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**BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FACULTY AND STAFF 2018
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 2018 NISOD honorees from Bristol Community College include:

Stephen Alves, Nursing Program Director, of Somerset, MA

Engin Atasay, Associate Professor of Education, of Tiverton, RI

Robert Delaleu, Director of the Multicultural Student Center, of New Bedford, MA

Shaylene DePina, Division Secretary, Lash Division, of New Bedford, MA

Julie Jodoin-Krauzyk, Disability Coordinator, of Westport, MA

Raksmey Pen, Assistant Director of Upward Bound, of Portsmouth, RI

Robert Rezendes, Associate Dean of Library Services, of Westport, MA

Katie Ruggieri, Professor of Biology, of North Providence, RI

The recipients will be celebrated during the Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration in conjunction with NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, on May 26-29, 2018, 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.

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, and corporate services.

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/about>.