



# Congratulations Governor-Elect Deval Patrick

The Massachusetts Community College Council  
looks forward to a new partnership with you, Lt. Governor Murray  
and the State Legislature to advance public higher education.

## WHO WE ARE

- 1400 full-time faculty and 480 librarians, counselors and other professionals.
- Over 4000 part-time faculty.
- The most productive faculty in our higher education system, teaching more courses at a lower cost per student.

## WHAT WE DO

Our colleges contribute to the Commonwealth's economic development by:

- Preparing recent high school graduates to join the educated workforce or transfer to 4-year colleges.
- Partnering with businesses to meet community needs.
- Retraining displaced workers for the new economy.
- Providing remedial education and English as a second language instruction.
- Serving over 80,000 students, 47 percent of all the students attending our public colleges and universities.
- Educating students who are often the first in their families to attend college. When they complete their studies, they stay in Massachusetts and contribute to the economy.

## WHAT OUR COLLEGES AND STUDENTS NEED

- Fairer funding. Our budgets have been cut by more than 20 percent since 2000 and lag behind the 4-year institutions.
- More full-time faculty. More than half of our courses are taught by part-time faculty. Studies prove that student success - measured by graduation rates - is positively affected by having **more** rather than fewer full-time faculty.

The Patrick-Murray campaign pledged leadership to move Massachusetts forward. We applaud this vision and promise of a renewed commitment to public higher education. Together we can make a difference!

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*Serving faculty, counselors, librarians and other professionals  
in Massachusetts' 15 Community Colleges*