

Local Schools, Businesses, and Social Service Organizations Team Up to Hold 13th Annual Credit for Life Fair for Brockton Area Youth

MA Commissioner of Banks, David Cotney will offer opening remarks to participants

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Brockton, MA – The 13th Annual Credit for Life Fair hosted by Massasoit Community College and organized by the Financial Literacy Committee and Credit for Life Committee of the Brockton Housing Partnership will be held for 250 Brockton High School students, and additional youth from YouthBuild and MYTURN. The event will be held in the Asiaf Field House on the Brockton campus on Thursday, April 25, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Credit for Life Fair is a financial education opportunity for high school students and young adults. Brockton High School students spend a semester learning the basics of personal finance in their business classes. The lesson culminates with students participating in an interactive fair in which they select an occupation, are given a salary, and must visit vendors to decide what lifestyle choices their budget allows them. At the end of the exercise, they meet with financial advisors who go over their choices and help them understand the repercussions.

Caution with Credit and Massachusetts State Treasury have commended Brockton High School and all the organizations that have instituted these fairs. The successful collaboration of local government, schools, colleges, and business people has helped to educate hundreds of local youth on the realities of credit, debt and how to manage their finances more responsibly.

Representatives from over 25 area businesses donate their time to help students learn about budgeting, finances, and credit.

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Founded in 1966, in the heart of southeastern Massachusetts, Massasoit Community College is a public two-year college in the Massachusetts Public Higher Education System. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. Many departments carry additional accreditations. The College offers a full spectrum of associate's degree programs in arts, sciences, and applied sciences as well as one year and short term certificates across a variety of occupations and interests. In addition the College offers corporate and job skills training courses.

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