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FORMER MASSACHUSETTS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TOM O'NEILL JOINS THE BHCC FOUNDATION BOARD

Thomas P. O'Neill, III, a long-time leader in Massachusetts political and civic affairs, joined the Board of Directors of the Bunker Hill Community College Foundation this fall. "We are delighted to have Tom O'Neill as a member of the Board," said Board President Anne Hyde. "He has a wealth of extraordinary experience, and we are honored that he wants to share it with the College. All members of the Foundation Board join me in welcoming Tom." The Foundation plays a critical fundraising and constituency-building role for the College, developing support among alumni as well as business, civic, community and educational leaders.

"The story of Bunker Hill Community College and the people it serves is a profound one," said O'Neill. He sees community colleges as especially important for people who have been out of school for an extended period. "A two-year college for them is a welcoming back into education," he said. "At BHCC, the students understand the need for education over the longer term, over their whole lives."

O'Neill is the founder of the Boston public relations and government affairs firm O'Neill and Associates, which helps companies build brands, communicate with government officials, find new business opportunities and deal with crises. During its 15-year history, O'Neill and Associates has developed special expertise in a range of industries including real estate, healthcare, financial services, transportation, education and technology.

Son of the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, O'Neill served as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1975 to 1983 under two governors, Michael Dukakis and Edward J. King. During his term

in office, O'Neill created and ran the Massachusetts Office of Federal-State Relations and served as a member of the U.S. State Department Ambassadorial Screening Committee. Earlier in his career O'Neill was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

O'Neill earned his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his master's in Public Administration from Harvard University. Deeply engaged in the civic life of his hometown of Cambridge and the surrounding region, O'Neill currently serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mount Auburn Hospital and is a member of the board of North Cambridge Catholic High School. He sits on the Board of Trustees of Boston College and on the Board of Directors for CareGroup, New England's second largest healthcare service provider.

As a member of the Board of the Bunker Hill Community College Foundation, O'Neill joins a group of civic and business leaders dedicated to supporting the state's largest community college, whose population grew this past year by more than seven percent, to almost 8,900 students. Many of these students come from Boston's low-income communities. The Foundation works to make college possible for all students, whatever their means. It provides scholarships for students who need financial help, supports the Textbook Assistance Program that allows students who can't afford textbooks to borrow them, and is currently supporting the construction of a Health and Wellness Center that is the first new facility on the Charlestown Campus in 50 years.

O'Neill is enthusiastic about joining the board. "As a citizen of the state, I think I have a responsibility in giving my time and in digging deep into my own pockets to help those who have not been as fortunate as myself," O'Neill said. ■

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