



Marian Court College
TWO LIFE-CHANGING YEARS

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Marian Court College holds graduation for *Bridges to the Future* participants

Swampscott – Thirteen students from Lynn Vocational Technical Institute who have been participating this semester in Marian Court College's *Bridges to the Future* program were honored on Thursday, January 29.

Bridges to the Future, a program created by Marian Court College, is designed to assist economically disadvantaged high school seniors by enabling them to take a college course as part of their high school curriculum. Made possible by a grant provided by Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, the students were enrolled in a Technology Foundations course taught right on the Marian Court College campus by Ginny LeBlanc, a member of the Marian Court College faculty. The program exposes high school seniors to a college atmosphere and curriculum and encourages them to consider pursuing a college education. Each student who has successfully completed the ten-week course will receive three college credits. Several of the participating students have already applied to Marian Court College for Fall 2009 and have been accepted.

“We acknowledge the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation for their generous and significant financial support that made the *Bridges to the Future* initiative possible. This collaborative program is exactly what we at Marian Court College are about - preparing

students from all educational and socioeconomic backgrounds for lifelong learning,” said Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli.

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Marian Court College in Swampscott, Massachusetts, is a two-year co-educational, private college offering the Associate in Science degree and certificate programs. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1964, Marian Court College equips students for lifelong learning and instills the core values of integrity, compassion, justice and service. Marian Court College is situated on a six-acre oceanside campus, formerly the “Summer White House” of President Calvin Coolidge.

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