Harbor Point Partnership

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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.

Results/Impacts

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.

Summary/Abstract

Community Partner: 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