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## **Nearly 1,000 to study this Saturday at BMC Durfee to sharpen Advanced Placement skills**

BOSTON – November 17, 2019 – Nearly 1,000 students will be attending Mass Insight Education & Research’s “Saturday @ School” program for Advanced Placement coursework at BMC Durfee this Saturday, Nov. 23th. Mass Insight’s AP STEM & English program serves almost 10,000 students in more than 80 partner high schools and is the largest high school STEM program in Massachusetts.

Durfee will host 995 students from the region who have registered to attend Saturday @ School, ongoing sessions designed to support students in a variety of AP subjects, including computer science, biology, chemistry, environmental science, physics, English and statistics. The 2020 Massachusetts’ Teacher of the Year, Takeru Nagayoshi, who teaches English at New Bedford High School, will lead one of the sessions this Saturday.

“Our Saturday classes give students the extra help they may need to learn a challenging concept or solve a tough problem. They also provide AP teachers with an opportunity to network and learn from each other,” Nagayoshi said.

In addition to English language and literature, Saturday study sessions will also be held in computer science, biology, chemistry, environmental science, physics, calculus, and statistics at six high schools across Massachusetts. Almost 2,200 AP students will be attending Saturday’s program resulting in just under 9,000 hours of additional learning time.

Sally Guadagno, Mass Insight’s managing director of AP STEM & English said, “It is inspiring to see so many students at attending classes on Saturday. Their participation is a real indicator of the commitment so many high school students and teachers have to being successful in college-level AP courses.”

According to the College Board, Massachusetts has led the nation for three years in a row in the percentage of high school seniors scoring a three or higher on AP exams.

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