports they require to successfully achieve their academic, social and emotional goals.