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Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce Honors Chancellor Pattenaude at Annual Dinner

PORTLAND—Over 600 individuals were in attendance as the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce honored Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude at its 153rd annual dinner held September 27 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Pattenaude was presented with the chamber's President's Award honor in recognition of his outstanding community and civic leadership.

Keynote speaker at the event was Dan Harris, a Colby College graduate and news anchor on ABC's *World News Sunday*.

"Rich's community focus encompasses local businesses, nonprofits, policymakers and the public at large. He is the ultimate collaborator, able to integrate the ideas and goals of diverse interests into a true 'win-win' to benefit us all," according to Anthem Blue Cross executive Sharon Roberts, who introduced Pattenaude at the event. Roberts noted that the award recognizes the individual who most exemplifies the qualities of leadership, an entrepreneurial spirit and a clear vision for improving the community and its quality of life.

The President's Award was established in 2000, previous recipients include: The Olympia Company (2006), James Ortiz (2005), Meg Baxter (2004) and the Portland Sea Dogs (2003).

Other community leaders recognized at this year's event were Joseph Boulos (Henri A. Benoit Award), Paul "P.D." Merrill (posthumously – Robert R. Masterton Award), and Senator Susan Collins (Neal A. Allen Award).

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A biography and photos of Chancellor Pattenaude are available at <http://www.maine.edu/chancellor/>