

## **Massasoit Community College Leads Students to a Bright Future: Visit from Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and Wellesley College inspires students to set educational goals.**

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**Brockton, MA** - Representatives from three of the Seven Sister Colleges in Massachusetts- Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and Wellesley College visited Massasoit Community College's Brockton campus yesterday for a special event to provide information to students interested in continuing their education beyond the community college.

Sidonia Dalby of Smith College encouraged the students who filled the room that Smith College understands that "One size does not fit all." She addressed the variety of programs, room and board arrangements, and financial aid and scholarship opportunities available. Each of the presenters encouraged students to try to realize their dreams, offering stories of women just like them who are now employed in the medical field, science and engineering fields, education, and social services, highlighting the different paths each took to reach their goals.

Coordinated by academic counselor Chris Moran, the luncheon event is designed to enlighten current students to the educational possibilities that lie ahead. This fall, three Massasoit students transferred to Wellesley College, two as Davis Scholars and one as the recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke award. The number of students transferring to four-year institutions is steadily increasing. "We are seeing more and more of our student getting into prestigious colleges and universities based on their strong academic record at Massasoit Community College," Moran said.

Massasoit Community College, founded in 1966, is one of the largest of the 15 community colleges within the Massachusetts Public Higher Education system. With campuses located in Brockton, Canton and Middleborough, Massachusetts, the college offers associate degree programs in 18 majors in the arts, sciences and applied sciences, as well as one-year and short-term certificates for a range of occupations and interests. Corporate and job skills training courses, personal enrichment classes, theater and programs for high school students, younger children and seniors are among the other offerings available to residents of Southeastern Massachusetts. For more information please visit [www.massasoit.mass.edu](http://www.massasoit.mass.edu).