

Massasoit Community College and Wareham Public Schools Awarded \$4,500 from the A.D. Makepeace Company

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On May 7, 2014, The A.D. Makepeace Company awarded \$123,000 in grants for 32 projects and programs benefitting the residents of Carver, Plymouth, Rochester, and Wareham. Before an audience of about 70 non-profit and municipal agency representatives gathered at the company's Box Mill Hall in Tihonet Village, A.D. Makepeace Company President and CEO Michael P. Hogan, also a member of the Makepeace Neighborhood Fund Board of Trustees announced each grant individually, providing an overview of the programs and recipients in what he called a "whirlwind tour." Board of Trustees Chair Christopher Makepeace opened the reception, saying, "The good news is people like you. You do the hard work."

Massasoit Community College and Wareham Public Schools were awarded a \$4,500 grant through The Makepeace Neighborhood Fund which will provide strong support for educational programs in Wareham. Through this grant, Wareham High School English and Math instructors will participate in workshops facilitated by Massasoit Community College English and Math faculty. Training high school teachers on what is required knowledge to enroll in college level math, reading and writing courses will help them to realign their curriculum to meet college entry standards.

Students in 11th and 12th grade will take the Early Accuplacer (college placement test).

The will enable them to see what areas they may need remediation in before leaving high school to avoid "developmental" courses in Reading, Writing, or Math in college. Research shows consistently that students who start in developmental courses are less likely to graduate. Therefore, one of the goals of this project is to minimize the number of Wareham students who will have to take developmental courses in college.

Students will also participate in the "College Experience" which will help prepare them for the rigors of college. The College Experience class will give these students an opportunity to experience the demands of a college course while learning what it takes to succeed in college, such as study skills, time management and test-taking strategies. Students will earn both high school and college credits for completing it.

The grant was made through the Makepeace Neighborhood Fund, established in 2004 to support education, community housing, historic preservation, and the environment, agriculture, health care, and community services.

"We always look forward to this day," Mr. Hogan said. "It's a chance to get to know you, and create connections among you."

The A.D. Makepeace Company, located in Wareham, is the world's largest cranberry grower, the largest private property owner in eastern Massachusetts, and a recognized leader in environmentally responsible land development and stewardship.

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.

