

Massasoit Community College Fall Gala Proceeds to Support the United Student Fund Over 350 people attend annual fall gala entitled “Celebrating Our Everyday Heroes”

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Brockton, MA - On Saturday, October 26, 2013, over 350 people gathered for the annual fall gala at the Massasoit Conference Center to support the college's United Student Fund. Honored for their contributions to the college and the community were Dr. Jean F. MacCormack, former Chancellor of UMass Dartmouth, and Vincent J. Marturano, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Old Colony YMCA. One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition of two of our students, Jeffrey Delorey and Tammy MacDonald, 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 Infracrations.” “This was a wonderful night of celebrating students and giving thanks to those who support Massasoit, its students, and the community,” said President Charles Wall.

Tribute was paid to Dr. Jean F. MacCormack, former Chancellor of UMass Dartmouth, and Vincent J. Marturano, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Old Colony Y. Dr. MacCormack 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.

Mr. Marturano, MSW, ACSW, is the president and CEO of the Old Colony YMCA. He 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.

Dr. MacCormack and Mr. Marturano 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 2014 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.

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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