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Meet the 2020 Annual Awards Nominees

PLEASE JOIN US APRIL 30TH

Please join us on April 30th when the winners will be announced at the 2020 Awards Celebration!!! Register at <https://www.marlbroughchamber.org/event/2020-awards-celebration/>



Hello MRCC Membership!

Many community-based organizations are still amid responding to COVID-19, while others are still bracing for its peak. While we don't yet know the full extent of the virus' impact on our communities, and it's difficult to imagine a return to full "normalcy," we remain well into our planning ahead for recovery. MRCC has remained resilient and proactive and we continue to empower stakeholders and community members to create actions that improve long-term sustainability.

We have anticipated that post pandemic "recovery" may not be as simple as returning to business as usual. And that's not necessarily a bad thing. We have adapted to unprecedented circumstances that have resulted in a new business environment. 2020 enabled us to imagine what a sustainable future (post-pandemic) looks like for our membership and organization as a whole. Our focus remains clear as we execute against the following:

- Reaching out to our entire region with our refined value proposition with a new outside membership coordinator
- Providing a core breadth of essential services and information for our members
- Continue to reassess the needs of our membership through enhanced communication.
- Evaluate and deactivate programs and activities that do not add value
- Ensure we have the tools and resources available to meet the emerging long-term community needs and update our programming accordingly
- Update and make changes to our programming in order to meet long-term member and community needs

As we close out the first quarter of 2021, we are very excited about our membership growth trajectory and the impact that our efforts are having against our key platforms for strategic expansion. Our focus on sustainability, inclusion and diversity, women in the workplace and school to business are attracting significant interest and engagement.

And let's not forget our fantastic line up of events that you see the save the date reminders in this issue! Please make it a point to engage and participate in these great networking events!!!

Spring has arrived, vaccine availability is increasing, and we remain guardedly optimistic that we will be in-person together this summer celebrating!

Onward and upward!

Robert Schlacter, President and CEO

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2021
SAVE THE DATES!

APRIL

30 Annual Awards Celebration

May

08 Recycling

JUNE

19 Recycling

JULY

26 47th Annual Golf Outing

AUGUST

21 BBQ, Bands & Brew

SEPTEMBER

09 Steak & Lobster Festival

11 Recycling

October

23 Recycling

NOVEMBER

12 Tri-Chamber Veterans

18 Annual Meeting Luncheon

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NEW TEAM MEMBER

MELISSA TATTEN PERRY

MRCC officially welcomes **Melissa Tatten Perry** to the Chamber team as Membership Coordinator! She is a homegrown, dynamic sales & client relationship professional with extensive experience in the customer service and hospitality industry. Her personality and presence with customers have led to a successful track record of driving growth and achieving ambitious goals. She brings high energy and infectious enthusiasm in delivering the brand messaging and ensuring that the customer experience is second to none. Melissa graduated from Assabet Valley Regional Technical School in the Restaurant, Culinary, Catering and Hotel Management.



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THE WORCESTER RAILERS made their presence felt in March by delivering a huge truckload of food supplies in support of the UWOTC and Marlborough Community Cupboard. What fantastic partners!



MRCC ribbon cuttings





Corporate Wellness

Synergy Wellness Center's mission is to support the emotional, physical and spiritual health of wellness seekers, with a special eye to serving personal and professional caregivers in Eastern and Central Massachusetts through traditional and holistic health offerings. Synergy offers customized corporate wellness programs and flexible wellness menu options for the business and healthcare community to enhance employee well-being, morale, and productivity.

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School to Business

Mark Vital has begun to meet monthly adding 15 new members with a renewed sense of commitment to businesses working to enhance our diverse school population in the region. The committee has already completed a panel discussion entitled **"The Perfect Career Search for First-time Employment"** for both high school and college students. Talent acquisition specialists from Cytiva, Sunovion, and Boston Scientific provide expertise in all job-related topics from what goes on your resume, to how to behave on your job interview. The committee is hard at work partnering with the **Marlborough Rotary** in redesigning the high school's Reality Fair, soliciting members to offer mock job interviews to high school students, and providing school summaries for local realtors.

Government Affairs

The Government Affairs Committee has been hard at work connecting with City Councilor's regarding activity in the wards around the City and how the Chamber can help. We have met with Councilor President **Mike Ossing**, Ward 1 Councilor **Laura Wagner** and Councilor at Large **Samantha Perlman**. Each one has brought perspectives regarding opportunities and challenges in the City of Marlborough. We are working to consider an Opportunity Zone project in partnership with areas in the city qualifying under this as well as the Mass Development PACE program. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month via zoom and strive to help Marlborough and regional businesses understand governance and the opportunities it can bring to their businesses.

Calling all interested Ambassadors!!! We are expanding!

MRCC Ambassador Mission: Drive awareness of the benefits of the Chamber in order to increase membership and retention.

AMBASSADOR OBJECTIVES

- To actively promote membership in the Chamber.
- To facilitate networking among members.
- To encourage meaningful participation and involvement in Chamber programs in order to enhance the membership benefits received by each member
- Strengthen member commitment and retention through ongoing communication about Chamber activities.

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Rob Schlacter met with Eloa Celedon, Immigration Attorney (center) and Liliane Costa, Executive Director of the Brazilian American Center to discuss a potential outreach partnership with MRCC to the Brazilian businesses and community in 2021.



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