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Dear Attendees,

Thank you for participating in our 2025 Visions of Collaboration Conference. The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) is delighted to have had you join us for this informative and engaging event. We hope the presentations provide valuable insights that will help further our collective mission of preparing students who are legally blind to achieve competitive integrated employment outcomes.

A special thank you goes to the planning committee who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organize this event. Their commitment and collaboration made today's conference possible, and we are grateful for their efforts:

- **Adrienne Callaghan**, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
- **Allyson Bull**, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
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- **Samantha Linden**, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
- **Thomas Miller**, Campus School at Boston College
- **Tina Laffer**, The Carroll Center for the Blind

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful presenters and exhibitors who are hosting tables during the conference. Your expertise and contributions are essential in making this conference a success. The work you're doing plays a critical role in advancing opportunities for students with disabilities, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support and dedication.

At MCB, Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are a key part of our mission. These services aim to help students transition smoothly from school into postsecondary education or competitive employment. Through Pre-ETS, we provide students with opportunities to engage in work-based learning experiences that build workplace readiness in integrated, competitive work settings. Additionally, we work to create pathways for students to explore postsecondary training options that lead to industry-recognized credentials and meaningful employment.

Your participation in this conference strengthens the collaboration needed to continue advancing this important work. Together, we are paving the way for a more inclusive, equitable workforce for students with disabilities.

As we plan future conferences and events, we would love to hear your feedback. A survey will be sent out via email, and we encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions. Your input is crucial in helping us improve and ensure we continue offering valuable and relevant content to support our shared goals.

We look forward to staying in touch and offering more opportunities to collaborate in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Oliveira". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John Oliveira
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