

**Lynn Middle School Students Experience Endicott Through
Summer Learning and Leadership Program**

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Beverly, MA --Endicott College is proud to announce its involvement in a three-week academic and leadership program designed to serve high-achieving middle school students from Lynn, MA. The Learning and Leadership Program, developed by the Northshore Education Consortium (NEC) in collaboration with the Lynn Public Schools, is the first of its kind on the North Shore and will engage a select group of deserving students in advanced activities within the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields and the visual and performing arts.

From July 12-30, thirty-six exceptional eighth- and ninth-grade students, chosen for their interests and leadership potential from six middle schools in Lynn, will gather on the Endicott campus to participate in classes and workshops exploring possibilities within the fields of biotechnology, computer science, environmental science, visual art, and drama. They will devote over seventy-five hours to in-depth learning, interactive activities, group projects, leadership training, and field research, taking full advantage of Endicott's high-tech labs and equipment and the College's new Center for the Arts, as well as the campus's natural environment and sports facilities.

Students will live on campus for most of the three-week program, engaging day and night with professors, administrators, staff and each other. Endicott faculty members, along with teachers from the Lynn Public Schools, NEC's Northshore Recovery High School, and Gordon College, will lead classes and activities and will mentor students in the creation of original capstone projects to be presented on the final day of the program. Combining academic endeavors with residential living and recreational activities will enable the Lynn middle schoolers to enjoy a complete pre-college experience, one which will foster creativity, critical thinking, and leadership skills while introducing them to options for the future which they may not have otherwise considered.

The Learning and Leadership Program was developed after nearly two years of research, preparation and collaboration aimed at creating a fun yet challenging academic experience for qualified students, regardless of their ability to pay. The thirty-six students participating in this summer's inaugural program have all received full scholarships, provided by donations from Eastern Bank, the Lynn Teacher's Union, General Electric, the Lynn Business Education Foundation, and others. In the future, the program will be expanded to involve up to 150 students from schools throughout the North Shore.

Founded in 1974, NEC is an established educational collaborative serving uniquely challenged students and providing specialized services to schools. It supports its member districts by providing high quality, cost effective public programs, support services and resources to ensure meaningful and successful learning experiences for a wide spectrum of students and staff.

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