Thursday, March 3, 2016
6:00-10:00pm
The Shaw’s Center
1 Feinberg Way, Brockton MA 02301

Presentation of the Community Impact Award to
Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria
President Emeritus
Bridgewater State University
Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, President Emeritus of Bridgewater State University

Dr. Mohler-Faria’s deep personal commitment to the Cape Verdean and Brockton community is a strong reflection of BNHC’s own institutional values. For 24 years, Dr. Mohler-Faria led Bridgewater through unprecedented growth and success. Hallmarks of his tenure include double digit increases in student enrollment and retention, expansion of the number of degrees offered and the number of full-time faculty employed and an increase in both the value of Bridgewater’s physical plant and the endowment.

President Mohler-Faria, first generation college attendee, credits his late father and mother with his commitment to hard work. Dr. Mohler-Faria similarly acknowledges his roots in the Cape Verdean community for his optimistic attitude and belief in service. This upbringing led to two important milestones: President Mohler-Faria is the first person of color to lead Bridgewater State University and was the first Cape Verdean to be elected the president of a U.S. four-year institution of higher education.

Dr. Mohler-Faria holds a Doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in history from Boston University, and an associate’s degree from Cape Cod Community College. He has participated in the Oxford Roundtable, the Millennium Leadership Institute, The New England Resource Center for Higher Education and Harvard University’s Institute for Education Management and Senior Executives Program. He has also served as a faculty member at the Harvard University New Presidents Seminar for the past ten years.