



Marian Court College
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Marian Court College Inaugurates Third President at Community Awards Ceremony

Marian Court College in Swampscott inaugurated its third president at an awards ceremony on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Ghazi Darkazalli, Ph.D., was presented with the first official college medal to commemorate his appointment as President. The medal reflects the College's new seal and motto "Seek Knowledge, Serve All" which was adopted under President Darkazalli's leadership. Dr. Darkazalli began his tenure at Marian Court last March. He has had a distinguished career in both academia and industry, and is an expert in solar energy and wind power.

In addition to celebrating the formal induction into office for President Darkazalli, the event also served as a fundraiser to help launch the new Presidential Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship was awarded to returning student Allison Tobin of Beverly at the College's Commencement Ceremony for her high level of academic achievement, in addition to her personal commitment to the four core values of the College - integrity, compassion, justice, and service.

During the Awards Ceremony, Eastern Bank was honored with the first *Marian Court College Beacon Award*. The award honors and recognizes an organization or individual that lights the way to a better tomorrow by supporting educational initiatives and the College's core values.

The Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation recently selected Marian Court College to receive an \$18,000 grant to fund *Bridges to the Future*, a Marian Court College program developed to assist economically disadvantaged high school seniors by enabling them to take a college course as part of their high school curriculum. Eastern Bank Chairman and CEO Richard Holbrook accepted the award.

"We believe it is our responsibility at Eastern Bank to make certain that the communities in which we do business are healthy and vibrant. Dozens of our employees are graduates of Marian Court. We have seen first hand the value that Marian Court College brings to our greater community," said Holbrook.

The Marian Court College Lifetime Achievement Award and *The Marian Court College Distinguished Alumna Award* were presented to Eve Condakes (Swampscott), Class of 1988 and former Marian Court College Trustee. Mrs. Condakes has been a lifelong supporter of the College, her community (both locally and globally) and many philanthropic initiatives.

"It was my honor to share this evening with our generous supporters, Richard Holbrook of Eastern Bank and alumna Eve Condakes. We consider them to be excellent partners in our mission of instilling lifelong learning and the College's core values," said President 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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