

Leading the Way on Cape Cod Managed by Massachusetts
Minority State Police Officers Association

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Executive Director of Falmouth Chamber of Commerce Speaks at Cape Verdean Club
Sponsored Leadership Development Program

Leading the Way on Cape Cod Program Has Christine Ross Speaking - October 11,
2003 - Cape Verdean Club - 126 Sandwich Road - E. Falmouth - 9AM to Noon

The newly appointed Executive Director of the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce, Christine Ross, will be speaking on "Choosing the Career that Fits You" at the Massachusetts Minority State Police Officers Association's Leading the Way Program on Cape Cod. The program is collaboration with George Spivey, Equity/Affirmative Action Officer, for the Falmouth Public Schools and the Town of Falmouth, the National Graduate School, and the funder the Cape Verdean Club Bingo. Twelve Falmouth and Mashpee High school students are now being offered team leadership and leadership development.

Shortly before her appointment, **Christine Ross** received the 2003 Massachusetts Marketing Award for Best Tourism Creative Execution by a chamber of commerce (Williamstown) during the Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism and is the former executive director of the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce. Christine will be working with the Cape Verdean Club to create a joint event to be held at the Cape Verdean Club in the near future.

The goal of Leading the Way is to prepare 14 to 18 year olds for leadership roles in the 21st century. To achieve this goal, Leading the Way has identified four important objectives for teenagers' success:

- Strengthen academic skills
- Develop personal leadership skills
- Facilitate access to resources
- Build community connections

From the summer session, Tia M. Averett, Chad S. Baptiste, and Andrea E. Joia return to become Team Leaders. **Leading the Way on Cape Cod team leaders will have a major impact upon the success of their teams. Team Leaders have been trained carry out the following principles, to:**

- ☞ Commit to people as well as a task is the first key element.
- ☞ Desire to support and serve the team as well as lead from the front.
- ☞ Be enthusiastic, show energy, inspire and demonstrate sufficient expertise.
- ☞ Be willing to shoulder responsibility rather than pass the buck
- ☞ Be able to make the team come together to achieve more than a group of individuals.

Tia M. Averett, senior at Mashpee High School, was chosen by Leading the Way on Cape Cod summer participants to receive the George Neves Leighton Leadership Award. She leads the Team that will publish the newsletter celebrating the outstanding men and women of the Massachusetts Minority State Police Officers Association, and their community projects, of which Leading the Way is one. The 19th Annual Conference of the National Black State Troopers Coalition will be held from July 14 to 18, 2004 at the Boston Marriott Quincy with the MMSPOA as the host.

Andrea E. Joia is a member of the Football and Basketball Varsity Cheerleading Squad. Chad S. Baptiste, senior at Falmouth High School and Andrea E. Joia, junior at Mashpee High School are the Team Leaders for creating a website for the Cape Verdean Club Bingo. Chad is now employed part-time at www.Capecontractor.com, local website development firm and has numerous academic awards and honors.

Last summer State Representative Matthew C. Patrick spoke on "Learning Leadership" at the graduation Leading the Way Program. The Cape Verdean Club received a congratulatory certificate from the State House for supporting the local youth program. Frank G. Cousins, Sheriff of Essex County (MA), Stephen Colwell, Logan Hilton, and Sherice S. Campbell, Sovereign Bank (Lynn) provided prizes for the graduates.

Graduation for this session will be November 29th from 3 to 5PM at the Cape Verdean Club at 126 Sandwich Road. For more information contact Brenda at: **(617) 549-0425** or email: bmartinez@accuce.com.