

Bristol Community College NEWS

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BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS FOUNDING IN CELEBRATIONS AT EACH OF ITS SITES, DECEMBER 7-10

Fifty years ago in December, a radical new approach to post-secondary education was established and Bristol Community College came to be. To recognize the signing of the charter for Bristol Community College in December 1965, each campus or site will hold its own party and Charter Day. **Media coverage is invited.**

Local legislators, community leaders, students, and faculty will attend. The Fall River, New Bedford, and Attleboro Campuses and the Taunton Center each planned its own “custom” party, seeking to illustrate the personality and the culture found at each of those different site.

Charter Day Events

December 7, 11 a.m.	Taunton Center at 61 Summer Street
December. 8, 11 a.m.	New Bedford Campus, 800 Purchase Street
December. 9, 12:45 p.m.	Fall River Campus, Commonwealth College Center
December 10, 12:30 p.m. .	Attleboro Campus, 11 Field Road

Each will feature brief speaking, refreshments, (including cake!), activities including a selfie station (Fall River) and birthday card wall, (Fall River) and an opportunity to make suggestions for putting in the time capsule, via TCS-50 (a robot built to travel to each site.)

Community colleges are a uniquely American invention that put higher education within reach of hundreds of thousands of diverse students. Bristol Community College opened in September 1966 with 354 day students and 150 evening students in borrowed quarters on Durfee Street in downtown Fall River. By 2015, Bristol has grown to the second largest community college in Massachusetts, with full campuses in Fall River, New Bedford, and Attleboro, and a site in Taunton. Ninety percent of alumni live within 30 miles of BCC, and you don't have to go far to

southeastern Massachusetts to meet someone who benefited from Bristol Community College.
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