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### Massasoit Community College and Bristol County Savings Bank team up to help college-bound Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School students.

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For the second year in a row, the Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation has donated \$10,000 to Massasoit Community College to continue to offer students at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School a program that will prepare them for college level coursework and provide scholarships to pursue post-secondary education at Massasoit. "This grant exemplifies a strong three-way partnership between the Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, and Massasoit Community College working together to best leverage our resources for students to start their college careers and to achieve academic success. We greatly appreciate the generosity and support of the Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation," said Dr. Charles Wall, President of Massasoit Community College.

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In a ceremony held at Bridgewater-Raynham High School yesterday, Dennis Kelly, President of Bristol County Savings Bank and Chairman of the Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation (BCSCF), along with Patrick Murray, President of BCSCF, and several bank staff members presented a \$10,000 check to Dr. Wall, President of Massasoit, which will help to provide ongoing academic programming at the College to address the issue of a high percentage of students testing into development level courses despite having passed high-stakes tests at Bridgewater-Raynham High School.

In the first year, \$500 in scholarships was awarded to four Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School students attending Massasoit. Eighteen students completed the free College Experience course taught at the high school for which they received both high school and college credit. Approximately 40 students took the Accuplacer tests in order to have their readiness assessed. Massasoit math and English faculty held "train the trainer" workshops for high school teachers, orienting them to the college placement process in order to guide their students.

In this second year of the grant, Massasoit is running two courses at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School this fall and will offer three more in the spring. The Accuplacer will be offered to many more students, as well.