

Dr. Gerard Burke to Receive Massasoit Community College Honorary Degree to be awarded at Commencement on June 3, 2011 at 5 p.m. Brockton Campus, in the tent behind the Asiaf Field House

May 18, 2011

Dr. Gerard F. "Gerry" Burke holds the distinction of having served as the third president of Massasoit Community College. During his tenure (1983 – 1996) Dr. Burke initiated and oversaw significant growth in the College's enrollment and expansion of programs and services. It was under Dr. Burke's leadership that the College acquired the former Blue Hills Technical Institute and transformed it into the Canton Campus of Massasoit Community College. By doing so he expanded not only the program offerings of the college, but also provided the residents of the towns surrounding the Canton campus with a vibrant and affordable higher education venue.

In addition, Dr. Burke initiated the College's efforts to obtain Christo's II and transform it into the Conference Center at Massasoit Community College, an affordable and accessible meeting place for organizations in the Metrosouth area, as well as classroom facilities, and offices for our Community Education and Workforce Development personnel.

Gerry Burke has not been idle since his retirement. He has been and continues to be a tireless advocate of people in need through his participation and leadership in Catholic Charities, and stays close to his first love, teaching, by serving as a lecturer at UMASS Boston.



Dr. Gerard F. "Gerry" Burke