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BCC CELEBRATES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WITH FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ON JANUARY 15, 2018

Bristol Community College's annual breakfast to honor the life and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will feature Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Dr. Robert E. Johnson as the keynote speaker. The 2018 African American Alumnus of the year will be awarded as well as the presentation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster and Essay contest winners chosen from contest participants at area schools.

Dr. Robert E. Johnson was appointed chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on March 7, 2017, and began his leadership of the 8,700-student research university on July 1, 2017. He had previously served as president of Becker College in Worcester. A frequent presenter and commentator on issues related to the future of work, Dr. Johnson strongly believes that college graduates must be professionally and intellectually agile to compete in a world where career mobility is the norm, and individuals must continuously build their personal value.

Dr. Johnson holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Touro University International, a master's degree in education administration from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor's degree in economics from Morehouse College.

Clayton J. Timas, New Bedford, MA, will be named the 2018 Distinguished African American Alumnus of the year.

While studying business administration at BCC, Clayton Timas took multiple part-time jobs to support his brother, following the tragic loss of his father. Prior to graduating from BCC, Clayton transferred to Worcester State University in 2010, where he is only a few courses from graduation. As a student, Mr. Timas began working at Santander Bank

before being recruited by Bank of America as an account manager, and he is currently serving as assistant manager of a Citizen's Bank branch in New Bedford.

Clayton has supported his community for the past five years as a dedicated Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball coach, assisting players on and off the court, and instilling in his team that the word "student" comes before the word "athlete."

The breakfast will be held on Monday, January 15, 2018, in the Commonwealth College Center (G-Building) Cafeteria, BCC Fall River campus, 777 Elsbree Street. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with music, awards, and celebration. The event is FREE and open to the community.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. BCC 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, corporate services, and Kids College.

The BCC Foundation, a non-profit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the College's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu/aboutbcc/>.