

Massasoit Community College Announces Awards to be Given at Annual Fall Gala

Dr. Jean F. MacCormack, former Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth, and Vincent J. Marturano, President and CEO of Old Colony YMCA, to receive the Presidential Medallion award at annual fall gala.

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Dr. Charles Wall, President of Massasoit Community College, announced today that two long-standing community volunteers, Dr. Jean F. MacCormack and Vincent J. Marturano, will receive the college's 2014 honorary degrees. Dr. MacCormack, former Chancellor of UMass Dartmouth, and Mr. Marturano, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Old Colony Y, will first be honored during the college's Annual Fall Gala on October 26, 2013, at The Conference Center at Massasoit, with the college's Presidential Medallion. Selection is based on outstanding support for the college and overall contribution to the greater community.

Dr. Jean F. MacCormack, former Chancellor of UMass Dartmouth, is a distinguished educator and leader in higher education that remains actively engaged in her community. She has served on national leadership panels, statewide educational and economic development task forces, and on several essential civic and community boards. Throughout her career in higher education, while serving in demanding leadership roles, she continuously taught and mentored graduate students.

Dr. MacCormack was a faculty member, center director, dean, vice chancellor for the Administration and Finance department, deputy chancellor and chancellor at UMass Boston, as well as the chancellor of UMass Dartmouth for thirteen years. She effectively recruited and supported a talented and creative faculty and an entrepreneurial leadership team. While leading the renovation and expansion of campus facilities, she oversaw the creation of five major satellite campuses. Recently, she was the galvanizing force behind the establishment and accreditation of the Commonwealth's first public law school. Although she has recently retired, she continues to serve as the vice chair of the SouthCoast Hospitals board and director of Bristol County Savings Bank. In her spare time, she is writing a book about transformative leadership.

"Dr. MacCormack's commitment to higher education exemplifies the high standards in service leadership that we all aspire to achieve," said Dr. Wall. "We are pleased to honor Dr. MacCormack for her unyielding dedication to education."

Vincent J. Marturano, MSW, ACSW, is the president and CEO of the Old Colony YMCA. Mr. Marturano is a member of the Association of YMCA Professionals (AYP), Community Connections of Brockton, and the MetroSouth Chamber of Commerce. He Serves on the board of the Old Colony Council Boy Scouts of America, and is a long-standing member of the Rotary Club of Brockton.

Mr. Marturano has been employed within the YMCA movement for his entire professional career, beginning as a youth director/outdoor center director for the Northern Middlesex YMCA in Middletown, Connecticut in 1973. Prior to his start at the Old Colony Y, he was the CEO of the Community YMCA in Red Bank, New Jersey. After accepting his current position at the Old Colony Y, he led the organization through mergers with Big Brother Big Sister, the David Jon Louison Center, and the Striar Jewish Community Center, all while overseeing the addition of program centers and social service facilities throughout the state.

"Mr. Marturano's long history of exemplary leadership and service to the community is unmatched. It is our sincere pleasure to honor him for his admirable commitment to the community," said Dr. Wall.

The Massasoit Community College 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 students to pursue their dreams and earn a college 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 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner, raffles, silent auction, and dancing to live music provided by the *Infractions*. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Sheryl Savage at 508-588-9100, ext. 2603. For more information, please go to www.massasoit.mass.edu/gala.