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# 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

BGCD Dance Team Performance

**Bob Scannell**

*President & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester*

**Annissa Essaibi George**

*Event Chair*

**Lisa Hughes**

*Master of Ceremonies  
Anchor, WBZ-TV*

**Leticia Gomes**

*Keynote Speaker  
Member, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester*

## DINNER

BGCD Music Clubhouse Performance

## CIRCLE OF GIVING AWARD

*The Corcoran Women*

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

*Lisa Donovan & Harmoni Turner*

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Cherrelle Norris

Maureen Peterson

Shabeli Polanco

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## WELCOME FROM OUR 2025 NEWLA CHAIR

### DEAR FRIENDS,

It is a true honor to serve as this year's Event Chair for the New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA). As someone who grew up in Dorchester, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has always been a special place for me — a second home filled with opportunities, support, and a strong sense of belonging.

My connection to the Club runs deep. As a member, I experienced firsthand the care, guidance, and encouragement that helped shape who I am today. Later, as a parent, I entrusted my own children to the Club's incredible programs, knowing they were in the hands of a devoted team who treated them like family. Now, as an aunt of children in Early Ed, I am grateful to see the next generation of my family continuing to benefit from the same remarkable community that saw me, my brother and my sisters walk through its doors.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is more than just a building or a place to gather — it is a lifeline for so many. It is the dedicated staff who show up every day with heart and purpose. It is the programs that meet kids where they are and inspire them to reach their full potential. It is the enduring commitment to every young person who walks through the doors, assuring them they are seen, valued, and supported.

Being part of this year's NEWLA is deeply meaningful to me. It is a chance to celebrate the extraordinary women whose leadership lights the way, and to shine a spotlight on the Club that continues to be a cornerstone for families like mine and countless others across Dorchester and beyond. Thank you for joining us tonight and for supporting a mission that builds brighter futures — one child, one dream, and one connection at a time, because "Together We Can!"

With Gratitude,

Annissa Essaibi George  
2025 Event Chair

If you're interested in being a part of the 2026 New England Women's Leadership Awards Committee, please contact Senior Director of Marketing & Communications Patricia Lamb at [plamb@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:plamb@bgcdorchester.org).

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## DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

Welcome to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA)! Tonight, we gather to celebrate extraordinary women whose leadership, resilience, and generosity uplift our communities and inspire future generations. We are proud to honor Lisa Donovan, Harmoni Turner, and The Women of the Corcoran Family—each a powerful reflection of NEWLA's core values: Respect, Innovation, Support and Equality.

NEWLA is more than a celebration— it's a spark. A spark that lights the path for young people to see what's possible and pursue their dreams with confidence. Many of our Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members are here tonight, witnessing firsthand how courage and commitment create lasting impact.

As we break ground on *The FieldHouse+*, a transformative space for youth wellness and opportunity, we are reminded of the power of community. This moment marks a bold step forward and a shared belief that together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive future for every child.

Your presence tonight directly supports our mission. With your help, we keep membership at just \$5 a year, ensuring every young person has access to life-changing programs and lifelong mentors.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in what's possible, and for joining us on this journey forward.

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June Rokoff  
Liz Walker  
Gloria Johnson-Powell  
Barbara Stevens

**1994**

Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith  
Joan Benoit Samuelson  
Marian Heard  
Donna Latson-Gittens  
Sheri Poe

**1995**

Dr. Margaret Hennig  
& Dr. Anne Jardim  
Cathy Minehan  
Debra Zeyen  
Kip Tiernan  
Pam Fernandes

**1996**

Frances Moseley  
Sherry Penney  
Karen Smyers  
Rina Spence  
Natalie Jacobson

**1997**

Peggy Charren  
Jackie MacMullan  
Joan Wallace Benjamin  
Barbara Whelan  
Martha Crowninshield

**1998**

Fran Rodgers  
Margot Hill  
Pat Flynn  
Jackie Jenkins-Scott  
Alfreda Harris

**1999**

Linda Mason  
Kasey Kaufman  
Rosabeth Moss Kanter  
Jane Alexander  
Diana Golden Brosnihan

**2000**

Holly Metcalf  
Lois Silverman  
Nancy Oriol  
Deborah Jackson  
Martha Coakley

**2001**

Mara Aspinall  
Margot Stern Strom  
Rev. Dr. Gloria Elaine White-Hammond  
Ellen Parker  
Kathy Delaney Smith  
Jenny Thompson

**2002**

Clementina Chery  
Linda Dorcena Forry  
Marian Heard  
Joanna Lau

**2003**

Elaine Schuster  
Catherine D'Amato  
Andrea Cabral  
Kristine Lilly

**2004**

Harriet Lewis  
Lt. Governor Kerry Healey  
Carol Fulp  
Dr. Susan Briggs  
Regina Pisa  
Maureen Peterson

**2005**

Eunice Kennedy Shriver  
Dr. Roseanna Means  
Comm. Kathleen O'Toole  
Janet Fine  
Mary Ann Pesce

**2006**

Barbara Lee  
Dr. Paula Johnson  
Joyce Kulhawik  
Alison Rockett Frase  
Shirley Seals  
Shirley Singleton

**2007**

Cheryl Kane  
Dr. Jennifer Leaning  
Peg Feodoroff  
Trish Karter  
Phyllis Godwin

**2008**

Grace Fey  
Judy Walden-Scarafile  
Dr. Azzie Young  
Dr. Carolyn Kaelin  
Marilyn Rodman  
Maureen Feeney

**2009**

Tiziana Dearing  
Elaine Ullian  
Tiffany R. Warren  
Corinne Ferguson  
Mary Kinsella Scannell  
Kai Leigh Harriott  
& Tonya David

**2010**

Lyndia Downie  
Ruth N. Bramson  
Magdalen Bish  
Sr. Margaret A. Leonard  
Karen Keating Ansara

**2011**

Joan Cutler  
Corinne Grousbeck  
Monica Sprague Jorge  
Erin McDonough  
Mary O'Brien  
Ruth Ellen Fitch

**2013**

Carmen Ortiz  
Diane B. Patrick  
Margaret Blood

**2014**

Barbara Lynch  
Kristen McCosh  
Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan  
Ellen Zane

**2015**

Nora Baston  
Dr. Cheri A. Blauwet  
Joanne Y. Jaxtimer  
Queenette Santos

**2016**

Krystal Prime Banfield, Ed. D.  
Swanee Hunt  
Shawna Young  
Lisa Hughes

**2017**

Joanne Chang  
Donna Gavin  
Becca Pizzi

**2018**

Denise Burgess  
Sandra Fenwick  
Melissa Reilly  
Lorrie Higgins

**2019**

Kenell Broomstein  
Yvonne Garcia  
Noelle Lambert

**2020**

Julie Frates

**2021**

Sherry Dong  
Teresa Maynard  
Samantha Mewis  
Dora Ullian

**2022**

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett  
Jen Faigel  
Silvia Lopez Chavez

**2023**

Collette Divitto  
Pamela Everhart  
Taniya Nayak

**2023**

Cara Belvin  
Allison Feaster  
Huong Vu

## 2025 NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

# HONOREES



## Lisa Donovan

*Kiss 108 Radio Host &  
Founder of Lisa's Book Club*



## Harmoni Turner

*Harvard Women's Basketball, USA Gold  
Medalist & Founder of Pretty N' Secure*

## CIRCLE OF GIVING AWARD



## The Corcoran Women

## EVENT CHAIR



### Annissa Essaibi George

*Partnership Advisor,  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Mass*

Annissa Essaibi George, 51, a mom, former high school teacher, business owner, first-generation American, and lifelong Boston resident, was elected as a Boston City Councilor At-Large in 2015 and ran for Mayor in 2021. She is also the owner of Stitch House, Dorchester's yarn shop and place to learn knitting, crochet, quilting and sewing.

As the first BPS teacher elected to the City Council and the first to serve as Chair of the Education Committee, Annissa's unique experience as a former teacher for 13 years at East Boston High School, and mother of four who attended the Boston Public Schools, fostered an inclusive environment for teachers, parents, and students. She led the Council's efforts to address their concerns through hearings on securing a full time nurse and a full time social worker in every school, improving school safety measures, increasing investments for vocational education, and increasing funding for our schools in the City's budget.

When taking office in 2016, Annissa served as the founding member and Chair of the Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Recovery. Building from her education work, Annissa successfully increased funding in the City's budget to support the almost 5,000 students in BPS experiencing homelessness and helped launch a Family Led Stability Pilot to house those students close to their schools, winning her the 2018 Navigator Award for her innovative approach to government. To best inform policy, Annissa hosted monthly roundtable series that alternate between family shelter providers and mental health providers to connect them with policy-makers in government. Her most recent efforts to expand access to treatment includes filing an Ordinance Establishing A Mental Health Commission and an Ordinance Requiring Pharmacy Take Back for Sharps. In 2019, Annissa passed a City Ordinance forming a Special Commission to End Family Homelessness in Boston. In 2021 she ran for Mayor of Boston.

She recently served as CEO & President of the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston and now is the Partnership Advisor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts. Annissa is a mom to 4 great boys, 20-year-old Douglas and 18-year-old triplets Charlie, Kayden and Samir. Annissa and her husband Doug are both life-long residents of Dorchester.

Annissa, her brother Kareem, her sisters Sonia and Sarrah, and her children are all proud former members of Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester.

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



### Lisa Hughes

*Anchor,  
WBZ-TV News*

Emmy Award-winning journalist Lisa Hughes is a news anchor for WBZ-TV News weekdays at 5PM, 6PM and 11PM. Lisa joined the station in June 2000 and since then she has covered just about every major news event and newsmaker in New England. Before joining CBS, Lisa worked as a reporter and anchor at KIRO-TV in Seattle, Washington, KBCI-TV in Boise, Idaho and for KCBY-TV in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Lisa received both a 2014 Columbia DuPont Award as well as a 2013 George Foster Peabody Award as part of WBZ-TV's team coverage of the Boston Marathon Bombings. Lisa has also received Emmy Awards for Anchoring in 2014, for On-Camera Talent Reporter in 2008 and for Hard News Story in 1996. In 2016, Lisa received the Circle of Giving Award at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's New England Women's Leadership Awards.

Lisa is passionate about empowering young people in Greater Boston and serves, with pride, on the Board of Directors of Big Sister Boston. She also serves on the Board of Directors of First Literacy, the Board of Overseers for Boston Ballet and a new Development Board at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. The daughter of two English teachers, Lisa often partners with the Mayor's Office for ReadBoston events. She works with Boston Children's Hospital on fundraising events, patient profiles and stories about research and treatment. She has also participated in events for Perkins School for the Blind, Horizons for Homeless Children, Disabled American Veterans and Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. Every August, Lisa rides the Pan Mass Challenge to raise money for Dana Farber Cancer Institute and enjoys sharing stories of riders and doctors through WBZ's media partnership with the PMC.

Born in Boulder, Colorado and raised in Moscow, Idaho, Lisa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Washington. She and her husband, Mike, are proudest of their daughter, Riley, and son, Dylan.



## Lisa Donovan

*Kiss 108 Radio Host &  
Founder of Lisa's Book Club*

Lisa Donovan has had an interesting career path into radio. She worked in public relations for 10 years prior to joining Matty in the Morning and headlining her own show Billy & Lisa in the Morning on Kiss 108. Lisa worked in New York City as Senior Manager of Public Relations for Coach Inc. and Vice President of Kortenhaus Communications in Boston. She has also worked with many lifestyle brands throughout her career.

Two years ago, Lisa started Lisa's Book Club, which focuses on free events with authors connected to New England. Recent authors include Elin Hilderbrand, Mel Robbins, Ben Mezrich, Caroline Kepnes, Lisa Genova, and more. Lisa's Book Club is partnered with Raising A Reader Massachusetts, helping to promote childhood literacy.

In addition to loving all things lifestyle, Lisa is an avid skier, golfer, and runner. A South Shore resident, Lisa is mom to two boys, Max and Riley. They also have a labradoodle named Ruby.



## Harmoni Turner

*Harvard Women's Basketball, USA Gold Medalist &  
Founder of Pretty N' Secure*

Harmoni Turner is an exciting young talent selected in the 2025 WNBA Draft. A senior at Harvard University, Harmoni will graduate in May 2025 with a degree in African American Studies, balancing her academic excellence with her athletic achievements.

At Harvard, Harmoni made history by leading the Crimson to the NCAA March Madness Tournament for the first time in nearly 20 years. Her all-around game, including her scoring, playmaking, and defensive skills, helped elevate her team to new heights and firmly established her as one of the top players in the NCAA.

In addition to her collegiate achievements, Harmoni was a standout on Team USA's 3x3 women's basketball team during the 2024 Olympics, where she played a key role in leading the team to victory and winning the Gold Medal. Her success in the fast-paced 3x3 format highlights her adaptability and competitive drive, qualities that will serve her well as she transitions to the WNBA.

Off the court, Harmoni is deeply committed to empowering young women through her nonprofit organization, Pretty N' Secure, which focuses on building self-confidence and providing mentorship for girls. The program operates under a 501(c)(3) charity and is dedicated to offering resources and support to help young women thrive.

As she finishes her senior year at Harvard, Harmoni is preparing to take the next step in her basketball career, where she will bring her leadership, skill, and determination.





## The Corcoran Women

*Tricia Corcoran Chapple  
Suzanne Corcoran Early  
Kathy Corcoran  
Gayle Corcoran  
Linda Corcoran*

This year's Circle of Giving Award honors five remarkable women from the Corcoran family whose shared commitment to community and philanthropy has created a lasting legacy of impact. Sisters Tricia, Suzanne and Kathy Corcoran, along with their sisters-in-law Gayle and Linda Corcoran, represent a powerful force for good, supporting a wide range of causes with heart, vision, and generosity.

At the heart of their giving is a deep and sustained support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, where their contributions have helped empower generations of young people with opportunity, safety, and hope. Their collective efforts span across many other organizations as well, each chosen with the same dedication to creating meaningful change.

Their philanthropic spirit is rooted in the legacy of their late father and father-in-law, Joe Corcoran, whose pioneering leadership helped to revitalize the Harbor Point community and redefine what it means to invest in people and neighborhoods. The Corcoran women carry that legacy forward with grace, compassion, and an unwavering belief in the power of community.

Together, they exemplify what it means to give generously — not just of resources, but of time, heart, and purpose.



## LETÍCIA GOMES

*2025 Keynote*

**Letícia Gomes** is an 18-year-old senior at Cathedral High School with a bright future ahead. Born and raised in Cape Verde, Letícia moved to the United States in 2023 to live with her uncle, while her parents and two younger sisters remain in Cape Verde. Adjusting to a new country wasn't easy at first, but Letícia has embraced every opportunity with determination and grace.

She quickly became involved at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, where she says her favorite thing is "how welcoming and nice the Club staff and members are." Through the Club, Letícia has joined the Keystone Club, plays piano in the Music Clubhouse, and swims competitively on the Marr-lin Swim Team. Her passion for community, leadership, and the arts shines through in everything she does.

This fall, Letícia will attend Boston College on a full-ride Remondi Scholarship, awarded through Cathedral High School. She plans to major in Finance or Accounting and minor in International Studies.

Letícia says she's honored to be named this year's NEWLA Keynote Speaker, as it is heartwarming to be recognized for all of the hard work she has put in over the years and has helped her believe more in herself.

**Bright futures begin at  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
of Dorchester!**

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#NEWLA2025**



## SIENNA GOMES

*Introducing  
Harmoni Turner,  
2025 NEWLA Honoree*

**Sienna Gomes** is an 18-year-old senior at Archbishop Williams High School and a dedicated member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester since 2022. She began her journey at the Club working in the Early Education & Care department, where she supported both the Infant Room and the School Age program. Through this work, she discovered a passion for helping others and building strong community connections.

A multi-sport athlete, Sienna competes in volleyball, track, and basketball, and is also an active member of Student Council at Archbishop Williams, demonstrating her leadership both on and off the field. Sienna values the supportive environment of BGCD, especially the opportunities and life lessons she's gained from inspiring staff, including Tricia Chapple who played a key role in offering invaluable guidance with college essays and scholarships.

Sienna looks forward to continuing to grow as a leader and advocate for her community in the years ahead. This fall, she will be attending Merrimack College, where she plans to major in Criminology & Criminal Justice, with aspirations of becoming a lawyer.



## NOA TAYLOR

*Introducing  
Lisa Donovan,  
2025 NEWLA Honoree*

**Noa Taylor**, age 16, is a standout sophomore at Boston Latin Academy and a proud member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester since 2013. A trailblazer in every sense, Noa is the first female Senior Patrol Leader in her Scouting America troop and a candidate for the prestigious Eagle Scout rank. Her dedication to leadership extends beyond scouting—she also holds a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and leads her school orchestra as the first chair violinist.

Music is one of Noa's biggest passions, and she shines brightest when performing at BGCD events. Among her favorite moments are singing at The FieldHouse+ Groundbreaking and other Club celebrations. She holds special memories of BGCD trips such as Disney for Kids and Camp Northbound in Maine, experiences that have shaped her over the years.

Looking ahead, Noa aspires to attend Harvard University to pursue a future in Business and Law Enforcement. She credits much of her growth and confidence to the support she's received at BGCD and is especially thankful to staff members Queenie, Madeline, Tara, and Cece for their unwavering guidance and encouragement.

THE  
FIELDHOUSE

LET'S BUILD  
IT TOGETHER.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) and the Martin Richard Foundation (MRF) have joined forces and are building partnerships throughout our City to reshape youth development programming in Dorchester and beyond. Our vision for this neighborhood, one of Boston's most diverse and under-resourced neighborhoods, holds the potential to generate lifetime benefits for Dorchester's children, their families, and greater Boston.

Our young people need a place to call their own, a safe place where all kids and teens are welcome to express themselves openly and freely, be with their friends and connect with role models and mentors who truly care about their well-being. This incredible state-of-the-art, 75,000 square foot facility will be an accessible and flexible youth development hub. Inside will host a full complement of BGCD programs and an array of services designed to support every aspect of youth development and family engagement. The space will include athletic facilities, a space for Theatre Arts, a Music Studio, a Teaching Kitchen, and an outdoor and community space, all intentionally designed with the input and vision from our Youth and Community.

On April 17th, The FieldHouse+ project broke ground at 315 Mt. Vernon St. in Harbor Point. It was a dream come true for so many who want to help the next generation find a place to call their own.

"This is the work we can feel good about," Bob Scannell, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, says. "Kids are the ones who will lead us to a brighter future."

"The Fieldhouse was born of necessity, of parents that wanted better for their kids," Bill Richard, Founder & Director of the Martin Richard Foundation says. "The need was there, but it just took someone crazy to say, 'Let's go for it.'"

Without our supporters' belief in our work to bring a state-of-the-art recreation and enrichment facility to Dorchester, none of this would be possible. Your support will have a lasting impact on generations of families from Dorchester, Boston and beyond. We are thrilled to be moving forward with construction and The FieldHouse+ is set to open in late 2026.







## WHO WE ARE

Our mission at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is to always welcome and connect young people and families to opportunities that embrace diversity, nurture growth, and inspire success.

When the Colonel Daniel Marr Club was first established in 1974, we had one building on Deer Street. Now, as Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, we have three locations, serving 4,000 youth in the community. Over the years, we have received numerous prestigious national awards from Boys & Girls Clubs of America for our Safe Summer Streets program, "Who Am I" program with Kristen Daly, our inclusion initiative Project BIND, our Martin Richard Challenger Sports League, and our Music Clubhouse.

For just \$5 annually for membership, youth can participate in over 200 programs that help them at every stage of growth and development.

## OUR PROGRAMS

Aquatics | Athletics | Fine Arts | Education  
Early Education & Care | Social Recreation  
Film & Photography | Healthy Meals | Project BIND  
Tweens | Health & Life Skills | Music | Family Engagement  
Teens | Character & Leadership | Behavioral Health

## OUR VALUES

Respect | Innovation | Support | Equality

## OUR CLUBHOUSES

Colonel Daniel Marr Clubhouse | 35 Deer Street  
Paul R. McLaughlin Youth Center | 1135 Dorchester Avenue  
Walter Denney Youth Center | 270 Mount Vernon Street

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**\$2,500** was the actual cost of comprehensive services we provided per member

## NINETY-SEVEN PERCENT

of members said they "enjoy coming to the Club"

**1,477** youth made strides toward a healthier lifestyle through our Athletics, Aquatics & Social Recreation Programs

## NINETY-FOUR PERCENT

of members revealed that they "get to explore new things at the Club"

**713** youth benefitted from free meals distributed through our Healthy Meals Programs

## NINETY-NINE PERCENT

of teens stated that they enjoyed a safer summer experience by participating in our award-winning Safe Summer Streets Program

**1,049** youth fostered their artistic talents inside our Fine Arts Studio, Dance Classes, Music Clubhouse and Film & Photography Studio

## NINETY-SEVEN PERCENT

of members reported that they "feel safe being themselves at the Club"

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HARMONI TURNER  
THE CORCORAN WOMEN

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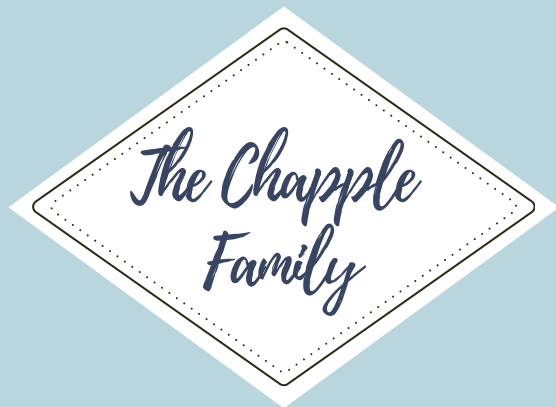


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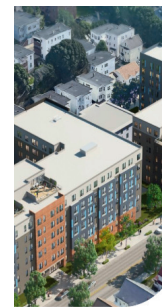


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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG  
WOMEN GRADUATING IN THE  
CLASS OF 2025!

AMBER GUERRERO  
BIANCA WILLIAMS  
DELIA GEORGE  
DINYA BALATA  
ELISE WALKER  
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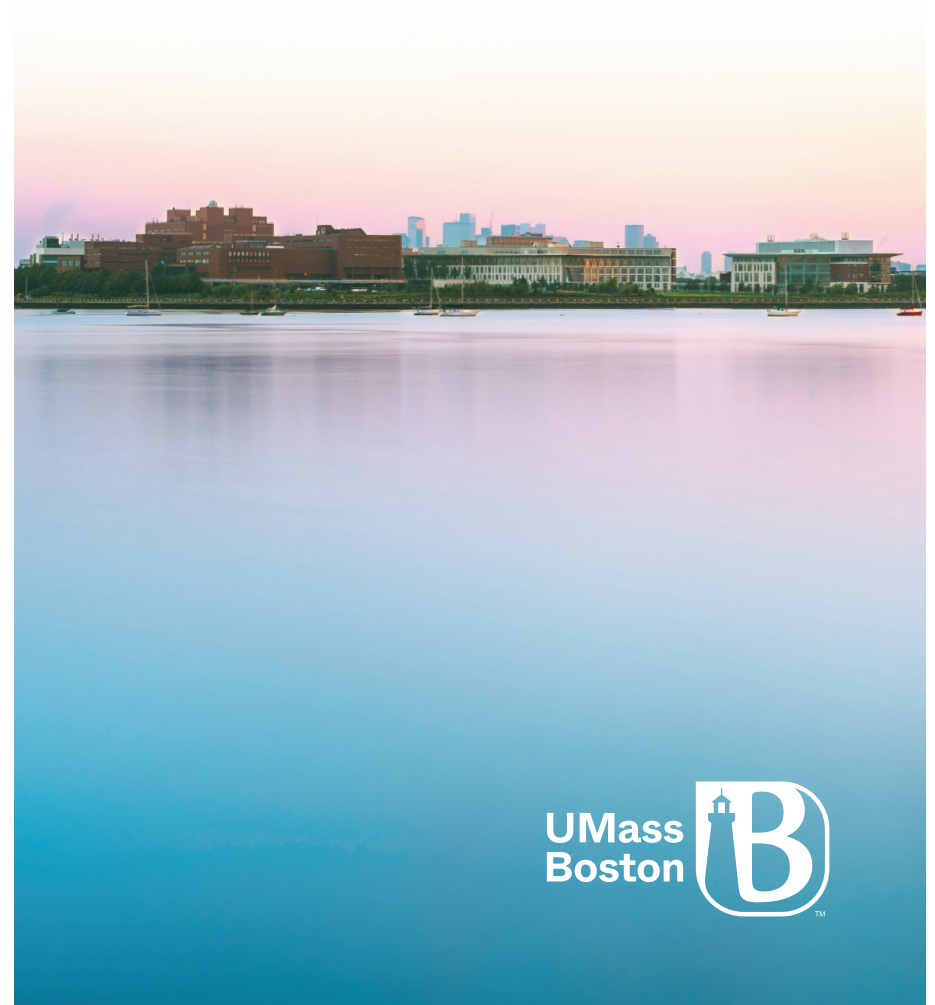



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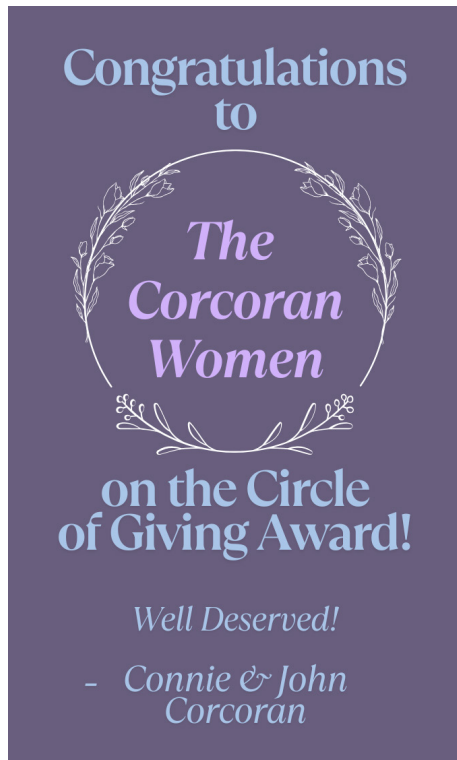
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## DINNER MENU

### SALAD

Watermelon, Cucumber, Red Onion, Mint, Feta Cheese, Honey Balsamic Drizzle (GF, Veg)

### ENTREE

Pan Roasted Chicken Potato Gratin, Local Pole Beans, Baby Carrots, Baby Red & Yellow Tomatoes, Preserved Lemon Sauce (GF)

Vegetarian Option: Eggplant Involtini, Cannelloni Beans, Mozzarella and Marinara (GF, Veg)

### DESSERT

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