

# HCC alumni awards gala to feature Palminteri

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BRIDGEPORT -- Actor [Chazz Palminteri](#) will be the guest speaker at the [Housatonic Community College Foundation's](#) third annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala. The black-tie event, which will be held on Nov. 19 in the [Beacon Hall Events Center on the Bridgeport](#) campus, will induct three prominent alumni into the college's Alumni Hall of Fame.

Proceeds at the event, which also features dinner and dancing, benefit the foundation's scholarship fund, which distributes about \$150,000 annually to deserving HCC students.

The honorees are Patricia "Patty" J. Foley, CPA; [Fernando G. Rosa](#), deputy director & chief lending officer, [HEDCO, Inc.](#); and [Nancy L. Sidoti](#), retired dean of [University College](#) at [Sacred Heart University](#).

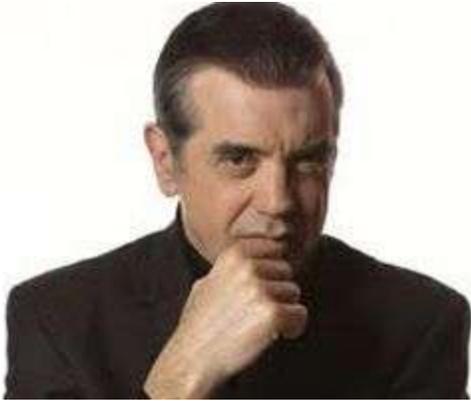
Palminteri is best known for his performances in "The Usual Suspects," "Mulholland Falls" and his Academy Award-nominated role in [Woody Allen's](#) hit, "Bullets Over Broadway."

Foley is the owner of her own business, [Patricia J. Foley, CPA](#), and has been self-employed since 1998. She belongs to a number of professional groups including the [American Institute of Certified Public Accountants](#) and American Women's Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is active in several civic organizations and clubs, including Friends of Connecticut Libraries and the [American Library Association](#).

Throughout his 32-year career at HEDCO, Rosa has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including an invitation to be keynote speaker at the State Capitol during the 2011 Celebration of the Day of Portugal. He received the "Friends of Brazil" Award, and was honored by PROVERBO, the cultural section of the [Sport Club Portuguese](#). HEDCO provides area small businesses with alternative financing and additional support that otherwise might not be available.

Sidoti was dean of University College at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield for five years. Prior to that, she was assistant registrar and admissions coordinator for the University's Stamford campus. She was the first director of admissions for University College when it was founded in 1998, and she served in leadership roles at a number of business associations in the area.

Sponsorship opportunities and event tickets are available through [Maureen Dowdle](#), director of institutional advancement, at 203-332-5078 or at [mdowdle@hcc.commnet.edu](mailto:mdowdle@hcc.commnet.edu).



*Broadway, movie and television star Chazz Palminteri is the guest speaker at Housatonic Community College (HCC) Foundations' third annual Alumni Hall of Fame Gala on November 19 in the Beacon Hall Events Center on the Bridgeport campus. Proceeds benefit the Foundation's Scholarship Fund, which distributes approximately \$150,000 annually to deserving HCC students. Photo: Contributed Photo / CT*



*Newington resident Fernando Goncalves Rosa is among three Connecticut leaders to be inducted into the Housatonic Community College (HCC) Foundation's Alumni Hall of Fame on November 19, 2011. Photo: Contributed Photo / Connecticut Post Contributed*



*Stratford resident Nancy L. Sidoti is among three Connecticut leaders to be inducted into the Housatonic Community College (HCC) Foundation's Alumni Hall of Fame on November 19, 2011. Photo: Contributed Photo / Connecticut Post Contributed*



Newington resident Patricia J. "Patty" Foley is among three Connecticut leaders to be inducted into the Housatonic Community College (HCC) Foundation's Alumni Hall of Fame on November 19, 2011. Photo: Contributed Photo / Connecticut Post Contributed