

## **Bristol Community College student Jennifer Santana named to prestigious *29 Who Shine* Award recipients on Friday, May 3**

Jennifer Santana, of Fall River, Massachusetts, has been named Bristol Community College's *29 Who Shine* recipient for 2019. Each year, the Department of Higher Education honors a student representative from each of the 29 public colleges and universities who demonstrates the talent and future contributions of those graduating from the public system.

A mother and leader, Jennifer is using and sharing her own experiences to positively impact others. Jennifer returned to Bristol Community College as a survivor of domestic violence and substance abuse determined to further her career and empower others in her community, her church and as an advocate for victims at court hearings. She has been willing to publicize her own story to build awareness of the warning signs and effects of domestic violence. As an intern and volunteer, Jennifer has played a pivotal role in the successful launch of the college's new Women's Center, where she helps plan and promote events.

Jennifer will graduate this spring with an associate degree in Human Services and will transfer to Bridgewater State University, with the goal of becoming a social worker in the state of Massachusetts.

In May 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education launched *29 Who Shine*. The honorees, chosen because of their academic achievements and record of student leadership and community service, stand poised to contribute greatly to the civic life and economic well-being of the state. Whether furthering their education or entering careers here in Massachusetts in fields as diverse as education, public policy, medicine, creative arts and engineering, they embody the vibrant future that we all envision for the Commonwealth.

For more information about the *29 Who Shine* award, including criteria, please visit [www.mass.edu/system/29whoshine](http://www.mass.edu/system/29whoshine).

### **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).