

## Massasoit Community College's Science Transfer Initiative Endorsed by Governor in @Scale Endorsement

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On Thursday, August 18, Lieutenant Governor Murray announced endorsements for six statewide STEM initiatives in what the state calls **@Scale Endorsements**. The initiatives selected focus on science, technology, engineering, and math for students across the Commonwealth. I am pleased to announce that **Massasoit Community College's Science Transfer Initiative was among the six**. This endorsement is a result of the outstanding collaborative efforts of Professor Rachel Hirst, Biology Professor Gilles Bolduc, Division Dean of Science and Mathematics, Fran McCutcheon, Director of Grants & Sustainability, Holly States, and Grants Specialist Mary Harris.

A two-phase application was submitted to the **Department of Higher Education's @ Scale Endorsement Program**. The Governor's STEM Advisory Council identified STEM projects to endorse for scale up implementation. "As we encourage more students to pursue careers in STEM fields, it is imperative that we create lasting partnerships that will provide students with the right tools and resources to gain an appreciation for STEM education," said Lieutenant Governor Murray. "These selected STEM initiatives will build a pipeline for success between elementary and secondary education to post-secondary education and careers in Massachusetts' growing innovation economy for students in all regions of the Commonwealth."

The goal of **Massasoit Community College's Science Transfer** is to help to build the pipeline of STEM professionals in Massachusetts by focusing on increasing post-secondary enrollment, retention, diversity, and access in the sciences. Designed for students who are considering majors in the sciences, engineering, pre-med or other advanced medical fields, the principle goal is to engage students in STEM areas and prepare them for successful transfer to four-year institutions through a combination of intensive advising, mentoring, career awareness and early undergraduate research. Massasoit initiated the pilot program in 2006 in collaboration with Stonehill College, and since that time science transfer enrollments have tripled. "We are proud to have received this recognition and I am exceptionally proud of all the hard work of our faculty and staff in creating, implementing and submitting this model program for the @Scale Endorsement," said Dr. Charles Wall, President of Massasoit Community College.

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