

HISTORIC
AGREEMENT OFFERS
STUDENTS A WORLD
OF OPPORTUNITY

“The world has become our community, and we are very privileged to be able to work so closely with our friends in Cape Verde. This historic agreement offers enormous educational, social, cultural and economic benefits for our two nations.”

Dr. Edward Minnock
Vice President for External Affairs



CAPE VERDE, THE COUNTRY

Cape Verde stands at an important geographic and historic crossroads. Geographically, it ties together Africa, Europe and the Americas. Historically, it stands between a past full of hardship and a future full of promise. Through hard work at home, the support of Cape Verdeans abroad, and partnerships such as the recently signed exchange agreement between BSC and the newly established University of Cape Verde, the country's future is bright.

CAPE VERDE AND THE COMMONWEALTH

Cape Verdeans came to America as far back as the early 1800s, first through the slave trade and later as immigrants with a critical role to play in the development of the new world. At one point, Cape Verdeans dominated the whaling industry in the northeast and were instrumental in developing cranberry bogs on Cape Cod. Today, a large population of Cape Verdeans live and work in Southeastern Massachusetts.



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Partnership Program Overview

Partnership Program Benefits BSC and Cape Verde Students



Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, BSC president, signs agreement accompanied by (from left): Dr. Edward Minnock, vice president for external affairs, BSC; Mr. Angelo Barbosa, vice president for institutional technology, University of Cape Verde; and Mr. Crisanto Barros, vice president, University of Cape Verde.

As a result of the signing of the exchange agreement between Bridgewater State College and the University of Cape Verde, BSC faculty and staff, working with the Division of External Affairs have put together an exciting program for the benefit of students from both institutions.

Cape Verde undergraduate and graduate students will study at Bridgewater. The intensive program connects Cape Verde and BSC students with the community, preparing them to live, work and succeed

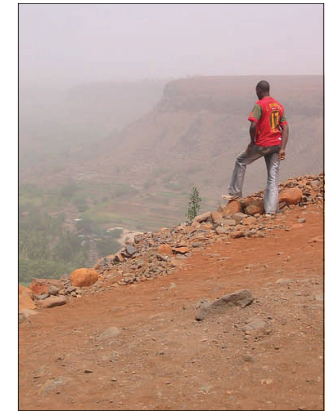
PARTNERSHIP FOR A BETTER WORLD THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

Bridgewater State College and the University of Cape Verde have much in common. Both institutions - one with a long, proud history, the other newly established - provide much needed expertise and critical resources to their local communities. Both consider service a priority, and both are committed to offering their students the very best.

To that end, the historic exchange agreement between the two institutions not only fosters an atmosphere of cooperation, but also provides study abroad opportunities and increases cultural awareness for students from both countries, broadening their interest in diverse cultures and societies.

BSC, CAPE VERDE AND TEACHER EDUCATION

With its historic focus on the preparation of teachers, BSC is well poised to teach and mentor Cape Verdean exchange students as they explore teacher education at the college. Students will participate in a multitude of programs designed to increase their fluency in English, and they will bring these, and other skills back to Cape Verde.



PROGRAM AND INITIATIVES

ON-CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT AND ACADEMICS

- BSC students welcome Cape Verde students to International Orientation, International Book Club, Cape Verde Student Association and the International & Exchange Club.
- Cape Verde students present a final project to the BSC community, related to their Book Club experience.
- One-on-one academic advising with the Department of English and the Academic Achievement Center
- Orientation to online library services facilitated by the Academic Achievement Center.

OFF-CAMPUS INITIATIVES

- 40 hours of classroom observation in the Brockton public school system
- Participation in the Brockton "After School Program." Middle School students will serve as conversation partners with exchange students, and exchange students will work as mentors to the middle school students