

# Thomas J. Bartholomew of Bartholomew & Company honored as a Barron's Top 100 Independent/RIA Advisor for 2021



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WORCESTER — Bartholomew & Company, a provider of financial planning, wealth management, and government and institutional investment services in Worcester, Massachusetts, announced that its President & CEO, Thomas J. Bartholomew, AIF® has been named to Barron's list of Top 100 Independent/RIA Advisors for 2021. The list is published on barrons.com.

According to Barron's, a leading financial publication, the ranking reflects America's top 100 independent financial advisors. List makers are determined based on the volume of assets overseen by the advisors and their teams, revenues generated for the firms, and the quality of the advisors' practices.

"I am honored to have been named to this prestigious list once again—a

recognition that, to us, speaks to our firm's commitment to excellence," said Mr. Bartholomew. "I am grateful for the trust our clients place in us and for the dedication of Bartholomew & Company's team of private wealth management and government and institutional investment professionals who always put the needs of our clients first."

About Bartholomew & Company  
Bartholomew & Company has been providing individuals and organizations with financial guidance since 1994. Located at 370 Main Street, Suite 1000, Worcester, MA, with branch offices in Framingham and Chatham, MA, Bartholomew & Company's advisors pride themselves on

crafting customized strategies for each client. For more information, please visit [www.bartandco.com](http://www.bartandco.com).

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To compile this annual list, Barron bases its ratings on a proprietary analysis of the following criteria, including assets under management<sup>1</sup>; experience, which includes a minimum of 7 years in the industry with at least 1 year with current firm, revenues generated by advisors for their firms; quality of practices, which includes examination of regulatory records; and philanthropic work. Barron's does not provide a count of eligible nominees for the award, citing their data as proprietary. This award is not indicative of the wealth manager's future performance. Your experience may vary.

## Community College presidents release joint statement on new vaccine policy

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D., joined the other 14 community colleges presidents in the Commonwealth in his support of a new COVID-19 vaccine policy that will go into effect January 2022.

Below is the statement issued by the 15 Massachusetts Community College presidents:

"During the last 18 months, the Massachusetts Community Colleges have prioritized the health and safety of our communities while

also recognizing that many of our students have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While a significant number of students, faculty, and staff are already vaccinated or are in the process of becoming vaccinated, the 15 colleges are seeking to increase the health and safety of the learning and working environment in light of the ongoing public health concerns and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With the number of new cases of COVID-19 across the

Commonwealth in unvaccinated populations, the increased access and availability of vaccines in the Commonwealth, the Food & Drug Administration's full and pending approval of available vaccines, and CDC guidance that the COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be extremely safe and highly effective at preventing infection, severe disease, hospitalization, and death, the Presidents of all 15 Massachusetts Community Colleges announced today that they will require students, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated by January 2022.

Students who seek to register for courses that do not include any in-person component, and who do not plan to come on campus for any reason for the Spring 2022 semester, will not be required to provide documentation of vaccination.

As participants in the White House's COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge, the Massachusetts Community Colleges will continue to make vaccine clinics available on site. Further, the Massachusetts Community Colleges are committed to ensuring vaccination status is not a barrier to students and will continue offering a range of virtual learning opportunities and services.

This vaccine requirement is aimed at ensuring the safest learning and working environment possible for the more than 135,000 students we educate and train each year as well as our staff and faculty. Additional details about implementation will be forthcoming."

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## Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund of Greater Worcester Community Foundation now accepting applications

WORCESTER — The Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund is now accepting applications. Established at Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF) in 1996, this fund aims to increase access to healthcare in Worcester County by advancing projects that address the social determinants of health.

"The focus of the Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund is to support organizations adopting and imple-

menting strategies that reduce barriers to care," said Jonathan Cohen, GWCF's Vice President for Programs and Strategy. "These barriers can include language, culture, transportation, and technology, among others."

Nonprofit applicants from across Worcester County may apply for operational expenditures such as personnel costs, program expenses, small equipment purchases, or physical space improvements. Grant requests

between \$5,000 and \$25,000 will be considered. Collaborative efforts will be given a higher priority.

"Expanding access to healthcare resources remains a top priority as the pandemic continues," said GWCF's Interim President and CEO, Carolyn J. Stempler. "Our goal is to enable our community partners to continue the impressive work in providing under-resourced communities with equitable, culturally appropriate

access to health services."

Applications to the Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund must be received online by Oct. 29. For more information, please visit <https://www.greaterworcester.org/Grants/Grant-Opportunities/Fallon-OrNda-Community-Health-Fund>, or contact Jonathan Cohen at [jcohen@greaterworcester.org](mailto:jcohen@greaterworcester.org).

### BAY PATH LPN HONORED WITH P.E.O. GRANT



Photo Courtesy

Leanne Reardon, LPN, of Harrington Physician Services (Pediatrics) of Southbridge, and a 2014 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, was honored at a P.E.O. Grant Certificate Presentation by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AJ, Manchester. Photo shows standing from left, Joyce Halmers, Darlene Allen, (President Chapter AJ) Carol Powell, seated Bonnie Lindland and P.E.O. Grant Awardee Leanne Reardon, LPN. Standing far right is Lucy Falk, Chairman

of Program for Continuing Education. In a message to Reardon, she was notified that the P.E.O. organization is honored to announce that the prestigious P.E.O. grant in the amount of \$2,200 is awarded to provide funds to reach her educational goals. Susan Penrod, Chairman, Board of Trustees P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education wished Reardon "great success in the years ahead." Reardon is set to start the LPN to RN program at Quinsigamond Community College.

### Friday's Child



Lariah Age 15

Hi! My name is Lariah and I want to be a cosmetologist when I grow up.

Lariah is a kind teen of African American descent. She enjoys watching TV and doing crafts and loves to be pampered! Getting her nails and hair done are some of her favorite activities. She would love to be part of a family that could help her style and maintain her natural hair. Lariah is an engaging, happy girl who is often described as strong-willed.

Legally free for adoption, Lariah would do best with at least one female in her new family or a two-mom family with no other children. A single mom family would also be considered if she has experience working with or parenting children with trauma. Lariah's new family should have knowledge of and be

willing to learn about Lariah's culture, including foods and personal care. In addition, Lariah needs positive praise, love, affection, consistency, and a structured home life. Her new family will need to help Lariah maintain contact with her siblings whenever she decides that she is ready to see them. She would also welcome a visiting resource who would visit with her weekly at her program in western MA.

#### Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



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