



JAMES BOYLE

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Optimism and a love of cars is the driving force behind James Boyle's success as one of the leading automobile dealers in New England. After graduating from MassBay's business program in 1979, Mr. Boyle transferred to Northeastern University to complete his baccalaureate degree with a focus on the future. He started his own business in 1984, expanding that venture with the purchase of several other companies.

In 1997 he acquired his first truck dealership in Massachusetts. His success with his dealership grew, as did his vision for the future.

In 2001 he purchased his first automobile franchise and launched an aggressive renovation. After he began the renovation, Mr. Boyle once again changed his focus, choosing to become involved with organizations that would benefit his fellow dealers. His work on behalf

of his colleagues recently earned him the position of President of the Massachusetts State Automobile Dealers Association. He is also a member of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association, and the GM Commercial Dealer and Toyota National Dealer Councils.

Mr. Boyle currently serves as a Trustee of the Massachusetts Automotive Dealers Charitable Foundation. As Trustee, Mr. Boyle is the chairperson for the Technician's Scholarship Program. This scholarship has awarded over \$520,000 to MassBay's automotive technology students since 2003. This commitment has provided outstanding career opportunities for our students in a very exciting and rewarding industry.

The current economy has not shaken his vision or determination, but instead has made his focus sharper as he continues to help shape the future of the industry. ■

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MassBay: The First Of Many Doors

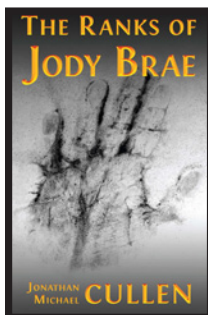
By Jonathan Cullen

I will always feel a special gratitude for MassBay Community College. Like many students, I finished high school with no concrete plans for the future. For a variety of reasons, I did poorly in high school and so believed I had very little chance of getting into college, never mind completing a degree. It wasn't until later I learned that people can excel at any point in their lives, and just because I got off to a bad start academically didn't mean I was out of the race.

I walked into my first class in the fall of 1991 with high hopes and low confidence. But the instructors I met were compassionate and understanding and soon I discovered I had what it took to be a college student. In my first English course I found a passion for creative writing and literature that I have carried throughout my life. And this past fall, nineteen years after walking into MassBay, my first novel was published, fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming a fiction writer.

Though many years have passed, I haven't forgotten how my experiences at MassBay have shaped my life. I went on

to a prestigious four-year college and spent over a decade in the computer field before leaving to pursue writing full-time. I have achieved many things, both professionally and personally, but will never forget that MassBay opened the first of many doors of opportunity and gave me the foundation upon which all my future successes were built.



Synopsis of *The Ranks of Jody Brae*

Boston-1964. Fires rage throughout Roxbury, a vast urban slum, destroying buildings and leaving families homeless. The local press, politicians and civic leaders have all but ignored the epidemic. Although the Arson Squad has determined every incident to be accidental, police reports and building records go missing. Residents are terrified and no one is safe. What begins as a routine investigation turns into a nightmare of survival for Detective Jody Brae. As Roxbury burns, he wanders the back alleyways and bowels of Boston alone. Determined to uncover the secret of the fires, Brae delves into a boiling crucible of civil unrest, poverty and desperation. Abandoned by his own police department and questioned by the woman he loves, his search leads to an aging underworld figure who knows as much about the fires as he does about Brae's own troubled past. With no one left to trust, Brae makes a pact he may not live to regret. ■