



March 29, 2017

**CELEBRATE PORTUGUESE CULTURE AT BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S ANNUAL PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE DAY ON MAY 4**

BCC LusoCentro is pleased to invite you to the annual celebration of Portuguese Language Day on Thursday, May 4, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Jackson Arts Center (H-Building), on the BCC Fall River Campus, 777 Elsbree Street. Portuguese Language Day celebrates the culture and history of Portugal and the Azores through stories, music, and food. This event is free and open to the public.

This year's exciting program will consist of a welcoming remarks from BCC President John J. Sbrega and LusoCentro Director Carlos Almeida, followed by a presentation titled Lusophone Immigration by students from Dartmouth High School.

The event features a lecture titled Through a Portagee Gate by BCC Professor Patricia A. Thomas, followed by the play Through a Portagee Gate, performed by BCC theater students and members of Culture Park Theater. The autobiography and a biography, Through a Portagee Gate by author Charles Reis Felix, is a self-portrait and endearing tribute to the author's father, a Portuguese immigrant cobbler who came to America in 1915.

A concert by Senza, a musical trio from Portugal, and the serving of Malassadas e Biscoitos, a traditional Azorean / Portuguese treat, will conclude the festive event.

This program is sponsored in part by Camões Institute, Portuguese Consulate in New Bedford, FLAD, Açores Bakery, North Dartmouth Stop & Shop, BCC Portuguese Club, BCC Multicultural Committee, and the BCC Division of Humanities and Education.

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