

BANKER LARRY HARRINGTON IS SOMEONE WE CAN COUNT ON

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For nearly a quarter of a century, Laurence C. Harrington has made banking his business. On the advice of his father, he went to work as a bank teller straight out of high school. "My father said it would be good experience and that they would pay for me to get a higher education," Harrington said. It was very good advice.

In 1996, Harrington became Regional President of BankBoston. By that time he also had earned several degrees that began with evening math courses at Middlesex and ended with a master's degree in business administration from UMASS Lowell. The education was primarily funded by the banks for which he had worked. Harrington quipped that he went to school for so many years that one of his nieces asked when 'Uncle Larry' was going to graduate.

Harrington may finally have graduated from college, but he hasn't left the college scene. Part of his job with BankBoston included oversight of employee community service as well as financial contributions to civic and nonprofit organizations. A quick look at his resume reveals how seriously he took this task. He'll tell you that part of the mission of the bank has always been to give something back to the communities it serves, but community service is also a high priority on Harrington's list of personal as well as professional goals. Middlesex Community College has been very fortunate to be on the receiving end of a lot of that giving.

Harrington has served as an MCC student mentor, a member of our Business Programs Advisory Board, is actively involved in the Middlesex Lowell Career Pathways for Youth outreach program, and has hired Middlesex



students as interns. "I was taught early on the importance of community involvement—way before it was the politically correct thing to do," Harrington said. "I've worked with Carole Cowan for years on the regional board and throughout the area. I'm always happy to support her and Middlesex in any way I can. I think the world of her," he added. "I feel very strongly that people need to know us as more than just a building. The bank encourages community outreach, and when it comes time to make decisions on where to make donations, the first things supported are those in which our employees are involved."

It's clear that Harrington would prefer to sing the praises of the people he works with and their outreach efforts rather than talk about his personal accomplishments. He was quick to compliment other bank employees who actively support the college including: Manager of Regional Governance Liz Jones, who is a member of the MCC Board of Trustees; Vice President David Grieb, who is the treasurer for the MCC Foundation; and Market Manager Donna Grieb, who counsels small business owners at the Lowell Small Business Assistance Center.

Financially, BankBoston supported MCC's first Celebrity Forum with Walter Cronkite, the MCC Foundation scholarship golf tournament, and helped Middlesex fund and furnish the Lowell Small Business Assistance Center. The college is thankful to have the support of Larry Harrington and all the bank representatives who continue to help us better serve our communities as we face the many unique challenges of the new millennium.

(Editor's note: It was recently announced that Larry Harrington will join the Small Business Services Division of the newly formed FleetBoston Financial.)