

Two Local Businessmen Honored By Massasoit Community College

Bill Morse, President and Chief Operating Officer of Mutual Bank and Charles H. Tartaglia, Owner of George's Café will receive the Presidential Medallion Award at Annual Fall Gala

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Brockton, MA – Dr. Charles Wall, President of Massasoit Community College, announced today that two local businessmen and long-serving community volunteers, William J. Morse and Charles H. Tartaglia, will receive the College's 2013 Honorary Degrees. Morse, President and COO of Mutual Bank, and Tartaglia, owner of George's Café, will be honored during the College's Annual Fall Gala, on October 20 at The Conference Center at Massasoit, with the College's Presidential Medallion. Selection is based upon outstanding support for the College and overall contribution to the greater community.

William J. Morse is President and Chief Operating Officer of Mutual Bank. In this role, he helps guide the policy and direction for the mutually owned bank. Mr. Morse has shown his commitment to promoting the southeastern area of Massachusetts through his many volunteer efforts. Mr. Morse was a member of the Board of Trustees for Massasoit Community College from 1987 to 1992, where he also served as Chair of that Board during his tenure. Mr. Morse has served as Chairman of the Board of *School on Wheels* in Massachusetts, which is an organization that provides tutoring services to homeless children. He also served as a tutor in that organization.

As a committed business leader in the area, Mr. Morse has served as a Director of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, and is the current Chair-Elect of that organization. Mr. Morse is a member of the Banker's Mutual Resource and serves as Treasurer and Director of the Goddard Health Foundation. He is a past member of the Easton School Committee. He is also a member of the Stonehill College Executive Committee for Development. A longtime resident of the town of Easton, his exemplary volunteer efforts over the course of many years have contributed much to the economic success of this area. "Bill Morse's commitment to our community is evident in the vast amount of time and resources he commits to serving the Greater Brockton region. It is our great pleasure to honor him for his exemplary commitment to education and the community as a whole," said Massasoit President, Dr. Charles Wall.

Charles Tartaglia is the owner of George's Café, a City of Brockton landmark since 1962. He is committed to public service and is very active on many community and state committees. Mr. Tartaglia was a member of the Board of Trustees at Massasoit Community College for 11 years—from 2000-2011. He currently is a Director on the Massasoit Community College Foundation Board. During his 11 years on the Board of Trustees, he served in many different capacities and was Chair of the Board in 2006. In 2010, he donated \$25,000.00 to the support of the Respiratory Therapy Program and the Allied Health Programs in honor of his son Charles H. Tartaglia, Jr. (MCC, 1984), and his daughter, Paula Franciosi.

Mr. Tartaglia has served on the MA State Boxing Commission from 1995 to the present and on the President's Committee at Stonehill College for many years. He is a former City Counselor in Brockton, and served on the Brockton Park Commission from 1986 to 1989. He is a 25-year member of the American Legion, a 10-year member of the Italian American War Veterans, and a member of the MA Restaurant Association. He also is a member of the Hundred Club of Massachusetts whose members dedicate themselves to helping the family members of police or firefighters who are killed in action, ensuring that any existing mortgages are paid and their children's tuition to college paid. Mr. Tartaglia and his wife live in South Easton, Massachusetts. "Charlie Tartaglia's leadership in community service has benefited residents of Brockton and beyond for decades. He is truly a champion for our students and it is an honor to present him with this award," said Dr. Wall.

The Annual Fall Gala is the College's main fundraising event with proceeds going solely to the United Student Fund. The Fund provides supplemental financial assistance for deserving Massasoit students to pursue their dreams and earn a degree. Tickets to the Annual Fall Gala are \$100 per person, which is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner, raffles, silent auction, and dancing to live music featuring *The Infractions*. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting 508-588-9100 x2602 or x2603 or go to <http://www.massasoit.mass.edu/gala>.