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**Multiculturalism As A Strategic Solution  
Recent Conference Focuses On 21<sup>st</sup> Century Agenda  
~ *Building Cross Cultural Bridges In A Divided Nation* ~**

Boston, MA – More than 100 leaders from the region’s business, non profit and academic communities attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Symposium Series (MSS) held recently at the University of Massachusetts Boston. MSS founder and CEO Carole Copeland Thomas was joined by several of the region’s leading executives including **James E. Rooney**, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, **Roxann C. Cooke**, SVP and Regional Manager at Eastern Bank, and **Patrick J. Sullivan**, Massachusetts President of People’s United Bank. Additional speakers delivered value-added discussions and roundtable presentations at this incredibly relevant conference on diversity, inclusion and multiculturalism.

Co-hosted by the University of Massachusetts Boston, UMass Chancellor Dr. Keith Motley congratulated Thomas and all executives in attendance for all the great work that they do to build and foster an inclusive workforce. Our commitment and partnership with Carole remains strong,” said Motley. “In order for us to realize opportunities in a diverse world, we must all stay focused on preparing our young professionals for the global economy, and we must embrace our differences and similarities that we all bring into the workplace,” Motley concluded.

“I am extremely grateful and appreciative for every single participant, speaker and volunteer who attended and to those who wished us well during our 10<sup>th</sup> Multicultural Conference,” said Copeland Thomas. “It was a wonderful collection of supportive and committed friends and colleagues who value diversity, multiculturalism and inclusion. Their presence and resources create the solution that is so needed in our divided country and turbulent marketplace. The conference was validation that diversity is an essential requisite for a positive and productive path toward a better future.”

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### **About The Multicultural Symposium Series**

Veteran diversity professional Carole Copeland Thomas, MBA, CDMP discovered an opportunity for like-minded professionals of different disciplines, industries and backgrounds to create a pipeline for the advancement of global diversity and multiculturalism. Understanding the benefits of designing an interactive diversity-based initiative, the Multicultural Symposium Series (MSS) was launched in 2008.

The Multicultural Symposium Series is a face to face, online, and broadcasting endeavor designed to further the advancement of worldwide multiculturalism and global diversity.

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