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Annual Meeting Recap

Honoring outgoing leaders and welcoming new board members

CATHERINE DILLON APPOINTED AS CHAIR OF ONE SOUTHCOAST

As CEO of One SouthCoast Chamber, I'm proud to share an important leadership update and a moment of celebration for our business community.

At our 2025 Annual Meeting, we were honored to welcome Catherine Dillon, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of BankFive, as the new Chair of the One SouthCoast Chamber Board of Directors. Catherine has been an integral part of our Chamber family for nearly a decade, contributing her time, insight, and leadership through board service and key committees, including Executive and Governance. Her steady commitment to collaboration and community impact makes her an outstanding choice to lead our Board.

Catherine's leadership reflects the values that



define our region—strong partnerships, thoughtful innovation, and a deep belief in giving back. BankFive has been a Chamber member for more than 40 years, and their continued engagement speaks volumes about their dedication to the SouthCoast and the businesses that call it home.

We were also proud to recognize BankFive as a recipient of this year's APEX Award, honoring organizations that make a meaningful difference in our community. Their investment in workforce development, local busi-

nesses, and regional partnerships exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of working alongside many inspiring Board Chairs, and I'm confident Catherine will continue that tradition with vision and heart. I look forward to collaborating closely with her, our Board, and our staff as we advance the Chamber's mission—supporting our members, advocating for economic growth, and helping our region thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike O'Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike O'Sullivan

ONE SOUTHCOAST CHAMBER HONORS PAST LEADERSHIP AND WELCOMES NEW VOICES AT ANNUAL MEETING



On December 11, we gathered for One SouthCoast Chamber's Annual Meeting, a morning that gave us the opportunity to pause, reflect, and look ahead to the future of the Southcoast. Most

importantly, it allowed us to celebrate the people who make this Chamber strong—those who have led us with dedication, those who continue to serve, and those stepping forward to help guide us into our next chapter.

The Annual Meeting also gave us the opportunity to recognize Board members whose terms were expiring or were concluding their service. We extend our sincere thanks to Dugan Becker, Paul Chasse, Monte Ferris, Gail Fortes, Doug Glassman, Gary Howayeck, Anthony Medeiros, Curt Nelson, Arti Pacheco, Kim Perry, and Bernadette Souza for their leadership, commitment, and generosity of time.

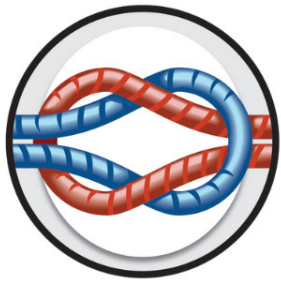
Several of these individuals have served on our Board since 2019, when Board terms were reset and their votes enabled the merger of the Bristol County Chamber and SouthCoast Chamber. Their leadership helped guide us through a defining period that included both a transformational merger and the challenges of a global pandemic. They could have chosen many organizations to support, and we are deeply grateful that they chose to invest in One SouthCoast Chamber and in the future of the Southcoast.

As we reflected on all that has been accomplished, we were reminded that the greatest strength of One SouthCoast Chamber is not our history, our size, or even our programs—it is our people. Our members believe in the Southcoast, invest in this region, and show up every day committed to making it a better place to live, work, and do business.

Our Governance Committee placed in nomination a new group of leaders to join the Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January 2026. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Sedgwick Harris, Lucria Ortiz, Chris Johnson, Jeff Davis, and Carole Billington, each of whom brings valuable insight and experience to our continued work.

The Governance Committee also presented a slate of officers to sit on the Executive Committee. These nominees included Catherine Dillon as Chair, Rose Lopes as Immediate Past Chair, Mike O'Sullivan as Secretary, and Matt Schondek as Treasurer, along with Eileen Migliozi, Bill Burns, Carl Sawejko, and Nathan Araujo.

Our Annual Meeting marked an important transition, as we thanked outgoing leaders for their service and welcomed new voices to help guide our work moving forward. We remain focused on supporting our members and strengthening the Southcoast business community.



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**LT. GOVERNOR
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 12 -1:30 PM

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good news

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Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., LLP is proud to announce that **David Hill, CPA/MST**, and **Jenna Squadrito, CPA**, have been admitted as Partners.

David “Dave” Hill joined Sansiveri in 2023 and most recently served as a Principal in the tax department, bringing more than 10 years of experience working with businesses and individuals across multiple industries, with a focus on real estate, healthcare, high-net-worth individuals, trusts and estates, and partnerships. He also plays a key role in mentoring and developing the firm’s tax professionals.

Jenna Squadrito joined Sansiveri in 2014 and most recently served as a Principal in the assurance department, with over a decade of experience providing assurance, accounting, and consulting services. She works with clients across various industries and is an integral member of the firm’s not-for-profit specialty group, advising organizations on financial reporting, internal controls, and strategic issues.



SouthCoast Community Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to announce that **Samia Walker** will join the Foundation as Director of Programs, effective January 5, 2026. Walker will report directly to Chief Community Investment Officer, Julie Ramos Gagliardi.

As Director of Programs, Walker will lead SCCF’s grantmaking strategy, program design, and nonprofit partnerships, while representing the Foundation at site visits, nonprofit convenings, and regional funding collaborations. She will also play a key role in strengthening SCCF’s community investment work by building on her trusted relationships with nonprofit leaders across the South Coast and supporting initiatives that deepen their alignment with community needs.



Frank Smith Insurance & Real Estate is pleased to announce the addition of **Megan Cunha** and **Christine “Louise” Barboza** to their growing team.

Megan Cunha (Left) – Customer Service Representative

Megan joins the agency with a strong commitment to delivering dependable and professional client support. In her role, she will assist the commercial lines account manager with a range of service-related tasks, ensuring a smooth and responsive experience for our clients. Megan is also preparing to pursue her Property & Casualty insurance license, with the goal of transitioning into a licensed position in the near future.

Christine “Louise” Barboza (Right) – Front Office Coordinator

Louise brings extensive administrative and customer service experience to her position as Front Office Coordinator. Though new to the insurance field, she is highly skilled in client-facing roles and will serve as the first point of contact for visitors to the agency. Louise will ensure clients are warmly welcomed and efficiently directed to the appropriate member of their team.



Madeline Cooke of **Community Nurse, Inc.** was named the 2025 Patriots Difference Maker of the Year and

presented with a \$25,000 grant during a pregame ceremony at the New England Patriots’ season finale on January 4 at Gillette Stadium.

The honor is part of the Patriots Foundation’s Celebrate Volunteerism initiative, which recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in service to strengthen New England communities.

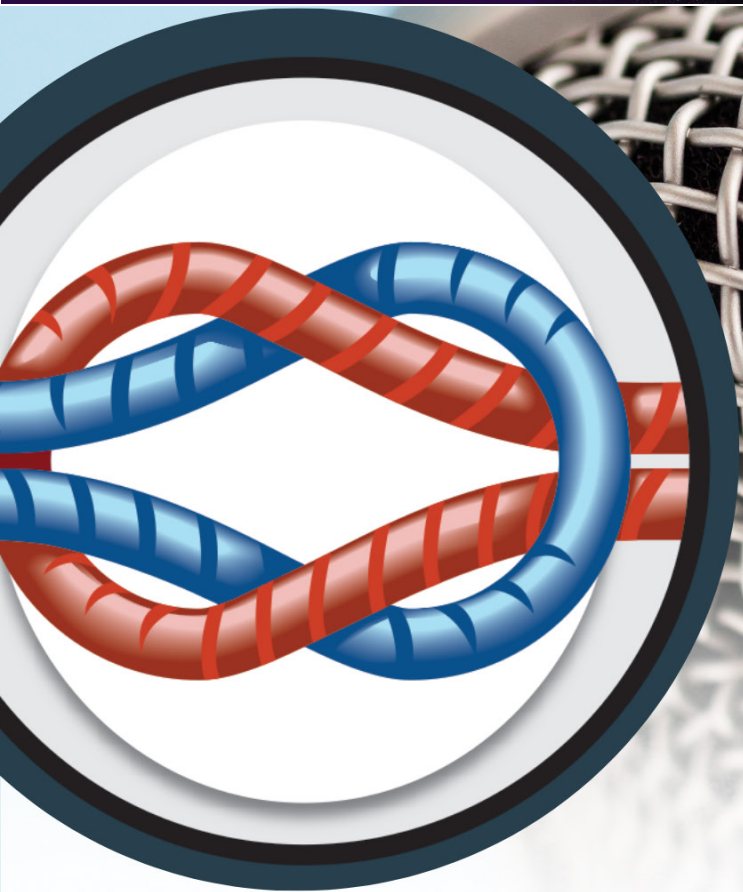
The Patriots Difference Maker program highlights outstanding volunteers throughout the season, awarding grants to the nonprofit organizations they serve. As Difference Maker of the Year, Cooke was recognized for her exceptional dedication as a hospice volunteer, providing companionship and support to patients and families.

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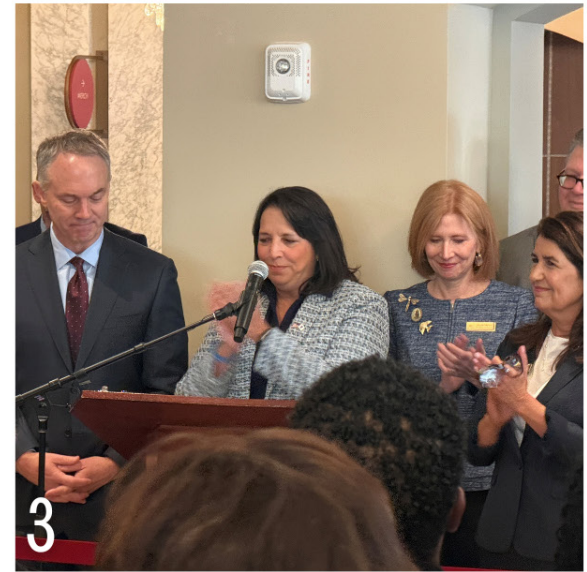


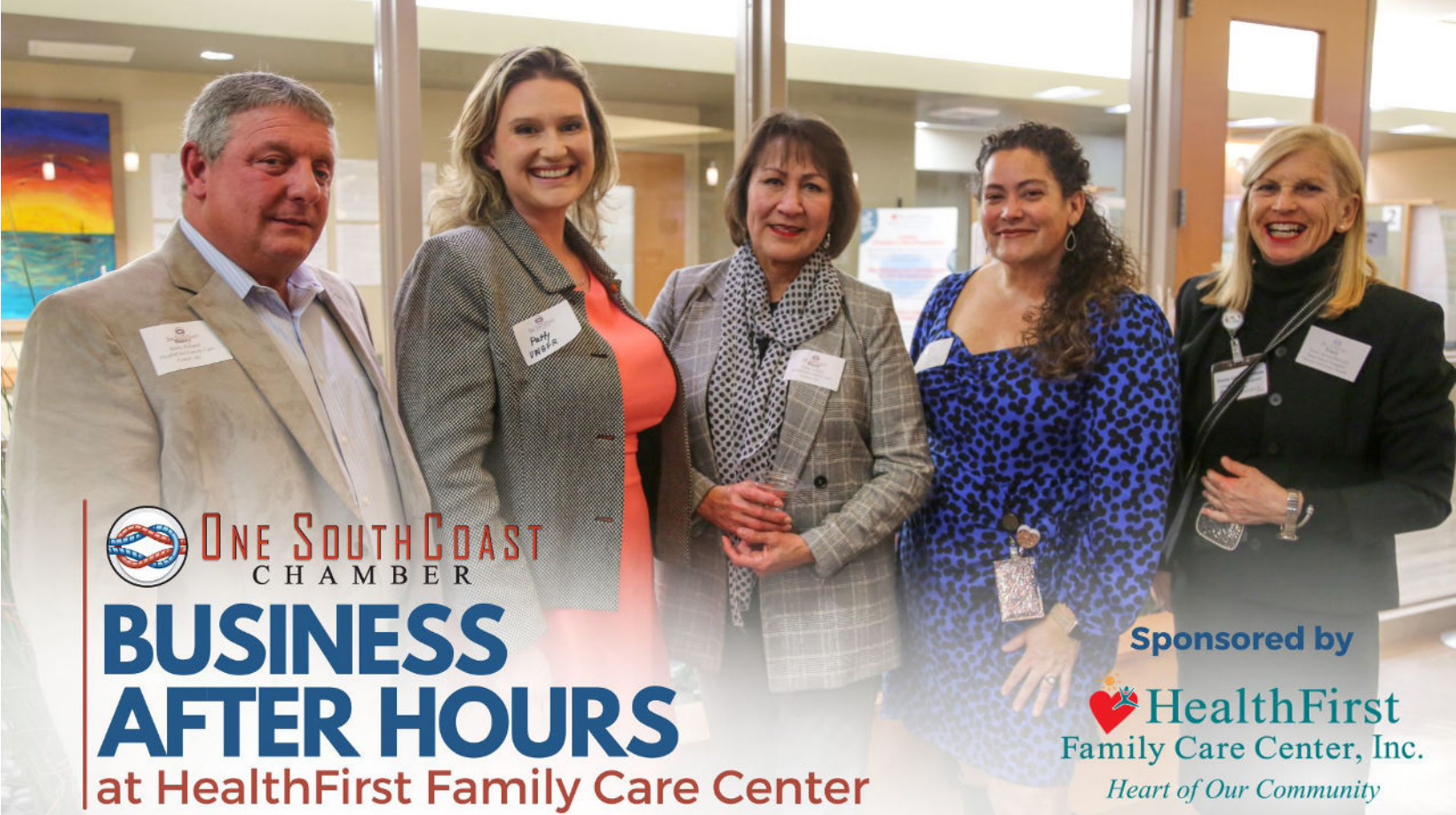
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1. We had a fantastic turnout at our Chick-fil-A Business Builders Breakfast, Dartmouth
2. Don't forget to bring your business card to our events for a chance to win a prize, Dartmouth
3. Massachusetts Lt Governor and the Mayor of New Bedford said a few words before entering the newly renovated theater, New Bedford
4. Zeiterion Performing Arts Center celebrated new renovations at their grand reopening ceremony, New Bedford
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BUSINESS BUILDERS BREAKFAST
PRIMO ON WATER STREET

February 13, 12 PM - 1:30 PM

WOMEN'S POWER LUNCH
TEN COUSINS BRICK OVEN

February 19, 8:30 AM - 10 AM

BREAKFAST WITH
LT GOVERNOR KIM DRISCOLL
WHITE'S OF WESTPORT

February 26, 5 PM - 7 PM

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
HEALTHFIRST FAMILY CARE CENTER

March

March 11, 11:30 AM - 1 PM

WOMEN'S FORUM
TBD

March 25, 5 PM - 7 PM

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
EMPIRE FORD

March 19, 9 AM - 2 PM

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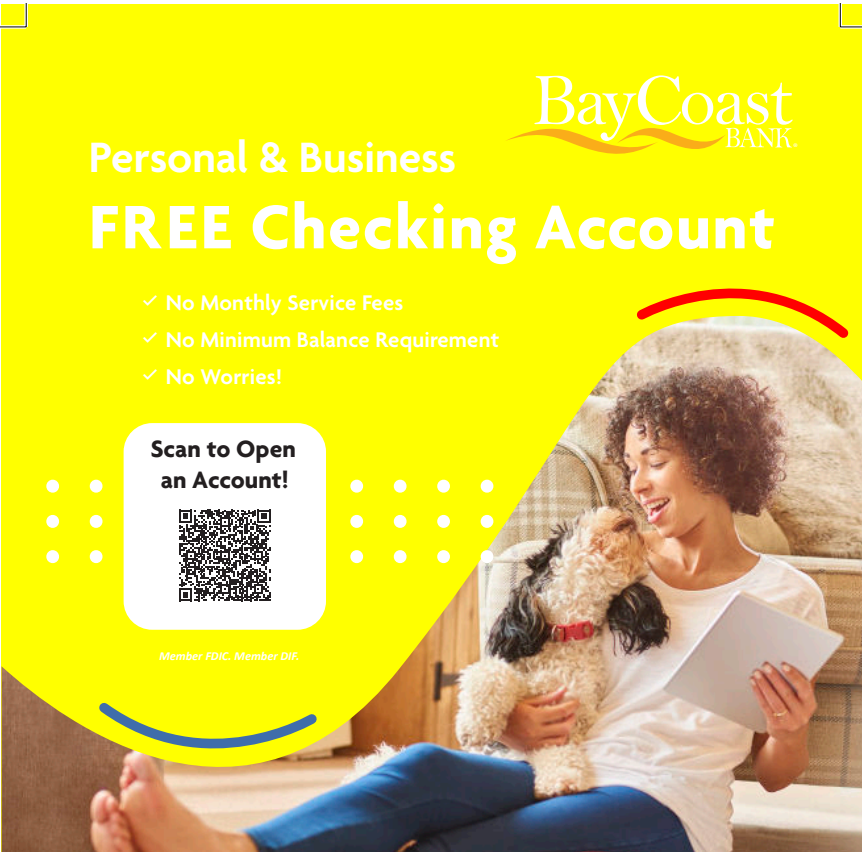
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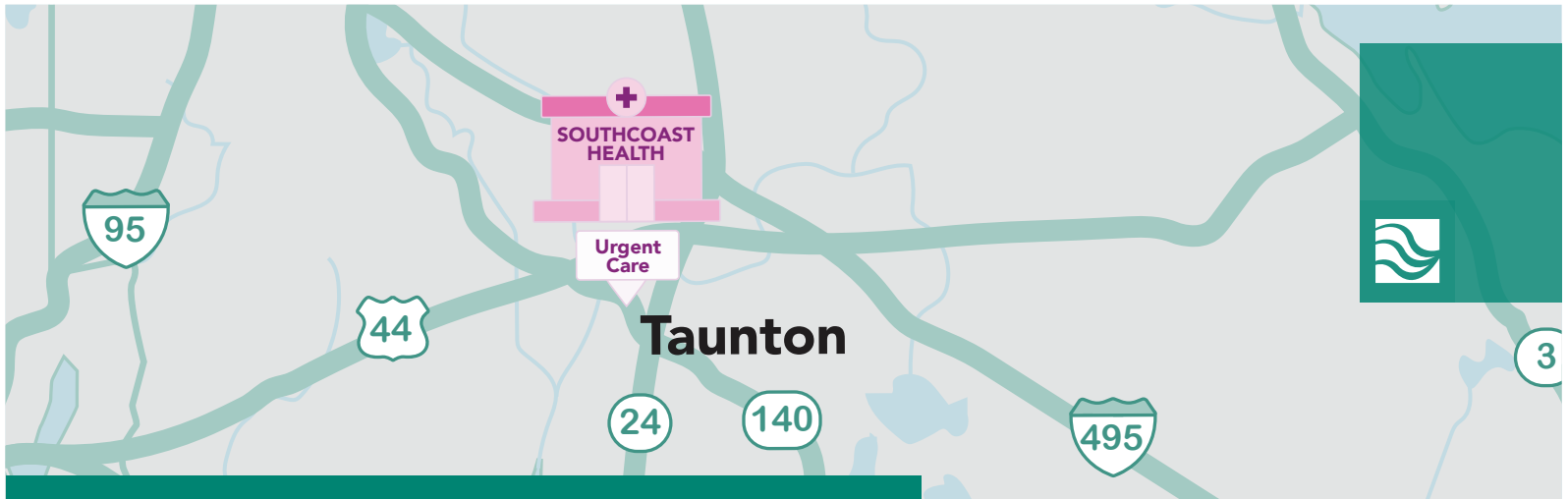


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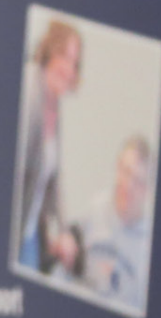
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