



## Supporting People with Disabilities Since 1972

Fall 2016

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*A little party never killed nobody!*

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# Phonus Balonus Cocktail Party



It's time to purchase your tickets!

Join us and celebrate the introduction of a new Music 4 CO-OP Holiday CD featuring songs written, performed, and produced by Music 4 CO-OP's members. Included in the ticket price are live performances, a free copy of the CD, light hors d'oeuvres, and dancing. There will be a cash bar available. Join us for this 1920's-era themed party

Thursday, November 10, 2016  
Fireside Grille, Middleboro  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now on a **first-come first-serve** basis. [Purchase on-line tickets](#) today!

Enjoy the CO-OP Chorus, various individual performers, and *The Phonus Balonus Jazz Band*. Come decked out in your 1920's-era clothes and, above all, be prepared to party!

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## We've Got Talent at the Taunton Ingell Street Program



Meet **Laurie Garnett** who generously shares her artwork which can be seen by all at CO-OP's day program at Ingell Street.

Laurie started sketching as a young child, got more serious about it when she was a teenager, then furthered her drawing skills by taking classes at Massachusetts College of Art.

Nowadays, you won't find Laurie without her sketch pad. She loves cartooning and is now branching out and learning some new portrait skills. Laurie uses various media to create her art, including pencil, markers, and charcoal.

Creating is fun but, according to Laurie, giving away her pieces is her greatest joy. "I like to make people happy." Speaking for all who receive these one-of-a-kind pieces, Laurie is doing just that!

## We are an active bunch...

### CO-OP team participated in the BIA-MA Walk & Roll for Brain Injury

A CO-OP team supported the valuable work done at the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts in the Walk & Roll for Brain Injury held **Saturday, September 24** at the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne.

The weather was warmer than expected and the team was ready to go. It's safe to say it was a perfect fall day, with a fabulous group of people, all supporting a great cause.

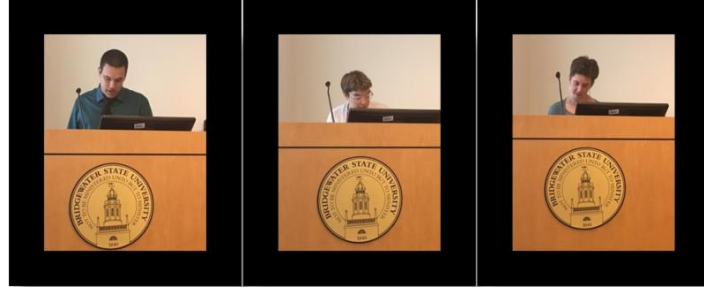


## CO-OP at BSU

All of us at CO-OP are proud of Justin Irving, Lauren Manocchia and Christine Lennon, seen in this photo

giving speeches at the graduation ceremony of the Self-Advocacy Leadership Program at the Bridgewater State University.

With encouragement from CO-OP staff, including program director Natalie Oliveira and staff member Tamara Figueroa, all three filled out applications in early spring, were accepted into the program, and attended classes on campus over the summer months.



Well done, Justin, Lauren, and Christine!

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## Fall = Back to School!

For some of us, fall in New England means crisp weather, picking apples, and enjoying ourselves outdoors. For others, fall means it's time to hit the books.

At CO-OP, staff members Anne Bushee and Tamara Figueroa are doing just that. They are taking on something new and exciting – even though they know it won't be easy.



Anne and Tamara enrolled in the Basic Certificate Program offered by the Association of Community Rehabilitation (ACRE). ACRE's mission is to improve employment services for individuals with disabilities by providing competency-based training to professionals working in this field.



ACRE training runs September - November of this year offering opportunities to learn more about community employment, job coaching, and support strategies—homework and all!

With these new skills, Anne and Tamara will continue to improve outcomes and quality of life for people with disabilities who receive community-based employment services.

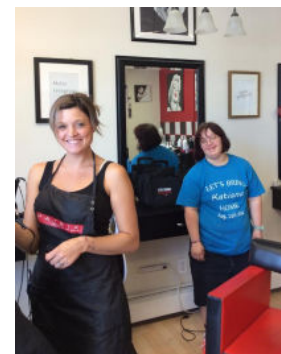
Thank you, Anne and Tamara!

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## Success!

Congratulations to Debbie Borges, who we profiled in our last e-newsletter. She has been offered, and has accepted, a permanent job at Hello Gorgeous Hair Salon in Taunton.

Good luck, Debbie!



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