

New Bedford Quantum Associates Visit the Nation's Capital



On June 25, 2012, traveling by bus and accompanied by Program Director Jenna Costa and Youth Coordinator Jason Perry, the New Bedford Quantum Associates of NorthStar Learning Center made an 8-hour trek to Washington, D.C. With NorthStar's Executive Director Maria Rosario in tow as key tour guide, many of the Associates braved the nation's capital for the very first time.

During the two-day trip, the Quantum Associates visited Howard University, the Newseum, the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial, the Holocaust Museum, and toured the outside of the White House. The trip to Washington, D.C. coincided with the Eisenhower Foundation's annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. On June 26, Trustees of the Foundation were briefed by Associates on the progress of the New Bedford Quantum Opportunities program. In a very poignant moment of the presentation Quantum Associate Justin Jones reflected on his personal struggles and how Jenna Costa and Jason Perry became surrogate parents to him. After briefing Foundation Trustees, the group was treated to the Broadway Musical, *Memphis*, by the Foundation's President Dr. Alan Curtis.