

Celebrate entrepreneurship at Bristol Community College's Entrepreneurship Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 25, 2019

Bristol Community College's *Academic Center for Entrepreneurship* (ACE) will host the Entrepreneurship Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 25, from 5-8 p.m., in the Commonwealth College Center (G Building), at Bristol's Fall River campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The event's keynote speaker will be George Matouk, CEO of *John Matouk Co.* *Matouk* is a humbling story of entrepreneurship at its finest! *Matouk*, whose headquarters are located in Fall River, has admirably influenced the world of fine linens. He will share the history of *Matouk's* strategic business operations, along with his own success story.

The event will include a buffet of food from restaurants including *Mesa 21*, *Cask & Pig*, *Tipsy Toboggan*, as well as food prepared by Bristol's culinary arts program. There will also be an ice cream sundae bar with ice cream from *The Ice Cream Barn*. Music and entertainment will be provided by *Candida Rose*.

The award ceremony honors individuals in the community who proudly portray the spirit of entrepreneurship. The event awards one recipient in the categories of *Developing Entrepreneur*, *Benevolent Entrepreneur*, *Sustainability Entrepreneur* and *Cornerstone Entrepreneur*.

Entrepreneurship Award Recipients

Developing Entrepreneur: Tara Winterhalter, owner of *Ritual Sweat Society* in Dartmouth and the creator of the *11:11 Practice*.

Benevolent Entrepreneur: David M. Chosid, owner of *Yulong Tai Chi Chuan* in Dartmouth.

Sustainability Entrepreneur: Erin Babbitt, owner of *Stony Creek Farm* in Swansea.

Cornerstone Entrepreneur: Charlie Merrow, CEO at *Merrow Manufacturing & Sewing Machine Co.* in Fall River.

Participants can also take part in a raffle to win a number of great items such as a *Brahmin* handbag, a round of golf at the *Lakeview Country Club* and a wine tour and tasting for 10 people at the *Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery* in Westport.

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