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BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY WITH WOMEN’S MARCH PANEL DISCUSSION ON MARCH 8

The BCC Multicultural Committee celebrates International Women’s Day with an engaging panel discussion about the Boston and Washington, DC, Women's Marches, led by BCC faculty and staff members Colleen Avedikian, Emily Brown and Susan Souza-Mort. The event takes place on Wednesday, March 8, at 11 a.m., in the C-building auditorium, room C111, on the BCC Fall River Campus, 777 Elsbree St. This event is free and open to the public.

The event seeks to raise awareness that women’s rights are human rights, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, immigration status, sexual identity, gender expression, economic status, age, or disability.

The panel will discuss their experience participating in the Women’s Marches, as well as why they marched – including the belief to uphold the rights of all immigrants, people of diverse religious faiths, people who identify as LGBTQIA, people of all ethnicities, people with disabilities, and survivors of sexual assault.

Regardless of whether you are able to attend this event, please consider wearing red, the “power color,” in honor of International Women's Day.

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