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BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Paula Popeo of New Bedford, has been appointed executive director of development at Bristol Community College. Popeo comes to BCC after working at the University of Massachusetts Boston as assistant vice chancellor for leadership and capital giving. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a Juris Doctor degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

As executive director of development at BCC, Popeo will lead the college's philanthropic efforts with responsibility for the development, implementation, and evaluation of annual giving, major gift giving, capital campaigns, employee giving, alumni relations, and foundation events.

“Bristol Community College will greatly benefit from Paula’s years of direct experience in all aspects of establishing financial support to address the college’s most pressing needs,” said Dr. Laura L. Douglas, President of Bristol Community College. “She loves the sense of purpose that she derives in assisting student success and is excited to be a part of our outstanding BCC team.”

"I am excited to join BCC, and continue to develop critical relationships with donors, alumni, and local business communities to benefit the college's mission of providing access to life-changing education and learning resources" said Popeo.

Popeo previously served as director of stewardship, and major gifts officer at UMB until appointed in 2014, as assistant vice chancellor for capital and leadership giving. During this time, Popeo developed and implemented a principal gifts strategy for campus-wide

initiatives to build corporate and foundation donor bases.

Popeo currently serves as a member of the board of directors for the Massachusetts Archives Museum. She lives in New Bedford with her husband, Attorney Robert Schilling. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with their 4 grown children. She begins her new duties at Bristol Community College on November 27, 2017.

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/>.