

## 2012 Massasoit Community College Fall Gala to Support The United Student Fund

**October 20, 2012**

**Brockton, MA** - On Saturday, October 20th, over 350 people gathered for the 2012 Annual Fall Gala at the Massasoit Conference Center to support the United Student Fund. Honored for their contributions to the college and the community were William Morse, President of Mutual Bank and Charles Tartaglia, owner of George's Café. One of the highlights of the evening was the tribute to two of our students – Carl Barnette and Yin Wang, who inspired the audience with their dedication and perseverance in their personal and educational journeys. The festive evening featured a wonderful dinner and dancing to the sounds of "The Infractions." "This was a wonderful night of celebrating students and giving thanks to those who support the College, its students, and the community," said President Charles Wall.

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Tribute was paid to William Morse, President and Chief Operating Officer of Mutual Bank and Charles Tartaglia, owner of George's Café, a City of Brockton landmark since 1962. Mr. Morse is a former member of the the Massasoit Community College Board of Trustees from 1987 to 1992, where he also served as Chair of the Board during his tenure. He has served as Chairman of the Board of School on Wheels in Massachusetts, which provides tutoring services to homeless children. 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. Tartaglia was a member of the Massasoit Community College Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2011. During his tenure on the Board he was Chair in 2006. He is currently a Director on the College's Foundation Board. Mr. Tartaglia has served on the MA State Boxing Commission from 1995 to the present. He is a former Brockton City Counselor and served on the Brockton Park Commission. He is a 25-year member of the American Legion. Mr. Morse and Mr. Tartaglia have shown exemplary service to Massasoit Community College and the community of southeastern Massachusetts. Both recipients will be our honored medallion recipients for the academic year, culminating in their receipt of an honorary degree at our June 2013 Commencement.

Friends and supporters contributed to this annual event through program book ads, raffles, silent auction buys and ticket purchases. We are delighted to know that our donors value our mission of helping students from all walks of life realize their dreams. The money raised goes directly to the United Student Fund which provides students with a variety of support. Corporate gifts are also managed through this fund with donations providing sponsorship for student tuition for a class, a semester, or a year.