

Massasoit Community College in collaboration with Bridgewater State University, Bristol Community College, and Cape Cod Community College awarded \$508,667 Vision Project Grant

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Brockton, MA (September 26, 2013) – Pathways to a Baccalaureate Degree: A Collaboration Between Bridgewater State University, Massasoit Community College, Bristol Community College, and Cape Cod Community College is a project designed to increase the number of community college students in southeastern MA who transfer and successfully complete a baccalaureate degree at Bridgewater State University. The three project components are curriculum alignment, comprehensive transfer planning and preparation, and post-transfer transitional support. Year one of the project will focus on STEM transfer, year two on business, and year three on education.

This program will provide a seamless pathway for the approximately 1,500 transfer students who go to BSU each year from the local community colleges. These students can take advantage of new resources that will help them make a more successful transition. A cross-institutional 'Pathway Project Team' will provide leadership and oversight for all activities, such as assessment and academic planning, mentorship and advising, tracking and intervention, Transfer Institute, and enhanced orientations.

"Faculty and staff at Massasoit Community College look forward to enhancing the ongoing good work we do with our local CONNECT partners on behalf of the students we serve in Southeastern Massachusetts. We are delighted that the Governor, the legislature and the Board of Higher Education support our collaborative efforts," said Dr. Charles Wall, President of Massasoit Community College.

The Vision Project, in its third year, aims to support campuses with a goal of becoming national leaders in various areas, including workforce alignment, college completion, and closing achievement gaps, the MA Department of Education said in a statement.