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# Harbor Point Partnership

Office of Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects and Programs  
Harbor Point Apartments Company

## Programs and Outreach

### Walter Denney Center Programs

*Harbor Point Outreach Partnership (HPOP)* is a community-university tutoring and afterschool youth enrichment program based on the work of students in service-learning classes and volunteers from UMass Boston. Currently, there are 50 UMass Boston students and 10 community residents working with 70 students at the Walther Denney Center.

The following enrichment classes and programs are offered at the Denney Center throughout the year:

- After school Tutoring and Mentoring
- Civic engagement group
- Creative Writing Club
- Girls Group
- Healthy Cooking Class
- Healthy Living
- Math Club
- Police Community Dialogues
- Reading group for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders
- Scholarship Issues
- Teen Philosophy Class



### Athletics and Recreation, Special Programs and Projects

Youth from the Denney Center are invited to attend, free of charge, all home athletic events including community tailgates, held throughout each season.

Student-athletes from UMass Boston offer clinics to Denney Center youth throughout the school year and serve as guest speakers to help motivate students at the Dever-McCormack in their academic and career pursuits.

### Harbor Point

*Community University Project for Literacy (CUPL)* provides an academic structure for undergraduates to work as tutors for residents in the Harbor Point community. Students tutor residents four hours each week while attending a weekly credit-bearing academic seminar at UMass Boston.

### Community Events

*Martin Luther King Day of Service* – an annual intergenerational event combining a day of service with celebration and reflection of the life and contributions of MLK.

## Results/Impacts

**Institutional Impact:** UMass Boston has an Urban Mission that compels us to be responsible community members and good neighbors. The Harbor Point Apartment Community's proximity to our campus provides an excellent venue for the demonstration of our Urban Mission as well as a substantive opportunity for faculty research and student learning and service. Several hundred UMass Boston students are tenants at Harbor Point. Our Office of Student Housing provides roommate matching and community-building services and programming.

**Community Impact:** The residents of Harbor Point, a nationally acclaimed mixed income housing community that blends subsidized and fair market housing, have a very high level of access to the University's resources including athletic, technological, career development, and recreational/educational facilities and opportunities. UMass Boston students perform many hours of community service at Harbor Point including tutoring, student programs, senior citizen activities, beach and site clean-ups.



UMB students and youth from the Denney Center

## Summary/Abstract

To enhance coordination of, and access to, university services and programs in relation to community needs and opportunities in our immediate urban neighborhood. The University of Massachusetts at Boston and Harbor Point Apartments Company share a commitment to creating a high quality learning and living environment on the Columbia Point Peninsula (Peninsula); and a desire to improve the relationship and interaction between the students, faculty and administration of UMass Boston and the residents of Harbor Point.



UMB Staff Organizers for MLK Day



UMB Staff and Harbor Point Community Members

## Partnerships to Date

### Community Partners:

Harbor Point Apartment Community, Peninsula Partners, Dever-McCormick School, Dorchester Boys and Girls Club – Walter Denney Youth Center

### Institutional Partners:

College of Public & Community Service, Division of Athletics & Recreation/Special Programs & Projects, and Division of Student Affairs, UMass Boston Philosophy Club, UMass Boston Creative Writing Program, Community University Project for Literacy, Sociology Department, Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement