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FRANK BAPTISTA APPOINTED TO BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has appointed Frank Baptista, founder and host of Radio Voz do Emigrante/WHTB-1400AM, as a member of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees.

Prior to founding and hosting Radio Voz do Emigrante, Mr. Baptista was the founder and host of Impacto, WJAR-TV 10, a bi-weekly television program serving the Portuguese-speaking community in Southern New England. He previously contributed the column, A Nossa Voz, in the Fall River Herald News, about Portuguese history, national issues, and events, in the United States, and had formerly served as a personnel director at the Shelburne Shirt Company in Fall River.

Baptista serves as a board member of LusoCentro at Bristol Community College, SER Jobs for Progress, and the Massachusetts Health Association Quality Partners. He is a member of the Prince Henry Society of Fall River, Fall River Day of Portugal, Sociedade Cultural Acoreana, Portuguese-American Leadership Council of the United States, and the Advisory Board of Rhode Island Public Radio. He is an advisor to the National Organization of Portuguese-Americans (NAPO).

Baptista has studied at Rhode Island College, Brown University, and the University of Lisbon, Portugal, and speaks Portuguese, English, Creole, and Spanish.

Bristol Community College's Board of Trustees works tirelessly to ensure the college's institutional activities remain at the highest level of quality, and BCC's success is attributed to their dedication and the dedication of our exemplary employees.

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/>.