

**LEADERSHIP SOUTHCOAST ACADEMY  
TEAM PROJECTS  
CLASS OF 2006**

**1) Development Plan for Future Funding of Leadership SouthCoast**

Members: Paul Quinn, Christopher Cassara, Gary Howayeck, Curtis Nelson

This team is taking on the challenge of exploring funding options to help insure the viability of the Leadership SouthCoast program in future years. Their goal is to create a development plan which will outline options and provide some direction.

**2) AHA Night in Fall River**

Members: Jennifer Menard, Jeremy Rudd, Michael Vieira, Peter Castonguay, Bill Perkins

This team is working on establishing an AHA Night program in Fall River, similar to the one that has been in existence in New Bedford for the past six years. AHA is an acronym for *Art – History – Architecture*.

**3) College Plus**

Members: Denise Porche, Kate Fentress, Nancy Tripp, Jane Staples

This team's goal is to level the playing field for low- income/disadvantaged students in the Greater New Bedford area and increase the number of students who develop the aspirations and skills needed to go to college.

**4) Community Housing Trust**

Members: Mary Costa, Glenn Gertridge, Gay Gillespie, Deirdre Lopes, Jim Mathes

The goal of this team is to investigate the need for a Community Housing Trust in our region and to work toward establishing a non-profit trust to develop affordable housing opportunities for young families. The group is focusing on Westport.

**5) The Plant Squad**

Members: Rob Sudduth, Robert Fortes, Anne Sampaio, Paula Botelho, Lorraine Khazan

This team's goal is to help improve the quality of the living environment in New Bedford by involving residents of all ages in a variety of gardening projects.

**6) CEDC Seaside Market**

Members: Corinn Williams

The focus of this project is to establish an outdoor seasonal marketplace in the South End of New Bedford through the Community Economic Development Center.