

Bristol Community College held a Veterans Honor Breakfast on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, to honor veterans and announce the *Alan Silvia Veterans Scholarship*, supporting student veterans

Bristol Community College held a special Veterans Honor Breakfast today, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, to honor the college's student veterans, community veterans and guest of honor Representative Alan Silvia.

The event took place at 9 a.m., in the Commonwealth College Center, on the Bristol Fall River campus, and included an introduction from Bristol President Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D.; remarks from Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services Francisco A. Ureña, former Chair of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees Joseph Marshall and Representative Alan Silvia, who spoke about the importance of the college's *Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center* and veteran's specific support services.

At the Veterans Honor Breakfast, the college offered special thanks to Representative Silvia, who served in the United States Marines, for his dedication to securing an annual legislative grant that will help to support Bristol's newly renovated *Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center*. In honor of Representative Silvia's commitment to veterans and our community, the Bristol Community College Foundation has established the *Alan Silvia Veterans Scholarship* to provide support to veterans, as well as their spouses and children, while they are attending Bristol Community College.

The breakfast also included remarks from veteran Bristol alumnus David Jones, who shared how the college's veteran's specific services influenced and aided his success while studying at Bristol and following his transfer to a four-year university.

The college's *Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center*, at the Bristol Fall River campus, serves as a single point of contact for all Bristol and Veterans' Affairs (VA) materials, educational benefit certification, academic counseling, essential resources, opportunities for peer connections and assistance with job preparation and placement services, including veteran-specific job fairs and recruitment activities. The center consists of a variety of spaces designed specifically for assisting student veterans: student study space, private counseling and group activities. The college's student veterans have access to the center's laptops to complete documentation, VA certification or academic assignments. The open social space can be utilized by student veterans as a place to study, relax and strengthen the sense of community among the college's student veterans.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. Bristol 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 Bristol Community College Foundation, a nonprofit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the college's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, [visit bristolcc.edu](http://www.bristolcc.edu).