

2021 KICKOFF PROGRAM
22nd ANNIVERSARY OF
OCTOBER ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Monday, October 4th, 6pm

Dante Alighieri Cultural Center ~ 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA

6pm

Guests proceed to Dante Function Facility and be seated

6:15pm

Welcome and greeting	Honorable Ronald J. Mariano, Speaker of the MA House
Color Guard Call to Order	Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept ~ Capt. John Panaggio
Pledge of Allegiance	Sal DiDomenico, MA State Senator
National Anthems of Italy & USA + 1 additional song	Coro Dante, Chorus of Dante Alighieri Society of Mass led by Lisa Micali, President
Blessing	Fr. Michael DellaPenna, OFM, St. Leonard's Church
Welcome and greeting	Italian Heritage Month Committee President, Richard J. Vita, Esq.
Reading of 2021 Proclamation	Lt. Governor Karyn E. Polito
Recognition of Italian and Italian-American organizations	Steven F. Maio, Ph.D. will ask leaders and representatives to stand
Recognition of Legislative and Constitutional Officers	Honorable Ronald J. Mariano, Speaker of the MA House

***Presentation of Award to Consul General Federica Sereni for her outstanding
service and dedication to the Italian American Community***

Greetings from speakers	Denise Furnari, State President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy
	Giovanni Abbadessa, MD, Professionisti Italiani a Boston

Honorees

Presenters called forward by Speaker Mariano for brief presentations

Giovanni Abbadessa, M.D./Ph.D.	Andrea Carfi, Ph.D. <i>2021 Excellence in Medicine and Research Award</i>
Francesca Seta, Ph.D.	Gigliola Staffilani, Ph.D. <i>2021 Excellence in Education and Mathematics Award</i>
Richard J. Vita, Esq.	Hon. Francis X. Bellotti <i>2021 Public Service & Lifetime Achievement Award</i>
Closing remarks	Honorable Ronald Mariano, Speaker of the MA House

***Refreshments by Sammy Carlo's Catering and Musical Entertainment provided by Scanzonati,
Courtesy of Consul General Federica Sereni***

On street metered parking until 8pm or \$5 validated parking at nearby Kendall cinema garage