

Massasoit Community College and Norfolk County Agricultural High School Announce Veterinary Technician AAS Partnership

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Brockton, MA - Suzanne Green, Superintendent-Director of Norfolk County Agricultural High School (Norfolk Aggie) and Dr. Charles Wall, president of Massasoit Community College, are pleased to announce the Board of Higher Education's approval of its dual enrollment college pathway program that will afford Norfolk Aggie students the opportunity to earn credit toward an associate's degree in applied science (AAS) in veterinary technician while still in high school.

This new program will be housed in both Walpole, at Norfolk Aggie, and Canton, at Massasoit's Canton Campus. The program will leverage Norfolk Aggie's expertise in agricultural education and Massasoit's proficiency in college math and sciences to create a rigorous, hands-on curriculum that will give students the technical skills to succeed in the field. In addition, a partnership with a local veterinary practice will provide the critical clinical experience students will need to enter the workforce.

Also in process is the establishment of a collaboration with the University of Massachusetts, Stockbridge, a leader in sustainable agriculture and farming, that would lead to dual enrollment and transfer programs at Norfolk Aggie and Massasoit toward the bachelor's degree.

Superintendent-Director Suzanne Green is proud to offer this new program to her students. "The new college degree program opportunities for Norfolk Aggie students are excellent complements to our mission, and give our students an advantage, whether they choose to enter the fields of veterinary technology, animal science, or parallel careers in health and life sciences, or continue with their education," she said.

"The innovative Massasoit-Norfolk Aggie partnership will provide critically important higher education and career preparation for filling new jobs in the region in the growing fields of veterinary technology and animal science," said Massasoit President Charles Wall.

There will be two cohorts, one of Norfolk-Aggie dual enrollment students, and one of Massasoit students seeking to earn an Associate's Degree in Applied Science. The program is expected to accept its first students in Fall 2015.

For more information go to www.massasoit.edu/veterinary-tech