

Bristol Community College celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. with free community breakfast, music and keynote speaker on January 21, 2019

Bristol Community College's annual breakfast on Monday, January 21, 2019, to honor the life and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will include a free buffet breakfast, music and will feature Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools Thomas Anderson as the keynote speaker. The event will also include the presentation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay contest winners chosen from contest participants from Bristol Community College and the NEW Martin Luther King, Jr. Visual Arts Challenge chosen from participants at area high schools.

Thomas Anderson was appointed Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools on July 1, 2018, overseeing an urban district of nearly 13,000 students and over 2,000 staff. Prior to coming to New Bedford, Mr. Anderson led the Randolph Public School system in Randolph, MA, a suburb of Boston and one of the most diverse communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the last 4 years. Under his leadership, two schools became Level 2 and the Randolph Public School system exited the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Underperforming Level 4 status after more than 10 years.

A native of East Hartford, CT, Mr. Anderson earned a diploma from *Phillips Academy* in Andover, MA, his bachelor's degree from the *University of Rhode Island* and a master's from *Howard University* in Washington, DC.

The breakfast will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019, in the Commonwealth College Center (G Building) Cafeteria, on the Bristol Fall River campus, 777 Elsbree Street. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and is free and open to the community.

For more information about the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast, please visit <http://www.bristolcc.edu/mlk>.

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).