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**BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FACULTY AND STAFF
2017 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STAFF AND ORGANIZATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT (NISOD) EXCELLENCE AWARD HONOREES**

Bristol Community College is proud to announce its recipients of the annual National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards. Created in 1978, NISOD is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges.

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues.

The 2017 NISOD honorees from Bristol Community College include Lara Akinyemi, Dawn Banville, Ameer Belmedani, Honorato Dacosta, Renata Garcia, Amy Marden, Elizabeth Nowakowski, Holly Pappas, Robert Plummer, Filomena Ponte, Jennifer Puniello, Katie Spavento, Shawn Tivnan, and Connie Trepanier.

The recipients were celebrated during the Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration in conjunction with NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, on May 27-30, 2017, in Austin, Texas.

Since 1989, the NISOD Excellence Awards and annual conference have represented the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators, and staff.

NISOD supports its member colleges by providing professional development resources and learning experiences, including practitioner publications, webinars, the annual

International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, the NISOD Excellence Awards, and more.

For more information about NISOD, please visit www.nisod.org.

For more information about Bristol Community College's NISOD honorees, please contact Associate Director of Media Relations Kevin Spirlet at 508.678.2811, ext. 3361, or email kevin.spirlet@bristolcc.edu.

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/>*