

Bristol Community College held a plaque unveiling ceremony in dedication of Helen Marie “HM” Booth, beloved Communication Instructor and Director of Development, on Wednesday, June 26, 2019

On Wednesday, June 26, 2019, Bristol Community College held a plaque unveiling ceremony, on the Bristol Fall River Campus, dedicated to Helen Marie “HM” Booth, the beloved, long-serving Communication Instructor and Director of Development for the *Bristol Community College Foundation*.

Mrs. Booth, of Fall River, was an elegant, kind and good-humored woman, who earned the highest levels of respect and adoration from her students, colleagues and community. She carried great pride in the students she educated and the communities she prepared students to contribute to. She was known for her authentic interest in the lives of her students, including their challenges and experiences and celebrated student success at every opportunity. She often orchestrated class-wide diction exercises to elevate the professionalism of Bristol’s graduates and the eloquence of speech in our region. Mrs. Booth challenged her students to find their voice and express their passion, clearly and confidently.

In her tenure as Director of Development during the *Bristol Community College Foundation’s* formative years, she balanced and excelled at several responsibilities including organizing college events, Bristol’s *Annual Fund* and acquiring impactful donations.

She was also a dedicated supporter, participant and believer in the positive impact of art and theater in our community.

Wednesday’s ceremony included a welcome by Bristol Community College President Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D. and remarks in appreciation of Mrs. Booth’s legacy from Bristol Community College President Emerita Eileen T. Farley and Bristol Community College President Emeritus John J. Sbrega, Ph.D.

The event was attended by Mrs. Booth’s family, friends and colleagues who gathered around the custom plaque that will be installed in the lobby of the Margaret L. Jackson Arts Center (H Building) on the Bristol Fall River Campus. The plaque reads “*In memory of HM Booth for her dedication and commitment to Bristol Community College and the students whose lives she touched.*”

The *Bristol Community College Foundation* is a nonprofit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships to support Bristol’s mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. The Foundation empowers our region by providing the college community with life-changing scholarships, campus grants and emergency loans.

For more information, or to donate to the *Bristol Community College Foundation*, please visit www.bristolcc.edu/about/thebristolfoundation/.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. Bristol has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country. The college's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, and corporate services. The Bristol Community College Foundation, a nonprofit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the college's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, [visit bristolcc.edu](http://bristolcc.edu).