

January 29, 2024

Dear Bristol Colleagues,

Subject: Heartfelt Gratitude

Today, with a grateful heart, I informed the Board of Trustees of my decision to retire and begin my next adventure. I have been very fortunate to have had a fulfilling higher education career with the most rewarding period being my seven years as the President of Bristol Community College. In the year ahead, I am excited to continue to fulfill the objectives outlined in our strategic plan as the college begins the search for a new president. My retirement will be effective January 2025.

where my maternal great-grandparents landed as immigrants. They worked in the cotton mills and my grandfather was the first in the family to complete high school right here in Fall River, the Scholarship City. This connection to the South Coast has fueled my passion for creating a college-going culture and solidified our focus on bringing new industries and jobs to the region, such as offshore wind.

Bristol Community College is well respected in our community and has taken the international stage with the launch of the National Offshore Wind Institute (NOWI). The NOWI has positioned us as a leader in providing relevant and required training solutions designed to meet the growing workforce demands of the offshore wind industry and related sectors. We are an economic driver in the region and recently received the Brayton Community Service Award and the 2023 APEX Business of the Year award for these efforts from One SouthCoast Chamber.

Over the years, we have collectively pursued excellence and innovation. We have remarkable achievements and transformative initiatives that have shaped our journey together during my tenure as president. I never imagined the leadership I would need to provide during a pandemic. We prioritized the health and safety of our employees, and our community college played a pivotal role in keeping the community safe through testing, vaccination clinics and the donation of personal protective equipment (PPE).

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire Bristol Community College community – students, faculty, staff, alumni, the Foundation, donors, legislators, elected officials and community members – for your unwavering support. It is your dedication that has propelled us forward, and I am immensely thankful for the opportunity to serve as your president.

As we continue to build on our achievements, let us look toward the future with optimism and a shared commitment to furthering the mission and vision of Bristol Community College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, partially obscured by a green rectangular redaction box.

President